



ABN 71 008 550 865 A member of the Rio Tinto Group Ranger mine Locked Bag 1, Jabiru NT 0886 Australia T +61 8 8938 1211 F +61 8 8938 1203

www.energyres.com.au

## Media Release

## 26 March 2020

## ERA Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

Energy Resources Australia Ltd (ERA) wholly supports the travel and border controls introduced by Federal, State and Territory Governments to limit the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). These measures are critically important and necessary steps to protect the lives of everyone and in particular those in our local communities.

ERA's number one priority is the health and safety of our workers and our communities.

Chief Executive Paul Arnold said: "ERA and its people recognise the critical role we need to play in containing the impact of this virus in the communities in which we operate. I want to express my appreciation to the ERA workforce, our contractors, suppliers and other partners for their terrific support and cooperation in implementing and strictly adhering to the controls and guidelines we have put in place."

The actions implemented by ERA include:

- Any ERA workers arriving from interstate will be subject to the 14-day isolation period required by the Northern Territory Government in Darwin. To protect the township of Jabiru and the surrounding West Arnhem communities, ERA has elected **not** to seek an exemption which would otherwise allow, with conditions, these workers to enter the Northern Territory without completing the required isolation period.
- All employees and contractors travelling are being tested for elevated body temperature and
  must complete a screening questionnaire before they commence their journey to Jabiru or
  Ranger and on entering site, including our Darwin Office.
- Working with our stakeholders to bolster protective measures for the local communities in and around Jabiru including participating in the Jabiru Pandemic Action Group.

In addition, ERA has reconfigured its activities to minimise physical contact by implementing strict social distancing protocols and enhanced hygiene and cleaning practices, with many employees working from home where practicable.

Mr Arnold said "Care for people is our first priority and today's announcement demonstrates just some of the measures we are putting in place to support our people and community. It is also important at this time for the Territory to continue economic activity and our teams continue to operate our facilities at Ranger Mine. This includes the generation of power for the town of Jabiru and keeping the regional airport open. However, and most importantly, we will only undertake activities in a way that does not compromise efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and is in strict accordance with Government requirements as a minimum."

**END** 



## **About Energy Resources of Australia Ltd**

Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (ERA) operates the Ranger mine, Australia's longest continually operating uranium mine.

Together, ERA provides clean energy to the world and cares for people and country.

ERA has an excellent track record of reliably supplying customers. Uranium has been mined at Ranger for more than 35 years. During that time, Ranger has produced in excess of 130,000 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.

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.

Contact: Alan Tietzel

**Office:** +61 (0) 8 8924 3571 **Mobile:** +61 (0) 448 605 001

**Email:** Alan.Tietzel@era.riotinto.com **Website:** www.energyres.com.au

Twitter: Follow @ERARangerMine on Twitter