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Media release

Update on leach tank incident at Ranger mine

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The clean-up operation at Energy Resources of Australia's Ranger mine is now well-advanced.

ERA Chief Executive Andrea Sutton said "This is a serious issue and we are confident that we have the technical expertise to manage the incident.

"We acknowledge the appointment of a Government taskforce to oversee the regulatory response to this incident. Representatives from each of the taskforce members have visited site and we are working with them."

Monitoring at Ranger mine has shown there has been no impact on employees and the surrounding environment following the failure of a leach tank on Saturday 7 December 2013.

The monitoring has shown radiation dose levels are well within safe daily limit levels and continuous water quality monitoring has confirmed creeks and billabongs surrounding Ranger Mine have not been affected.

The leach tank incident released slurry in the site's processing area, but the release was fully contained onsite with no impact to the environment or to Kakadu National Park. ERA voluntarily shut down its processing operations at Ranger after the incident and notified Government authorities and key stakeholders.

General Manager Operation Tim Eckersley said the company is also conducting its own investigation.

"ERA will work closely with the Government taskforce, consisting of the Office of the Supervising Scientist, the Northern Territory Department of Mines and Energy and Worksafe Northern Territory."

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.

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.

ERA is a major employer in the Northern Territory and the Alligator Rivers Region. ERA is proud of its diverse workforce of more than 500 people, of which 16 per cent are Indigenous people.

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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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