

## TOP STORY

### RAAF Tindal Contracts Awarded

Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd has been awarded the Managing Contract for both the RAAF Tindal Redevelopment Stage 5 and the AEW&C (Airborne Early Warning & Control) projects. Work will be carried out concurrently on the \$58.7m and \$64.2m works.

The Stage 5 Redevelopment comprises 12 separate elements involving refurbishing, upgrading and replacing existing facilities, while the AEW&C facilities will provide infrastructure to enable the new capability to operate from the Base.

Defence Support Group (DSG) has announced the eagerly anticipated results of the lengthy procurement process. Leighton Contractors have issued a media release to announce their success.

As the Managing Contractor, Leighton will engage subcontractors to carry out the works. This is potentially an excellent outcome for Territory businesses, particularly those around Katherine, as the hope is for packages which will accommodate the involvement of small to medium size businesses. However, it will up to Leighton and DSG to make the appropriate announcements on detail.

DSG will be involved in Defence briefings being conducted in Darwin on 12 May and Katherine on 14 May. These are generic to overview a range of Defence projects across the NT so expectations on the details of specific opportunities need to be managed. At this point Leighton Contractors are not listed as speakers.

The NTICN is endeavoring to be involved in the identification of Territory business capability for the projects and will provide a speaker for the forums. Hopefully, we will be in a position to clarify the level of our participation.



## WELCOME

There is no doubt the evidence is there that the economic crisis is making its mark in the Territory, but while the 'Operation Stimulus' packages are being put to tender at a fairly frantic rate, other construction projects with long 'gestation' time frames are fortunately starting to materialise.

Obviously the SIHIP housing project has been on people's radar for some time and the transition from project scoping and internal organisation to getting underway on site is starting to materialise. SIHIP is going to be around for some time and as the activity levels escalate, so too will associated issues come to the fore.

The Housing Minister, Rob Knight, has convened a group comprising Government, Land Councils, Alliance Partners and industry associations to meet regularly and table items of SIHIP concern. The NTICN is acting as facilitator and businesses are urged to raise issues with their respective industry associations, who will in turn ensure that matters are addressed at this appropriate level.

Announcements regarding the Defence Department projects totaling \$123m at Tindal RAAF Base have been made. The newsletter will contain information on two upcoming briefings in Darwin and Katherine and I'd strongly advise interested parties to register and put the dates down in their diaries.

As detailed on page 2, INPEX have released a copy of their presentation delivered at the public briefing on 24 March.

The NTICN is a strong supporter of the Common User Area at East Arm and as a member of the CUA Strategic Management Group is pleased to see the progress with road access, hardstand, drainage, fencing and landscaping. Minister for Business and Employment, Dr Chris Burns, recently announced further upgrades and we'll be looking at the budget to see if any other associated funds are allocated to this very important piece of infrastructure.

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## PROJECT GATEWAY

Wow! what a busy month on Project Gateway... we have put up the National School Pride Program - Building the Education Revolution (BER) project on Gateway, which is now open and taking registrations.



The Australian Government is delivering a \$14.7 billion boost to the Education Revolution over the next three financial years. BER begins this year and will provide new facilities and refurbishments in schools so Australia's schools can meet the needs of 21st century students and teachers.

Ninety Territory schools have applied for project funding in round 1 under the National School Pride program estimated at \$13.5 million. There will be a long list of goods and services required for this project over the next few years, so get on Project Gateway today to register your interest.

*Updated Project Gateway Projects...* The registration forms for the Minemakers **Wonarah Phosphate** project and two of the Alliance partners for the **SIHIP** project have now been uploaded with specific questions that require industry to address if they are wanting to get involved.

If you have already submitted a registration form for either of these projects, simply log into your homepage and modify or update your registration form.

If you can not currently meet the requirements, **now** is the time to get processes in place to attain the relevant accreditations etc. Contact NTICN for further information.

