

Media Release

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New Community Partnership Fund launched in the Top End

Mining company Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (ERA) is continuing its long term commitment to building positive lasting social outcomes for the region in which it operates, today launching a Community Partnership Fund.

ERA Chief Executive, Rob Atkinson, said the Fund has been designed to support projects that provide positive outcomes around education and training, the environment, health, sport and culture within the Alligator Rivers region.

The Fund aims to deliver a platform for engagement with the local community.

"The launch of today's Fund will allow us to build capacity, not dependency, in the region in which we operate," Mr Atkinson said.

"This is about working together with the local community to deliver real results.

"It is an opportunity for us to work together with local community groups to develop and implement initiatives that have positive, constructive and real outcomes for people in our region.

"As a leading employer in the Northern Territory, we aim to build lasting and mutually rewarding relationships with our neighbours and surrounding communities. It is important to us, as a member in the Alligator Rivers region, that we demonstrate our partnership with the local communities to deliver local benefits and support a diverse range of projects."

Applications are open from 3 May 2010 to 14 June 2010 for round one of the Community Partnership Fund.

For further information, or to obtain a copy of the guidelines visit our website at <u>www.energyres.com.au</u>

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