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## Media release

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### **Kakadu National Park unaffected by tank failure**

**8 December 2013**

Energy Resources of Australia confirms that its containment management systems have prevented any impact on Kakadu National Park, following a significant on-site incident at Ranger mine on Saturday 7 December 2013.

Ranger Mine's containment management systems fully captured the slurry material which escaped from a failed leach tank at approximately 1:00am on Saturday morning. These systems are in place to separate processing areas from Kakadu National Park.

ERA is confident that Kakadu National Park will not be impacted as a result of this incident.

Ranger mine has multiple levels of protection in place to contain and manage spills, including bunding, protective barriers and channelling. These containment systems have operated as designed during this incident.

ERA and regulatory agencies have in place an extensive statutory water monitoring program at Ranger mine and in the surrounding area, with results provided to all stakeholders.

All water monitoring points have reported normal readings.

The safety of employees and the public at large, and the protection of the environment remain ERA's top priorities as clean-up operations take place.

No employees were injured as a result of this incident.

Processing operations have ceased and clean-up operations are well-advanced.

Further announcements will be made once the full impact on operations has been understood.

ERA will commission a full investigation into the incident and is cooperating with Commonwealth and Territory regulators.

ERA will continue to keep stakeholders and regulators informed.

As an employer of 500-plus people and a significant contributor to the Alligator Rivers Region and Northern Territory economies, ERA is taking this incident extremely seriously.

### **About Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (ERA)**

Energy Resources of Australia Ltd is one of the nation's largest uranium producers and Australia's longest continually operating uranium mine.



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ERA has an excellent track record of reliably supplying customers. Uranium has been mined at Ranger for three decades. Ranger mine is one of only three mines in the world to produce in excess of 100,000 tonnes of uranium oxide.

ERA's Ranger mine is located eight kilometres east of Jabiru and 260 kilometres east of Darwin, located in Australia's Northern Territory.

Located on the 79 square kilometre Ranger Project Area, Ranger mine is surrounded by, but separate from, the World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park.

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