

NTNewsletter



November edition: NT WorkSafe, Infrastructure Programs, INPEX, Shell, Eni – Kitan, Vista Gold Mt. Todd, Ormiston Gorge Rangers Station, Falcon Oil & Gas, NBN, Darwin Prison SIHIP, Business Resources, EnergyNewsBulletin.net, MiningNews.net, Mine Maintenance & Construction, Remote Enterprise Centre.

NT WorkSafe

National Work Safety Harmonisation bill has been passed by parliament this month. The Northern Territory now join New South Wales, the ACT, Queensland and the Commonwealth as jurisdictions ready to implement the nationally harmonised work health and safety laws in January 2012.

www.worksafe.nt.gov.au

Stats

November 2011*

Number of enquiries processed: 381

Total estimated value: \$173.55 million

Number of NT companies nominated: 469

Number of new companies registered: 37

*Figures only for 1–30 Nov. 2011

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Infrastructure Programs

Jenkins Road

Construction has commenced on a major upgrade to Jenkins Road to provide better access to the new city of Weddell and future oil and gas developments at Middle Arm.

The upgrade consists of a two-staged \$14 million project to seal fourteen kms of Jenkins Road from Stuart Highway to Finn Road, and Finn Road to Channel Island Road, with an additional \$1.3 million for new traffic lights at the intersection of Stuart Highway and Jenkins Road.

The \$7.2 million Stage One contract is being delivered by Ostojic Group Pty Ltd with the \$6.8 million Stage Two contract awarded to East Arm Civil Pty.

INPEX and Ichthys joint venture partner Total invested a total of \$13 million into upgrading Jenkins Road with an additional \$4 million invested into improving the intersection at the Stuart Highway and Jenkins Road, as well as the intersection of the Arnhem Highway and Stuart Highway.

The Jenkins Road upgrade is expected to be completed by first quarter 2012.

Power and Water

Power Water indicated at a recent forum that, between 2011-2016 FY, \$790m will be spent in the Darwin and Katherine regions with a further \$201m in the Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Yulara regions on their upcoming capital works program. Some of their major works will include:

Generation

- Weddell Power Station, Channel Island Power Station, Berrimah Power Station – New Sets, Upgrades, Life Extensions
- Owen Springs Power Station, Ron Goodwin Power Station – New Sets, Upgrades
- Katherine Power Station – New Sets, Upgrades, Life Extensions
- Tennant Creek Power Station – Upgrades
- Yulara Power Station – Upgrades

Water

- Production bores and elevated tank at Palmerston
- Darwin River Dam pump station
- Water treatment plant upgrades

To download a copy of PWC's presentation from their Capital Works forum, visit icnnt.org.au.

GM's Welcome

I've been personally advised by people 'in the know' of the date the Ichthys FID will be announced. According to these people, FID will occur on December 1, 7, 15, 18, 20, 25, 29 and January 1, 5, 7, and 15. In other words, pure speculation.

The reality is I have no idea of the date and will wait for INPEX and Total to make their announcement when they are ready to do so.

What this does bring to mind, however, are the perils associated with 'pub talk' and media speculation. Project proponents, Government, industry associations are all

conscious of the need to put facts on the table, when they are able, in order to allow businesses to take the appropriate steps to plan and engage. Too often negative and inaccurate speculation is detrimental to that process.

What we try to do at the ICN is provide industry with the facts as we know them. Things can change from the original announcements, but we will only promote statements or events based on a company's directive. If we don't know, we will not speculate.

KEVIN PETERS,
GENERAL MANAGER



Projects

INPEX

INPEX has announced that the Ichthys Project has been steadily progressing towards the Final Investment Decision (FID) to be made by the end of this year. While this remains our target, taking into account administrative constraints during the Christmas season and New Year holiday periods, the decision may slip into mid-January 2012.

Source: www.inpex.com.au

Shell

Supply & Logistics related packages with specific relevance to NT business continue to be released through ICN Gateway and packages with more general scope are available via Project Connect (ICN WA).

Eni - Kitan

Production is now well underway at the Kitan oil field in the Joint Petroleum Development Area between Timor Leste and Australia. Bluewater, the operator of the FPSO 'Glas Dowl', has advised that a number of "primary" contracts have been awarded (catering, chemicals, supply vessels/base, and helicopters) and that the remainder of the "secondary" contracts will be processed at various times during 2012. These "secondary" contracts offer great opportunities for NT industry.

