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## ASX Announcement

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### Ranger 3 Deeps underground mine environmental approval processes

On 16 January 2013, Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (**ERA**) announced that it had formally commenced the statutory approval process for the proposed Ranger 3 Deeps underground mine with the submission of a referral to the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (**SEWPaC**) under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Control Act 1999* (Cth) (**EPBC Act**). At the same time, ERA separately lodged a notice of intent with the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (**NT EPA**) under the Northern Territory *Environmental Assessment Act* (**EA Act**).

SEWPaC has today announced that the proposed Ranger 3 Deeps underground mine is a controlled action and will require assessment under the EPBC Act. The proposed action will be assessed by an environmental impact statement. The decision notice will shortly be available on SEWPaC's website [http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/epbc/epbc\\_ap.pl?name=current\\_referral\\_detail&proposal\\_id=6722](http://www.environment.gov.au/cgi-bin/epbc/epbc_ap.pl?name=current_referral_detail&proposal_id=6722).

At the same time, the NT EPA advised that the proposed action will require assessment under the EA Act at the level of an environmental impact statement.

Further details about the project are available on ERA's website <http://www.energyres.com.au/>.

#### About Energy Resources of Australia Ltd

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

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.



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