## MAJOR PROJECT

### BOC Helium Project

RIG Insulation will be conducting the assembly of the helium plant as components arrive. The building construction is complete, with final fit out in progress and the pipeline between DLNP and the Helium Plant making steady progress.

### ConocoPhillips Darwin LNG

The construction of the Compressor/Sub station and works on the gas pipe line between Darwin LNG plant and the Weddell power station continues.

### ENI Blacktip project

It is expected that ENI will announce the On Shore contract for the plant service and maintenance in the near future.

### Minemakers

Minemakers have listed their new Wonarah Phosphate Mine Project on Project Gateway. Thirteen (13) work packages are listed, covering a broad scope of requirements. NTICN encourage you to log onto Project Gateway and register your interest in this project.

### Vista Gold - Mt Todd

As reported last month, Vista Gold have completed installation and commissioning of their new Lime Silo at Mt Todd, with strong involvement from local industry.

Mine Manager, Brad Bell, has praised the involvement of the NTICN to parent company directors in Canada in nominating capable companies. "Without this local assistance, we would still be trying to complete the installation", quoted Brad.

### OM Holdings – Bootu Creek

OM Holdings have restarted Ore export shipments out of Bootu Creek despite a weakened manganese market. Exporting some 94,942 tonnes in the March quarter. NTICN consultant visits are planned for early May to explore opportunities with onsite personnel.

## NTICN April stats

### Month of April 2009\*

Number of enquiries processed: 415

Total estimated value: \$8,188,870

Number of NT\*\* companies nominated: 829

Number of new companies registered: 82

Notes:

\*Figures only for 1–29 April 2009 inclusive

\*\*Companies that are registered and operating within the Northern Territory

## MAJOR PROJECT

### SIHIP

The portal for the New Future Alliance (NFA) is now open on Project Gateway for those who have registered general interest against the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program.

You will notice that the registration form used for NFA has been uploaded with specific questions that NFA will require industry to address if they are interested in getting involved in upcoming workpackages.

If you cannot currently meet some of the requirements NFA need, it may be a good time to get your processes in place to help you gain the relevant accreditations required.

### INPEX

A major milestone for INPEX and the Ichthys Project was achieved in April when INPEX President Naoki Kuroda officially opened the company's Darwin office.

The official signing of the Framework agreement between INPEX and NTICN took place on 24th March at the Industry Forum.



NTICN Chairman Tim Proctor and INPEX General Manager Darwin, Sean Kildare are pictured at the signing.

INPEX have released a copy of their presentation of the Ichthys LNG project delivered at the Industry Forum. It is on their web site which can be accessed direct or through Project Gateway [www.projectgateway.com.au](http://www.projectgateway.com.au).

### Operation Stimulus

The recently announced stimulus packages are listed separately in the Construction Snapshot March 2009 edition (out soon on [www.nt.gov.au/constructionsnapshot](http://www.nt.gov.au/constructionsnapshot)). The majority of these projects are less than 1 million and will be indicated on a separate map in future editions of the Construction Snapshot.

The number of stimulus package projects will increase as projects are approved and funding is allocated.

This publication is currently managed by the Infrastructure Strategy and Sustainability Group, Department of Planning and Infrastructure. For further information contact 89247368 or email [constructionsnapshot.dpi@nt.gov.au](mailto:constructionsnapshot.dpi@nt.gov.au).

## MAJOR PROJECT

### Sunrise Project

No news to report on the outcome of discussions between the operator Woodside and their co-developers ConocoPhillips and Shell.

NTICN's Oil and Gas Consultant David Ewing will be attending the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC) in Houston, U.S.A and will take the opportunity of speaking with ConocoPhillips and Bechtel.

David's visit will be aimed at a reinforcement of the NTICN procurement role. We do not expect to obtain an update of the status of the discussions.

### Territory Resources

Iron ore miner Territory Resources is hopeful that the latest drilling at Frances Creek will help it define further resources to extend the life of the Northern Territory mine.

NTICN personnel regularly visit this and other Territory mining operations to ensure procurement are aware of our ability to identify local suppliers.