Falcon Oil & Gas

Falcon announced in November that the full testing program has been successfully carried out on the Shenandoah-1 well in the Beetaloo Basin with gas being produced from each of the shale intervals tested. Both intervals are now considered candidates for future testing, including horizontal drilling with multiple stimulation treatments to establish commerciality, with the other intervals subject to further evaluation.

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Vista Gold Mt. Todd

Vista Gold has wrapped up its field exploration program on the Mt. Todd exploration licenses, and has retained two core drill rigs for additional resource drilling at the Batman deposit. Vista plans to use the core drill rigs to complete an 8,500 meter drilling program at the Batman deposit. Fred Earnest, President and COO, added, "As the feasibility study has progressed, we have identified new opportunities to expand our measured and indicated resource estimates and are hopeful that this will result in further growth of the estimated proven and probable reserves for this important project."

Source - Vista Gold - Corporate Announcement 8/11/11

Ormiston Gorge Rangers Station

Tenders are now open to install solar panels at the Ormiston Gorge Rangers Station in the West MacDonnell National Park to increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon emissions.

Parks and Wildlife Minister Karl Hampton said the solar panels will be part of a hybrid system that will combine solar panels and battery storage with the existing generators.

Tenders close 16 December 2011

NBN

The NBN nominated roll out contractor in 2012 is Syntheo. Plans are to have each and every region and town listed on the ICN Gateway to assist the primary contractors with accessing company services related to the optical fibre network. Across Australia, the target for 2012 is around 2000 houses a day and the target for 2013 is 6000 a day.

Darwin Prison

The NT Government and the SeNTinel consortium, comprising Sitzler, Honeywell and Sinclair Knight Merz, have finalised contractual arrangements to construct the new Darwin Correction Precinct at Holtze

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at a value of \$495m. Final detailed design is underway as are major initial civil earthworks at the Holtze site

NT companies wishing to register their interest against this project should do so via ICN Gateway initially.

SIHIP

As at 31 October, work was completed in 45 communities and underway in 12 communities and a number of town camps. Across the Territory 1818 refurbishments and rebuilds were complete and 26 were underway. A total of 355 new houses

Business Resources

Advisor Finder is the first online tool to put Australian businesses in touch with their nearest business advisory service, including advisors from the ATO. The free tool is simple and easy to use. Just select the type of advice you're after, your location and industry, and the results will be displayed with details of how to contact each advisor. With 200 advisors waiting to be discovered, Advisor Finder is the first step to getting the right advice for your business. To start searching, go to business.gov.au/advisorfinder

Remote Enterprise Centre - The Centre provides a range of services designed to link remote small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to new ideas, technologies and markets. Services include:

- A Business Review conducted for free by one of our Business Advisers
- The Tailored Advisory Service provides funding to implement actions identified in the Business Review

For more information go to: www.enterpriseconnect.gov.au



Info for Business...

What about you?

**NT Key Economic Statistics
December 2011**

Northern Territory Economic Briefs provide up-to-date analysis of the Territory economy and its performance in relation to the Australian economy. These briefs cover a broad range of economic and social indicators, drawing on various sources of data including the Australian Bureau of Statistics and Access Economics.

The December edition is now available online at www.nt.gov.au/dbe/economics.shtml#ntstatistics

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DriveSafe NT Remote

The aim of the NT Indigenous Road Safety Program is to reduce the high representation of Indigenous people involved in road trauma within the Northern Territory. A key objective of this program is to work more closely with Indigenous communities and organisations to develop targeted and relevant educational campaigns and resources.

The two year trial program is being delivered in partnership with the NTG, the National Road Safety Council, TIO and the Australian Government's CDEP Program.

For further information contact Karen Young p. 08 8924 7011 or e. karen.young@nt.gov.au

NT OCCUPATION SHORTAGE LIST REVIEW 2012

The Northern Territory Occupation Shortage List is a list of occupations currently experiencing shortages or recruitment difficulties in the Northern Territory. DBE reviews the List annually to take into account new information and emerging shortages and they welcome your input into the development of the 2012 List. DBE are seeking information on occupations for inclusion and exclusion on the list and as the List is evidence-based, any information provided should also contain supporting evidence.

