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## Media release

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### **ERA recognised with Mike Stone awarded Mine Manager of the Year**

**1 November 2013**

Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) Mining Operations Manager Mike Stone has been awarded Mine Manager of the Year at the Australian Mining Prospect Awards following the successful completion of open cut mining at Ranger mine.

The Mine Manager of the Year Award was presented to Mr Stone at the Australian Mining Prospect Awards gala dinner in Sydney on the evening of 31 October 2013.

Mr Stone was recognised for managing the completion of mining in Ranger mine's Pit 3 in challenging conditions, while maintaining a focus on safety and productivity.

Extreme rainfall during the Top End's wet season, steep pit walls, and a fixed deadline of 31 December 2012 for completion of mining in Pit 3, required ERA's mining operations and water management teams to develop new processes and schedules.

An innovative strategy to mine at the waterline while Pit 3 was dewatered allowed Mr Stone to complete open cut mining in November 2012, five weeks ahead of schedule, with zero lost time and reportable injuries for the year.

"As the water management team dewatered the pit, mining continued at the water level to ensure that the pit was completed by December," Mr Stone said.

The recovery of high grade ore during the mining campaign made a positive contribution to ERA's bottom line as the company prepares to transition from open cut mining to a potential underground mining operation.

Mr Stone said the project's success has been due to the efforts of both ERA's mining operations and water management teams.

"Any recognition of ERA's mining operations achievements really belongs to the many talented men and women working in mining operations and water management," he said.

The completion of mining in Pit 3 marks 31 years of uranium mining at Ranger mine. During that time Ranger mine became one of only three uranium mines in the world to produce more than 110,000 tonnes of uranium oxide.

Caption: 2013 Mine Manager of the Year Mike Stone.



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### **About the Australian Mining Prospect Awards**

The Australian Mining Prospect Awards, being held at the Ivy Ballroom in Sydney on the 31 October 2013, aim to encourage, recognise and reward excellence in the Australian mining industry.

The event is coordinated by Australian Mining magazine, which reports on technological developments in the areas of mining and minerals processing and provides comprehensive information on the latest technology, equipment, techniques and services.

### **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.

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