## Launch of 2009 Services Suppliers and Manufacturers Directory



The 2009 Services, Suppliers and Manufacturers Directory (SSMD) was successfully launched and officiated by the Dr Chris Burns MLA at Combined Communication Solutions on the 23rd April.

The Manufacturers Council of the Chamber of Commerce NT, in conjunction with the NT Industry Capability Network publishes the Northern Territory SSMD each year. This 196 page publication is a comprehensive guide for purchasers of supplies and services from the NT.

The Directory is distributed locally and internationally, and is regularly used by procurement personnel in Australia and overseas. It was great to see such a successful turn out and everyone should be receiving their copy of the directory in the mail within the next few weeks.

A very big thank you to **Combined Communication Solutions** for hosting the launch of the directory.

## EVENTS

### NT Resources Week

Darwin Convention Centre  
9-11 September 2009



NT Resources Week is a new initiative that will bring together the resource sector's leading buyers and sellers from across northern Australia and SE Asia.

Incorporating the region's two leading resource industry events 'SEAAOC' - Northern Australia's largest and longest established petroleum conference and 'Mining the Territory' - The Top End's key meeting place for resource industry development.

For sponsorship and exhibition opportunities contact: David Lewis on (02) 9080 4090 or [dlewis@iir.com.au](mailto:dlewis@iir.com.au).

### AusIMM Uranium Seminar

10-11th June 2009

International resource companies will be eager to identify new investment projects when they attend a major uranium seminar in Darwin in June.

The AusIMM International Uranium Conference will look at potential mining operations in the Territory and possible export markets.

The two-day uranium conference will include a public information evening "to address public myths and misgivings" and a radiation safety workshop.

More information: [www.ausimm.com.au](http://www.ausimm.com.au)



## EVENTS

### 2009 APPEA Conference & Exhibition

Darwin Convention Centre  
31st May-3rd June 2009

The 49th Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration (APPEA) Conference & Exhibition is Australia's largest annual gathering of the upstream oil and gas industry and considered to be amongst the global top-three.

For 2009, APPEA has developed a quality conference program under the theme "New Frontiers" that will cover all of the leading industry issues, government policy, business environment and research and development initiatives.

Online registration, sponsorship packages and more information are available through [www.appea.com.au](http://www.appea.com.au).



### Swagelok Safety Installation Seminar

21st May 2009

The Swagelok Installation Training course is an intensive one-day course of both theoretical and practical instruction devoted primarily to the safe and efficient installation of tube fittings.

The next public course in Darwin will be conducted in May, with places limited to 12 in total. Courses are also available at your facility anytime for 8 or more attendees.

If you would like further information, including a registration form, please contact [sales@SwagelockSA.com.au](mailto:sales@SwagelockSA.com.au).

## EVENTS

### Doing Business with Defence - Awareness Brief -

12th May 2009 - Darwin  
14th May 2009 - Katherine

The Defence Materiel Organisation in association with PRBA, Chamber of Commerce, NT Government and NTICN bring you the first in a series of awareness briefings on Defence policy, projects and initiatives.

Information will include a briefing on "Doing Business with Defence", an update on current major Defence Capital Infrastructure projects in the NT.

To register for the Darwin briefing please contact PRBA via [www.prba.com.au](http://www.prba.com.au) or phone (08) 8932 2977.

To register for the Katherine briefing please contact the Chamber of Commerce Katherine Region on (08) 8972 3830 or email: [katherine@chambernt.com.au](mailto:katherine@chambernt.com.au)

### 2009 World IP Day Forums - Alice Springs & Tennant Creek

8th May 2009

Free forums will be held across the Territory to celebrate 2009 World IP (Intellectual Property) Day and the launch of this year's Australian Innovation Festival, being held from 26 April to 20 May.

Find out about grants to further develop your ideas and how to protect them using patents, logos/trademarks, copyright and other means.

Visit [www.nt.gov.au/business/events.cfm](http://www.nt.gov.au/business/events.cfm) for forum and booking information.

