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Dear Sir/Madam

On 19 and 20 June 2012, Energy Resources of Australia Ltd ('ERA') is hosting a site tour of the Ranger uranium mine for members of the financial community.

Attached is a copy of the presentation to be provided by Rob Atkinson, Chief Executive, as part of this visit. The presentation provides an update on operations at the Ranger uranium mine and ERA's major projects, in addition to 2012 production guidance and the expected range of ERA's earnings result for the first half of 2012 (as outlined in slide 32 in the presentation).

A copy of this presentation can be found on the company's website at www.energyres.com.au.

Yours faithfully

Robert O'Toole Company Secretary

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## **Acknowledge Traditional Owners**

- The mining operations of Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (ERA) are located on Aboriginal land and are surrounded by, but separate from, Kakadu National Park
- ERA respectfully acknowledges the Mirarr, Traditional Owners of the land on which the Ranger mine is situated

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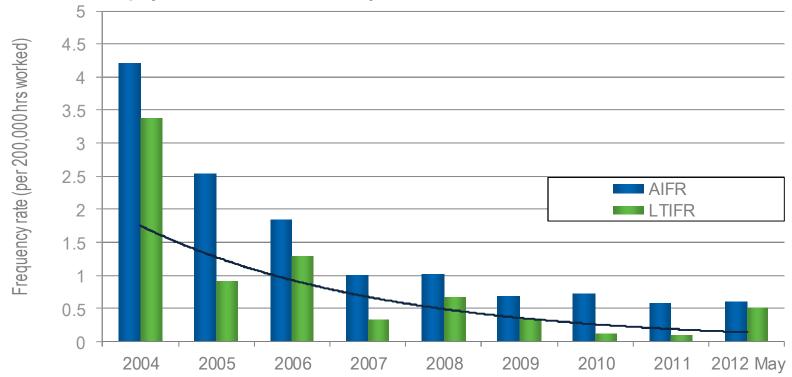
## **Agenda**

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- People
- Relationship with Traditional Owners
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## **Safety performance**

- ERA maintained a strong focus on safety and in 2011 achieved its best performance on record with an All Injury Frequency Rate of 0.57
- Three recordable injuries have occurred to date in 2012
- These three recordable injuries consisted of two Lost Time Injuries (a sprained wrist from an employee slipping in a shower; and a strained shoulder from an employee slipping on a step) and one Medical Treatment Case (a laceration to the shin whilst stepping onto a drill rig)
- All three employees have made a full recovery and returned to full duties



## Strong focus on Health, Safety and Environment (HSE)

- Given its unique location, Ranger mine has a complex suite of HSE regulatory requirements to meet
- ERA employs approximately 50 HSE professionals
- Ranger mine has approximately 25 to 30 audit/regulatory inspections per year
- The requirements cover:
  - Safety prevention of incidents and investigations of event
  - Health monitoring and protection of employees and contractors
  - Radiation protection and hygiene monitoring to track individual exposures
  - Security comply with Commonwealth Government nuclear material security requirements
  - Emergency Services to meet Ranger mine and CASA airport requirements
- Network of regulators and stakeholders include:
  - The Northern Territory Government and the Commonwealth Government
  - Supervising Scientist Division
  - Aboriginal interests: Traditional Owners and the Northern Land Council
  - ARRTC a scientific advisory body comprising eminent scientists
  - ARRAC a consultative forum that includes Aboriginal groups and Local, Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments
- The Supervising Scientist stated in its 2010/11 Annual Report that the surrounding environment remained protected

## **Progressive rehabilitation projects**

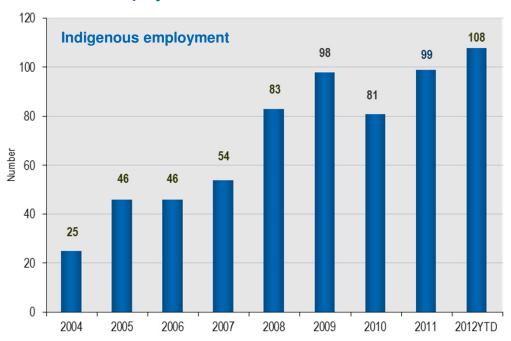
- Successful results from the trial landform are being applied to progressive rehabilitation programmes across the Ranger Project Area and Jabiluka lease
- ERA is working with the Gundjeihmi
   Aboriginal Corporation to progressively rehabilitate the following areas over the next five years:
  - Jabiluka Lease
  - Jabiluka pond
  - Disused bores
  - Other previously disturbed areas including
     Djarr Djarr
  - Ranger Project Area
  - Disused access tracks on the Ranger Project
     Area
  - Pit 1
  - Disused land application areas