Please address your response to Ms Linda Ngai, Project Officer Research via email linda.ngai@nt.gov.au by **close of business 9 December 2011**. If you have any queries please contact Linda Ngai on 8999 5047.

Snip'its from EnergyNewsBulletin.net

Central Petroleum

Surprise-1 has been drilled past previous oil shows in the Stairway sandstone, with new gas shows encountered. Fair to good oil shows accompanied by background gas with high "heavy" gas components of about 20 units with peaks of 40 units through the Lower Stairway sandstone and Horn Valley siltstone at about 2556m.

Tangiers Petroleum

An unrisksed mean gas in place estimate of 6.93 trillion cubic feet of gas and prospective resources of 3.46Tcf have been cast for Tangier Petroleum's Nova prospect in the Bonaparte Basin.

The estimate was prepared by ISIS Petroleum Consultants in preparation of Tangiers' move onto the AIM in London.

Would your business make a good Showcase company? Well if your company has recently been involved in an **exciting** or **innovative** project or has increased its capability in order to broaden your contracting opportunities, we think so!

Please email Elena Tsangari e. elena.tsangari@icnnt.org.au or call p. (08) 8922 9422 to discuss.

Please Note: inclusion of information in the ICN (NT) newsletter is at the discretion of the ICN (NT). Contributing Showcase company will be contacted and confirmed prior to publication.

ENI has confirmed reports it picked up Santos' 40% stake in the Evans Shoal field, Bonaparte Basin, for up to \$US350 million (\$A348.8 million) and is selling a 7.5% stake to operator Shell.

The move aligns Shell's interest with Eni, leaving both companies with a 32.5% stake in the field, which has estimated in-place gas of 7 trillion cubic feet.

Snip'its from MiningNews.net

MINEMAKERS hopes to finalise a JV with India's NMDC before embarking on a bankable feasibility study based on development of its Wonarah phosphate and proposed downstream processing facilities.

The company hopes to resume talks with NMDC after development options for the project were confirmed.

INTERCEPT Minerals has reached agreement for a \$A5 million farm-in deal with Rio Tinto over Intercept's Tiwi Islands bauxite project.

Intercept has an exploration license covering 1431 square kilometres on Melville Island under application.

EMMERSON RESOURCES has encountered visible copper in the latest drill hole on its wholly owned Goanna discovery at Tennant Creek in the NT. The new discovery supports a series of recent drill intersections at Goanna and at the nearby Monitor prospect which have produced very high grade copper, gold, silver and bismuth grades.



Info for Business... | Showcase Company

The International Business Council extends an invitation to participate in the International Business Delegation; **The 1st Philippine Australia New Zealand Joint Business Forum; "Realize the Potential"**

26th - 29th February 2012

For further info contact Greg Bicknell on p. 08 8982 8100 or e. gbicknell@chambernt.com.au

Want the right connections for your business?

Remote Enterprise Centre - based in Alice Springs, it provides a range of services designed to link remote small and medium enterprises (SMEs) to new ideas, technologies and markets.

The Centre offers remote regions in the NT, QLD, SA, NSW and WA the core suite of Enterprise Connect services including:

- A Business Review conducted for free by one of our Business Advisers
- The Tailored Advisory Service provides funding to implement actions identified in the Business Review

In addition to the core services, the Centre will:

- Identify complementary businesses that could lead to new business opportunities
- Identify new markets and provide advice on legal and regulatory issues

For more information go to: www.enterpriseconnect.gov.au

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Mine Maintenance & Construction

Mine Maintenance & Construction together with its subsidiary MMCpersonnel (collectively known as MMC) is one of the true Northern Territory owned and operated companies involved in the mining, engineering, construction, oil and gas industries.

Located at East Arm, Darwin, their combined office and workshop is a central base for all their engineering, fabricating, fitting, project and personnel requirements. MMC are responsible for servicing and supplying such major mining companies as Crocodile Gold Australia Ltd, Newmont Australia Ltd, Xstrata Zinc McArthur River Mine and Mt Isa Mine, Savannah Nickel Mine, OM Manganese, GEMCO, Rio Tinto Alcan and Adelaide Brighton.

