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Status of ERA Ranger Environmental Approvals Processes

On 16 March 2009 Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (ERA) announced that it had lodged a Referral with the Commonwealth Department of Environment, Water, Heritage & the Arts (DEWHA) under the Environmental Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act) for construction of a Heap Leach Facility at ERA's Ranger mine near Jabiru, in the Northern Territory of Australia. ERA separately applied for the approval of the Northern Territory Government (NTG) under the Northern Territory Environmental Assessment Act (EAA).

On 15 April 2009 ERA announced it had lodged a further Referral with DEWHA under the EPBC Act and a separate application for approval with the NTG for construction of an Exploration Decline at Ranger for further delineation of the mineralised zone in the area known as Ranger 3 Deeps.

On April 15 DEWHA announced on its public website that the proposed Heap Leach Facility was a controlled action under the EPBC Act, requiring further environmental assessment, with the level of assessment to be determined.

ERA received notification on May 18 from the NT Minister for Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sports (NRETAS), the Hon Alison Anderson MLA, advising that the Heap Leach Facility project will require formal environmental assessment under the Northern Territory EAA at the level of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Minister also noted that the project was a controlled action under the EPBC Act, and confirmed that the environmental assessment for the project would be conducted in accordance with the bilateral agreement between the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments. The NTG will now prepare draft guidelines detailing the matters to be addressed in the EIS and will advertise for public comment.

Separately, also on May 18, DEWHA announced on its public website that ERA's proposed Exploration Decline was not a controlled action requiring further environmental assessment under the EPBC Act. ERA has not yet received any notification from the NTG as to whether the Exploration Decline project will require further environmental assessment under the Northern Territory EEA.

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