The trial landform was built in 2008 and is providing very important information for rehabilitation of the Ranger site

## **Our People**

- ERA is a major employer in the West Arnhem region, and one of the leading employers of Indigenous people in the Northern Territory
- ERA has approximately 600 full time employee positions, which includes 108 Indigenous employees
- Our female participation rate is currently 21%
- ERA currently employs 17 fulltime apprentices and five school based apprentices
- Rolling employee turnover is 22%
- 193 employees have undertaken cultural awareness training over the last 12 months





Bonita is undertaking a six month training programme to engage and train Indigenous people who live near the mine

## Improving relationship with Traditional Owners

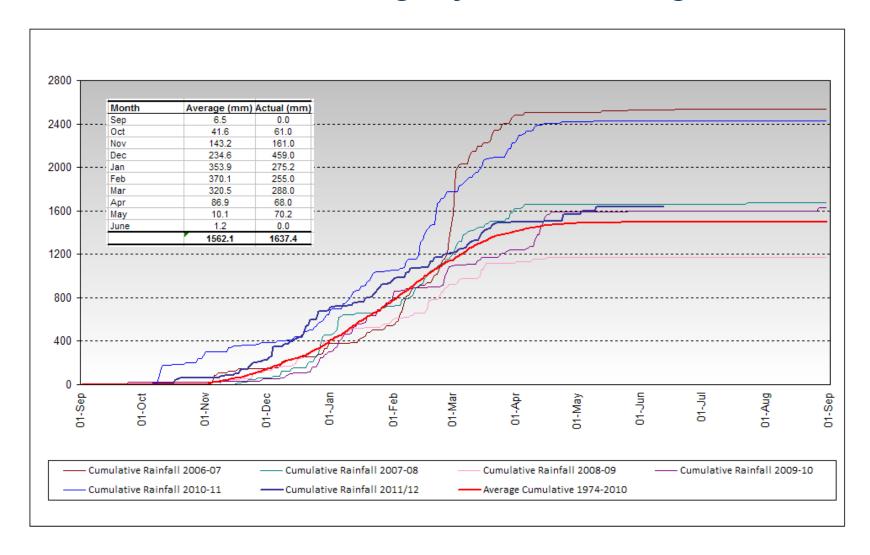
### New mining agreement expected to be concluded in mid 2012

- An agreement respecting Mirarr traditional ownership and entitling them to greater participation in the benefits from mining on their land
- Creates synergies through enhanced financial benefits and business opportunities
- Establishes a Relationship Committee with ERA to promote information sharing and collaboration

#### Broad based collaboration

- Participation in Minesite Technical Committee
- Active participation of the Traditional Owners in relation to rehabilitation planning
- Business development, housing and infrastructure
- Independent surface water study for Ranger Project Area launched
- Planning underway for the decommissioning of Jabiluka pond
- Traditional Owners investing royalty benefits into the future of Jabiru (residential college, small business, social and cultural programmes)
- Traditional Owners have expressed a willingness to consider future development on the Ranger Project Area