### Understanding Forward with Fairness

This course provides participants with an overview of the changes to the legislation arising from the Fair Work Act 2009 passed through the Senate in March 2009.

This legislation will affect all employers in the Northern Territory who will be required to amend their employment practices to ensure ongoing compliance in their business.

Participants will understand the two key operative dates, 1st July 2009 and 1st January 2010, and the impacts.

Course to be held in Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy and Jabiru.

Visit: [www.chambernt.com.au](http://www.chambernt.com.au) for course dates and more information.



## TCA training courses - For a complete listing visit [www.tcant.com.au](http://www.tcant.com.au)

<b>Senior First Aid</b> <b>12/13 May 2009</b>	\$140pp :Members \$155pp :Non Members	8.30am-4.30pm both days	Venue : TCA Cnr Hickman & Winnellie Rd, Winnellie
<b>Manual Handling Awareness</b> <b>5 May 2009</b>	\$120pp :Members \$150pp :Non Members	8.00am-12.00pm	Venue : Accrete - 24 Mendis Road, Hudson Creek
<b>Elevated Work Platform (EWP)</b> <b>7 May 2009</b>	\$600pp :Members \$650pp :Non Members	8.00am-4.30pm	Venue : Top End Training - 2/104 McKinnon Rd, Pinelands

For further information please contact TCA's Project Manager on 08 8922 9666

## April Showcase

**Company:** Winnellie Hydraulics  
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Winnellie Hydraulics gives a low-down on safety as it designs a system to precisely place Eni Australia's condensate tanks

*Even upside down, Enerpac cylinder system performs faultlessly*

Winnellie Hydraulics have designed and commissioned a 1000 ton hydraulic jacking system for Monadelphous to position large condensate storage tanks at the Eni Australia Black Tip Project on the Northern Territory coast.

The jacking system consists of a compact and powerful high-pressure (700 bar) Enerpac RR series hydraulic cylinders operating which operate upside down.

This was an interesting challenge as the heavy tanks weighing 180 ton with a diameter of 18 metres and 18 metres high had to be safely lowered evenly to ground level with a controlled decent and the centre of gravity not in the middle. This was achieved by measuring the load pressure on all cylinders simultaneously and adjusting the cylinders individually which was accomplished in two days.

The system - incorporating 10 RR 1006 double acting cylinders was employed on the 180 ton tanks that were manufactured in Perth, barged up the coast and finally trucked to the remote area where they will hold liquid condensate piped from the Blacktip gas field in the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf approximately 245 km southwest of Darwin.

Erection of the condensate tanks is being undertaken by Monadelphous, a leading national engineering group, at the Blacktip site near Wadeye N.T.



**If your company has recently been involved in an exciting or innovative project, or if you simply have increased your company's capability in order to broaden your contracting opportunities, we'd like to know about it.**

Send us some photos along with a short description, and your company can be 'showcased' to the NTICN newsletter database of approximately 3,500 companies across the NT. The newsletter is also sent to existing, planned and proposed major project proponents, and procurement personnel across the NT Government. The newsletter is also accessible online at [www.nticn.com.au](http://www.nticn.com.au).

**Send your *Industry Capability Showcase* story and photo/s to:**

**Jenna Duncan**, email: [jenna.duncan@nticn.com.au](mailto:jenna.duncan@nticn.com.au)

*Note: Showcase selection is at the discretion of the NTICN. Contributing company will be contacted and confirmed prior to publication.*

## Indigenous Tourism Hub launch

Thursday, 23 April 2009  
[www.tourismnt.com.au](http://www.tourismnt.com.au)

The Federal Minister for Employment Participation, Brendan O'Conner, was in Alice Springs on 23 April to officially launch Central Aboriginal Experiences, an Indigenous Tourism Hub in Central Australia, where operators have access to professional services that allow them to develop and grow sustainable tourism businesses.

