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ERA releases Closure Plan for Ranger mine

Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (ERA) has released its Ranger Mine Closure Plan, continuing the path of progressive rehabilitation.

Under the current legal framework, ERA is required to cease mining and processing activities in the Ranger Project Area by January 2021, with final rehabilitation to be completed by January 2026.

ERA Chief Executive Paul Arnold said the comprehensive plan demonstrated that ERA was fully committed to meeting its mine rehabilitation obligations.

“The Plan details the rehabilitation processes and outcomes required for ERA to meet our environmental obligations. The Plan, which will be subject to ongoing review and refinement, is based on extensive scientific research and world class engineering design,” Mr Arnold said.

The Plan incorporates stakeholder feedback received through a rigorous consultation process following release of a draft Plan in December 2016. Key stakeholders include the Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation, as representatives of the Mirarr Traditional Owners, Northern Land Council and Northern Territory and Commonwealth Government agencies.

It has been developed in accordance with Rio Tinto’s internal requirements for mine closure and by reference to the Western Australian Mine Closure Plan Guidelines while the relevant Northern Territory closure plan guidelines are under development.

The Plan builds on more than 20 years of scientific work undertaken on world-class progressive rehabilitation at Ranger, with more than \$452 million spent on water and rehabilitation activities since 2012.

The ERA Ranger Mine Closure Plan is available to view on the ERA website. <http://www.energyres.com.au/sustainability/closureplan>



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About Energy Resources of Australia Ltd

Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (**ERA**) is one of the nation's largest uranium producers and Australia's longest continually operating uranium mine.

ERA aims to provide clean energy to the world and, as a trusted partner, care for people and country.

ERA has an excellent track record of reliably supplying customers. Uranium has been mined at Ranger for more than three decades. During that time, Ranger has produced in excess of 125,000 tonnes of uranium oxide.

ERA's Ranger mine is located eight kilometres east of Jabiru and 260 kilometres east of Darwin, in Australia's Northern Territory. ERA is a major employer in the Northern Territory and the Alligator Rivers Region.

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