## 2011/12 wet season slightly above average



## Water management

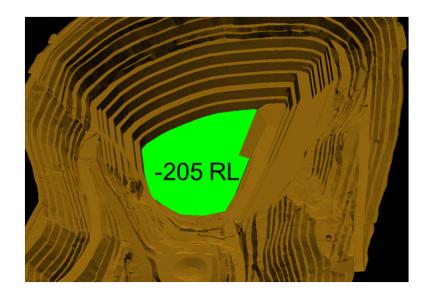
- 2011/12 wet season performance
  - Pond water treatment (8.3 billion litres)
  - Managed releases (4 billion litres within regulatory guidelines)
  - Comprehensive Tailing Storage Facility (TSF) management
- Water management activities in 2012
  - Manufacturing and delivery of Brine Concentrator to Ranger mine in order to treat process water at a rate of 1.83 billion litres/annum
  - TSF wall lift of 2.3 metres (subject to regulatory approvals)
  - Installation of two 1 billion litre pond water storage facilities
  - Upgrading of contingency pumping capability from TSF
  - Start monitoring of 80 new bores in vicinity of TSF
  - Installation of de-watering wicks in Pit 1 (as part of rehabilitation of Pit 1)
- From 2009 to 2012, ERA has completed 20 water management projects at a total cost of approximately \$80 million
- From 2012 to 2014, ERA plans to undertake 17 water management projects (including the Brine Concentrator) at a total cost of approximately \$300 million
- ERA works closely with stakeholders on all water management plans
- ERA expects the risk of process water inventory impacting on production to be greatly reduced following completion of 2012 water management activities, in addition to those already undertaken in 2011

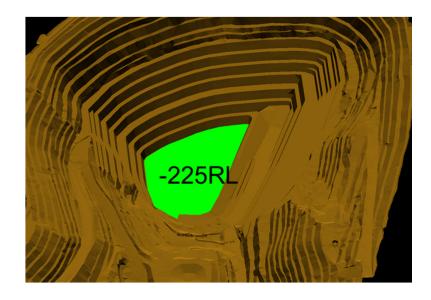
## Full mining access to Pit 3 achieved ahead of schedule

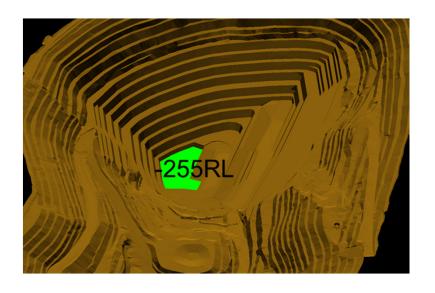


Average grade of in-situ ore reserves is 0.19% (6,530t U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>) applying a cut-off grade of 0.08% (Source: Ranger Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources Statement as at 31 December 2011)

# Tight mining areas for the remainder of the year









# Stockpile mining will be the sole source of mill feed from 2013 onwards

- Q1 2012 production sourced predominantly from stockpiles (612 tonnes)
- Average grade of ore reserves in stockpiles is 0.12% (6,955t U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>) applying a cut-off grade of 0.08%<sup>1</sup>
- Average grade of resource materials in stockpiles is 0.04% (27,710t U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>) applying a cut-off grade of 0.02%<sup>1</sup>
- Stockpiles will be the source of feed to the mill from 2013 to 2016<sup>2</sup>
- Production post 2016 is dependent on outcome of further studies on processing of low grade ore and prevailing economic conditions



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Ranger Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources Statement as at 31 December 2011

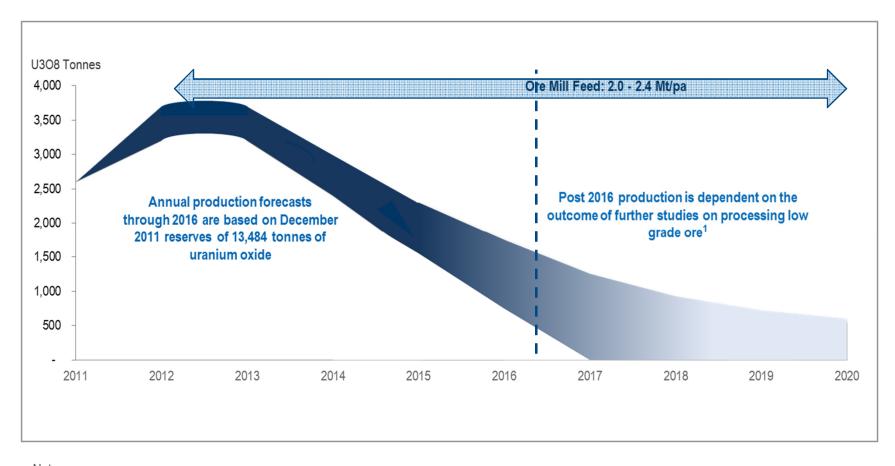
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Excluding proposed Ranger 3 Deeps mine

