



## ASX Announcement

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**8 December 2013**

### **Containment of tank failure – update**

- Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (ERA) confirms that its containment management systems have prevented any impact on Kakadu National Park, following a significant on-site incident at Ranger mine
- Processing operations have ceased and clean-up operations are well advanced
- No injured personnel
- Further updates will be provided once the impact on operations is further understood

As previously announced, at approximately 1:00am on Saturday 7 December 2013 ERA's Ranger Mine experienced the failure of Leach Tank no. 1 within the processing area. The following update is provided.

ERA confirms that Ranger Mine's containment management systems fully captured the slurry material from the failed leach tank. These containment systems are in place to safeguard Kakadu National Park in the event of plant or equipment failure. The systems have operated as designed during this incident.

All water monitoring points at Ranger Mine and in the surrounding area have reported normal readings.

No employees were injured as a result of this incident.

Processing operations have ceased and clean-up operations are well advanced.

ERA will commission a full investigation into the incident and is co-operating with Commonwealth and Territory regulators.

ERA is in the process of assessing the full impact of the incident on operations, including:

- the duration of time for which processing operations will remain closed;
- the nature and extent of repair works required at the process operations; and
- the impact on production for FY2014.

ERA will continue to keep stakeholders and regulators informed of the progress of its investigations and assessments. Further updates will be provided once the impact of the incident on ERA's operations is further understood.

### **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 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 110,000 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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