So far this year MMC has supplied skilled personnel for over 50 shutdowns at 6 different Northern Australian mine sites. Next year they expect to continue this trend with a number of shuts already planned for January.

MMC has successfully been awarded two major contracts with mining elites Xstrata Zinc and BHP Billiton. Combined these works are estimated at over \$4 million and have the potential of employing up to 40 people.

MMC will also be extending its own facility in 2012 with the construction of a new building that will contain a heavy fabrication warehouse and more office space. The new workshop is expected to increase the company's current capabilities and allow them to be more competitive within the industry and retain further projects.

These new projects together with MMC's current projects, shutdowns and onsite maintenance are increasing their need to maintain a consistent base of qualified tradespeople, skilled and ticketed workers.

Currently MMC employs over 100 employees. The positions we fill include but is not limited to boilermakers, fitters, mechanics, electricians, crane drivers, scaffolders, riggers, mill operators, stores personnel, trades assistant and skilled labourers.

Info for Business...

Occupational Health and Safety Summit 2012 6-8 March 2012 | Gold Coast

The Occupational Health and Safety Summit is the most effective way for Health and Safety executives to:

- Keep up with technology advances and find alternative solutions to your problems
- Discuss and debate the challenges and prospects of this dynamic region
- Get 1-1 with others in your vertical and situation, rather than generic overviews

Visit www.ohsstrategy.com.au for further information

When was the last time you looked at the contacts linked to your ICN profile?

- Visit www.icngateway.org.au
- Login to your company profile
- Click 'Manage Contacts'
- Add, Delete or Edit as necessary

So we can identify business opportunities for you we ask that you review your details held with the ICN every 6-12 months. This ensures that your details are still accurate.

Call the ICN if you encounter difficulties p. 08 8922 9422 or e. info@icnnt.org.au



COMMITTED PROJECTS

Project	Proponent	Project type	Start	Value (AU\$M)
Darwin Waterfront Redevelopment	NTG/ Darwin Cove Consortium	Hotels, Apartments, public spaces	2005	800
Pit expansion	ERA, Ranger	Uranium	2007	TBA
Weddell Power Station	Power Water	Power Station	2007	126.6
SIHIP	Territory Housing	New and upgraded remote housing	2008	672
RAAF Darwin	Dept of Defence	Base Redevelopment Stage 2	2008	49.8
Robertson Barracks	Dept of Defence	Redevel & Hardened Network Army	2008	72
Marine Supply Base	NT Government	Marine Supply Base	2012	TBA
Darwin Prison - Northern Territory New Secure Facilities PPP project (NTSF)	NT Government	Prison	2011	495
Kitan	eni	FPSO	2010	TBA
LEAP Accommodation	Dept of Defence	New accommodation at NT Defence locations	2012	230
Prelude	Shell	FLNG	2011	TBA
Peko tailings removal	Peko Resources	Magnetite Tailings	2011	TBA

PLANNED PROJECTS

Ichthys	INPEX	LNG Plant, Darwin	2011	30B
Nolan's Bore	Arafura Resources	Rare Earths	2013	TBA
Petrel/Tern/Frigate FLNG Project	GDF Seuz/Santos	LNG	TBA	TBA
Wonarah Phosphate Mine	Minemakers	Phosphate	2013	200

PROPOSED / POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Darwin LNG Train 2	ConocoPhillips	LNG	TBA	TBA
Sunrise Gas Project	Woodside	Natural Gas / LNG	TBA	TBA
Tassie Shoal	MEO	Methanol / LNG	TBA	TBA
Evans Shoal	Magellan	Methanol / LNG	TBA	TBA
Roper Bar	Western Desert Resources	Iron Ore	2012	TBA
McArthur River	Redbank Copper	Copper	2012	TBA
Hodgson Downs	Sherwin Iron	Iron Ore	2012	180
Mount Peak	Unnamed Chinese engineering and development group	Vanadium Pentoxide / Ferrovandium	TBA	5B

Due to the nature of projects this information is subject to change. Please confirm currency with ICN (NT).

Information sourced from: NTG Construction Snapshot www.nt.gov.au/constructionsnapshot; NTG Potential Mining Projects in the NT www.orestruck.nt.gov.au