## Mill and plant are performing strongly

- Stockpile material successfully treated throughout first half of 2012
- Annual shutdown completed injury free, on time (five days), and under budget
- Mill rate continues to improve
- 30% reduction in plant operations unit costs (\$ per milled tonne) maintained since July 2011
- Strong focus to reduce reagent and contractor costs to continue
- Process Safety Working Group activities delivering reductions in low probability/high consequence risks
- Plant well set up for a productive second half of 2012

## Ranger production forecast

ERA expects to produce between 3,200 to 3,700 tonnes of uranium oxide in 2012



#### Notes:

1. A decision to proceed with the development of the proposed Ranger 3 Deeps mine is expected to have a favourable impact on the ability to economically process this low grade ore.

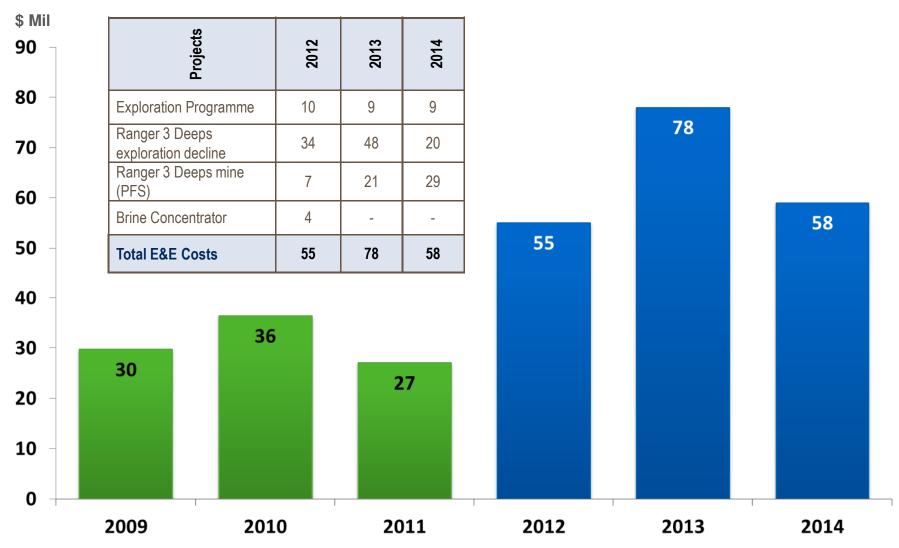
# Estimated capital expenditure 2012 to 2014

Capital (AUD \$m)	2012	2013	2014
Brine Concentrator	151	54	-
Tailings and pumping system	-	47	-
Water Management Initiatives (Pond water retention pond, TSF lift)	48	-	-
Stores yard relocation	3	-	-
Pit 3 contingency pumping system	4	-	-
Other	-	2	-
Sustaining	10	15	15
Total	216	118	15

## **Capital Raising initiatives**

Initiative	\$ million	Commenced
Brine Concentrator	220	✓
Ranger 3 Deeps exploration decline	120	✓
Ranger 3 Deeps mine evaluation studies	57	<b>√</b>
Expanded exploration on Ranger Project Area	40	✓
Other water management initiatives	52	✓

# Estimated evaluation and exploration expenditure 2012 to 2014



## **Inventory management**

- Since 2010 ERA has managed its inventory through the combination of production, purchases, swaps and loans
- ERA intends to repay all outstanding loans by the end of 2012, subject to Q1 2013 delivery requirements
- Approximately 500 tonnes of spot purchases are required in 2012 to meet sales and loan repayment
- These purchases have already been secured
- Loans repayments have no significant impact on P&L as only impacts cash and inventory

## Non cash costs

- Over the next years, ERA's non-cash costs will significantly increase
- The increase is due to:
  - Property, plant and equipment net value of \$741 million as of 31 December 2011 (including rehabilitation asset)
  - Capital expenditure of approximately \$350 million from 2012 to 2014
  - Allocation to Profit and Loss Statement based on reserves of 13,484 tonnes of uranium oxide as of 31 December 2011
  - Increase in the Interest Expenses (discount unwind) related to the 2011 increase in the rehabilitation provision