## Tennant Creek deal lifts Emmerson

Thursday, 16 April 2009  
[www.MiningNews.net](http://www.MiningNews.net)

TENNANT Creek explorer Emmerson Resources has inked a \$A28 million deal with Ivanhoe Australia over its tenements in the resurrected Northern Territory gold district.

## ERA eyeing underground move

Wednesday, 22 April 2009  
[www.MiningNews.net](http://www.MiningNews.net)

With ENERGY Resources of Australia in growth mode, according to its chief executive Rob Atkinson, the company is planning an exploration decline down to the promising Ranger 3 Deeps uranium deposit which could see the miner shift its focus to underground mining.

## Frances Creek hits 2Mtpa target

Wednesday, 15 April 2009  
[www.MiningNews.net](http://www.MiningNews.net)

Territory Resources' Frances Creek iron ore operation has achieved its target of 2 million tonnes per annum as cash operating costs continue to decline.

## Independent contractors topics

Friday, 24 April 2009  
[www.becnt.com.au](http://www.becnt.com.au)

Business.gov.au has published the new Independent contractors topic, a comprehensive guide of issues affecting independent contractors. The topic contains business information, advice and tools relevant to independent contractors.

## Essential Services

Monday, 20 April 2009  
[www.newsroom.nt.gov.au](http://www.newsroom.nt.gov.au)

Minister for Essential Services, Rob Knight has announced an investment of \$67M in the 2009 Budget for regional power, water and sewerage services. Some specifics have been identified (as follows) but keep an eye on the Budget.. \$2.4 million for a new grid connection to Yuendumu power station; \$1.6 million for a new power station at Alpururulam; \$1 million for ground and elevated water storage in Palumpa and \$1 million to repair existing elevated water storage at Waruwi.

# COMMITTED, PLANNED & PROPOSED MAJOR PROJECTS\*

COMMITTED				
Project	Proponent	Project type	Start	Value (AUSM)
Blacktip Gas Project	Eni	Gas	2007	500
Bonaparte gas pipeline	Australian Pipeline trust	Natural Gas Pipeline	2007	200
Brewer Estate Power Station and transmission lines to Alice	Power Water Corporation	Power Station	2008	50
Darwin Waterfront Redevelop.	NTG / Darwin Cove Consortium	Hotels, Apartments, public spaces	2005	800
Helium Plant	BOC	Helium Plant	2008	38
Pit expansion	ERA, Ranger	Uranium	2007	TBA
Methanol producing FPSO PL	Coogee Resources	Methanol GTL	2008	TBA
Weddell Power Station	Power Water Corporation	Power Station	2007	126.6
SIHIP	Territory Housing	New and upgraded remote housing	2008	672
RAAF Darwin	Department of Defence	Base Redevelopment Stage 2	2008	49.8
Robertson Barracks	Department of Defence	Redevel. & Hardened Network Army	2008	72
RAAF Tindal	Department of Defence	Base Redevelopment Stage 5	2008	58.7
RAAF Tindal	Department of Defence	AEWC System	2008	64.2
Wonarah Phosphate Project	Minemakers	Phosphate	2009	107
PLANNED				
Harts Range	Olympia Resources	Garnet Sands	2008	15
Ichthys	INPEX	LNG Plant, Darwin	2009	25B
Nolan's Bore	Arafura Resources	Rare Earths	2009	TBA
LEAP accommodation	Department of Defence	New accommodation at NT Defence locations	TBA	210
PROPOSED / POTENTIAL				
Abadi	Inpex	Gas	TBA	TBA
Darwin LNG Train 2	ConocoPhillips	LNG	TBA	TBA
Mt Fitch	Compass Resources	Uranium	TBA	TBA
Sunrise Gas Project	Woodside	Natural Gas / LNG	TBA	TBA
Tassie Shoals	MEO	Methanol / LNG	TBA	TBA
Darwin Energy Project	Cogen	Condensate	TBA	10B

*Due to the nature of projects this information is subject to change. Please confirm currency with NTICN.  
Information sourced from: NTG Construction Snapshot; NTG Potential Mining Projects in the NT*