## **ERA** focus areas

- Continue to strengthen relationship with the GAC and Mirarr
- Complete Pit 3 in 2012
- Demonstrate successful treatment of water
- Commence progressive rehabilitation on key areas on Ranger Project Area
- Transition from open pit mining to a potential underground mine
- Reduce footprint of our operations
- Explore Ranger Project Area for further underground deposits
- Ensure our key stakeholders fully support and understand that ERA is the major social economic driver in the Alligator Rivers Region

## Ranger 3 Deeps exploration decline on plan





14 June 2012

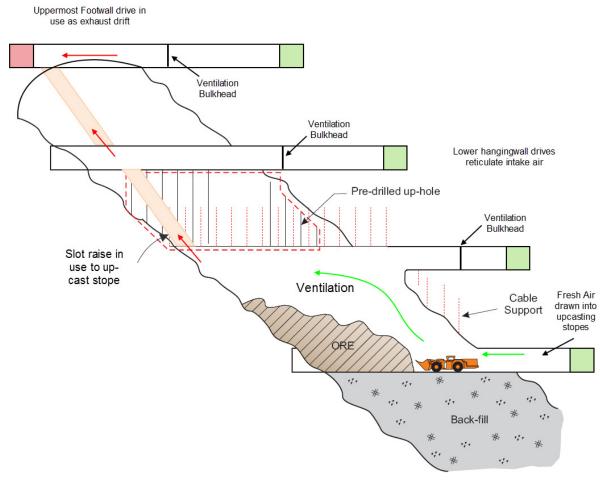
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- Project is on time and on budget
- Box cut ground breaking occurred 1 May, 2012
- 72% of box cut has been excavated to date
- Forecast box cut excavation remains on schedule for end of June 2012
- Construction of decline tunnel planned to commence in November 2012

# Prefeasibility Study for proposed Ranger 3 Deeps mine approved

- Prefeasibility study amount of \$57 million approved
- Study will include:
  - Drilling of additional 16,000 metres for resource definition of the known Ranger 3 Deeps resource
  - Additional 1,100 metres of underground development
  - Constructing a ventilation shaft 3-4m in diameter
  - Selection of mining method and production rate
  - Determining processing flow sheet/preferred treatment method
  - Addressing all business and stakeholder issues/risks
  - Identifying necessary statutory and social/community approvals to proceed
  - Defining the project execution plan and organisation necessary to implement the project

# Open stoping is the most likely mining method for proposed Ranger 3 Deeps mine



This represents a simple schematic of open stoping

## Ranger 3 Deeps – indicative milestones to production

Milestone	Date
Regulatory approval for exploration decline granted	September 2011
Commenced box cut excavation	1 May 2012
Decline tunnel construction commences	November 2012 <sup>1</sup>
Exploration drilling starts	Quarter 1 2013 <sup>1</sup>
Exploration and resource drilling completed	Mid 2014 <sup>1</sup>
Prefeasibility study complete	Mid 2014 <sup>1</sup>
Regulatory and ministerial approval	2015 <sup>1</sup>
Underground mine production	Late 2015 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Forecast dates

## Brine Concentrator on schedule and budget

- ERA Board approved project on 1 February 2012 with estimated expenditure of \$220 million
- The Brine Concentrator is being provided by HPD LLC, a subsidiary of Veolia Water Solutions and Technologies
- Strong relationship between HPD and ERA
- Construction occurring in the USA, Germany, China and Thailand
- Site preparations are going well with successful completion of acid plant demolition
- All components are expected to arrive in the Northern Territory by Q4 2012
- Nominal capacity to treat 1.83 billion litres of water per year
- The Brine Concentrator facility is planned to be commissioned and fully operational in the second half of 2013
- This is a critical project for the future of ERA





## **Exploration update**

### Exploration drilling since January 2012

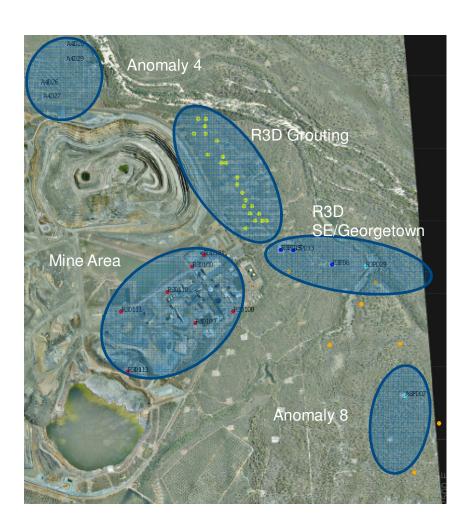
- Approximately 8,000 metres drilled
- Intercepts
  - Anomaly 4 5m @ 0.11% (e U3O8 ) from 125m
  - Anomaly 4 12m @ 0.09% (e U3O8) from 53m
  - Anomaly 4 5m @ 0.07% (e U3O8) from 46m

### Ranger 3 Deeps grouting programme

- 22 drill holes grouted
- 12,143 metres

### Moving forward in 2012

 Drilling continues at Anomaly 8 and Georgetown until access across Magela Creek allows drilling operations to move north to the Ranger 18 E and Ranger 19 areas (subject to regulatory approvals)





- Study progressing well to determine:
  - method and costs of backfilling Pit 3
  - rehabilitating the TSF
  - rehabilitating the remaining area of the Ranger Project Area
- Expect to provide an update on the rehabilitation provision by end 2012
- This study is important, not only from a regulatory perspective, but also to demonstrate our capability in rehabilitation

# **Strategic project milestones**

	2012											2013												2014												
Project	Α	M	J	J	Α	S	0	N	D	J	F	M	Α	M	J	J	Α	S	0	N	D	J	F	M	Α	M	J	J	Α	S	0	N	D			
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## ERA is a strong part of the regional community

- Northern Territory (NT) workforce with focus on Indigenous employment and training
- Significant economic contribution to the NT
- **ERA underpins the Jabiru Community** 
  - Royalty payments of 5.5% all of which is returned to the Northern Territory
  - Local procurement and services, including shops, clubs, restaurants and accommodation
  - Provides infrastructure airport, power, housing
  - Since 1981, ERA has paid \$1 billion in income tax and \$400 million in royalties
  - Contributed to community partnerships education, health, rock art and sport
  - ERA employees underpins the Jabiru economy and social services such as medical facilities and schools



visiting Ranger Mine

Practical work experience

## Long term market outlook encouraging

- Near term market will be challenging
- Japan's slow recovery is expected to keep market quiet in the near term:
  - No reactors operating at present time, however limited restarts may occur in near future
  - It appears unlikely that Japan will be able to replace nuclear power without very significant increases in cost and CO2 output
  - No utility inventory sales occurring and as a result the spot market is quiet
- Longer term outlook still very encouraging for established producers
- China's new build and demand is still the main story, and will drive higher prices in the medium to long term
  - Resuming approvals for new plants with greater push toward Gen III Reactor designs
  - Post-Fukushima safety reviews are now complete, and first AP-1000 expected to enter operation by 2014 with a further 27 units under construction
- Slower reactor growth elsewhere, but still continuing (USA, Korea, UAE, India, Russia)
- High capital costs remain biggest challenge to new build
- A supply-side reaction is beginning to occur and more expected if price remains at current levels in the short term
- Known primary supply is just over half of expected demand by 2020
- ERA is well positioned for a stronger market in the mid term if Ranger 3 Deeps mine is developed

## **Summary**

- Continued strong safety performance
- Water continues to be managed well
- Significantly less rainfall in 2011/12 than the 2010/11 wet season
- Pit 3 has been fully dewatered earlier than expected and mining of Pit 3 on target to be completed by the end of 2012
- Continued strong plant performance in 2012
- 2012 production of uranium oxide expected to be between 3,200 and 3,700 tonnes
- ERA expects its 2012 half year net loss after tax to be between \$50 million and \$60 million
- Ranger 3 Deeps exploration decline and the Brine Concentrator major projects are on budget and on schedule
- Relationship with the GAC and Mirarr Traditional Owners continues to develop

Business will undergo a significant transition from 2012 to 2015 as ERA changes from an open cut mining operation, to milling stockpiles and then to a potential underground mine.

This will present both exciting opportunities and significant challenges