

# Presentation to the Financial Community 2012 Half Year Results

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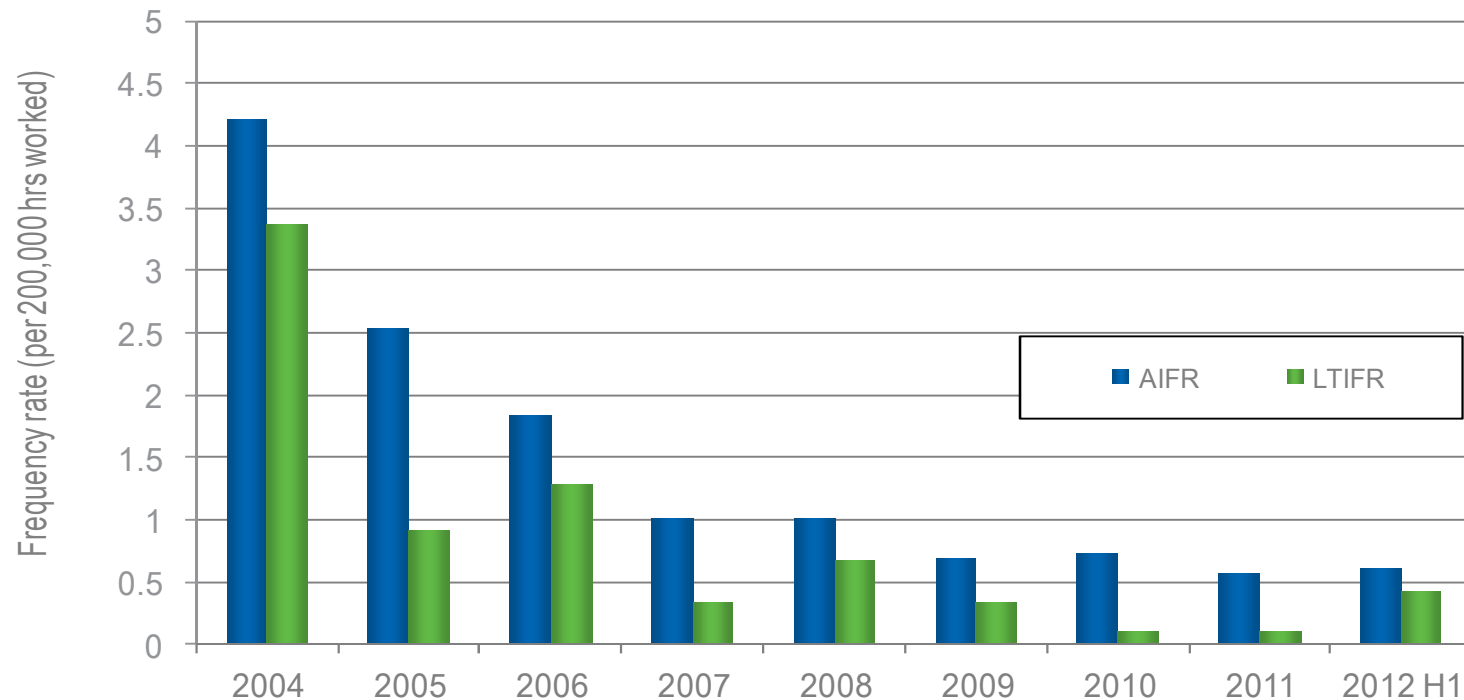
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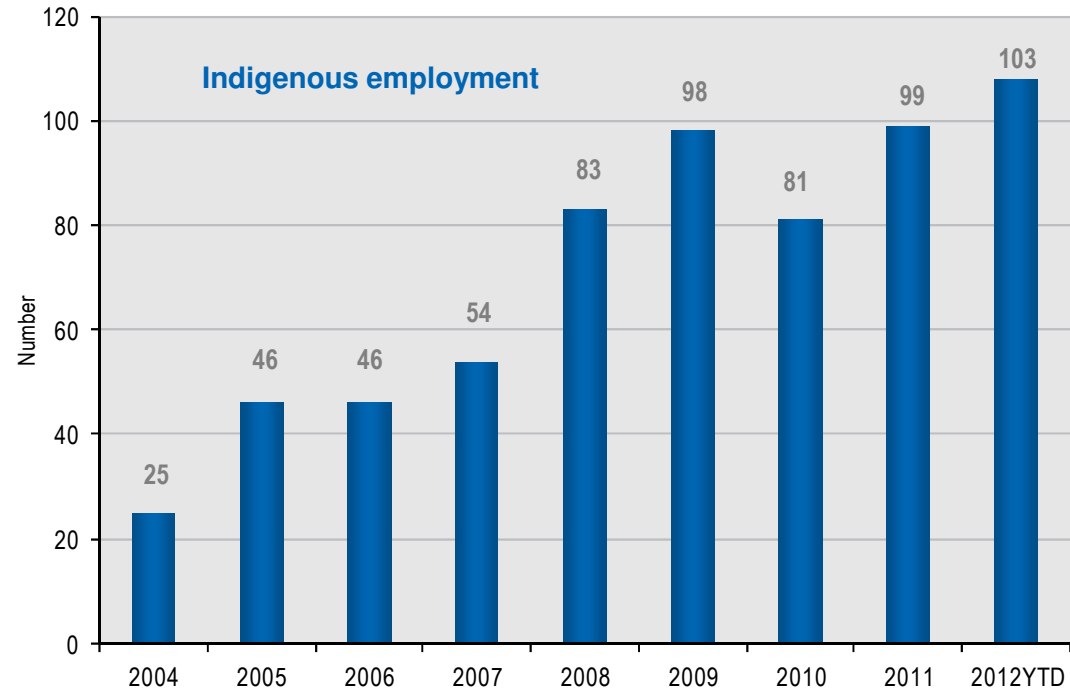
# Safety performance

- ERA has maintained a strong focus on safety and achieved an All Injury Frequency Rate of 0.65 year to date
- Three recordable injuries have occurred in the first half of 2012
- These three recordable injuries consisted of two Lost Time Injuries (a sprained wrist from an employee slipping in a shower; and a strained shoulder from an employee slipping on a step) and one Medical Treatment Case (a laceration to the shin whilst stepping onto a drill rig)
- All three employees have made a full recovery and returned to full duties



# Our people

- ERA is a major employer in the West Arnhem region, and one of the leading employers of Indigenous people in the Northern Territory
- As at 26 July 2012, ERA has approximately 600 full time employee positions, which includes 103 Indigenous employees
- Our female participation rate is currently 21%
- ERA currently employs 17 fulltime apprentices and five school based apprentices
- Rolling employee turnover is 22%



## Operational performance

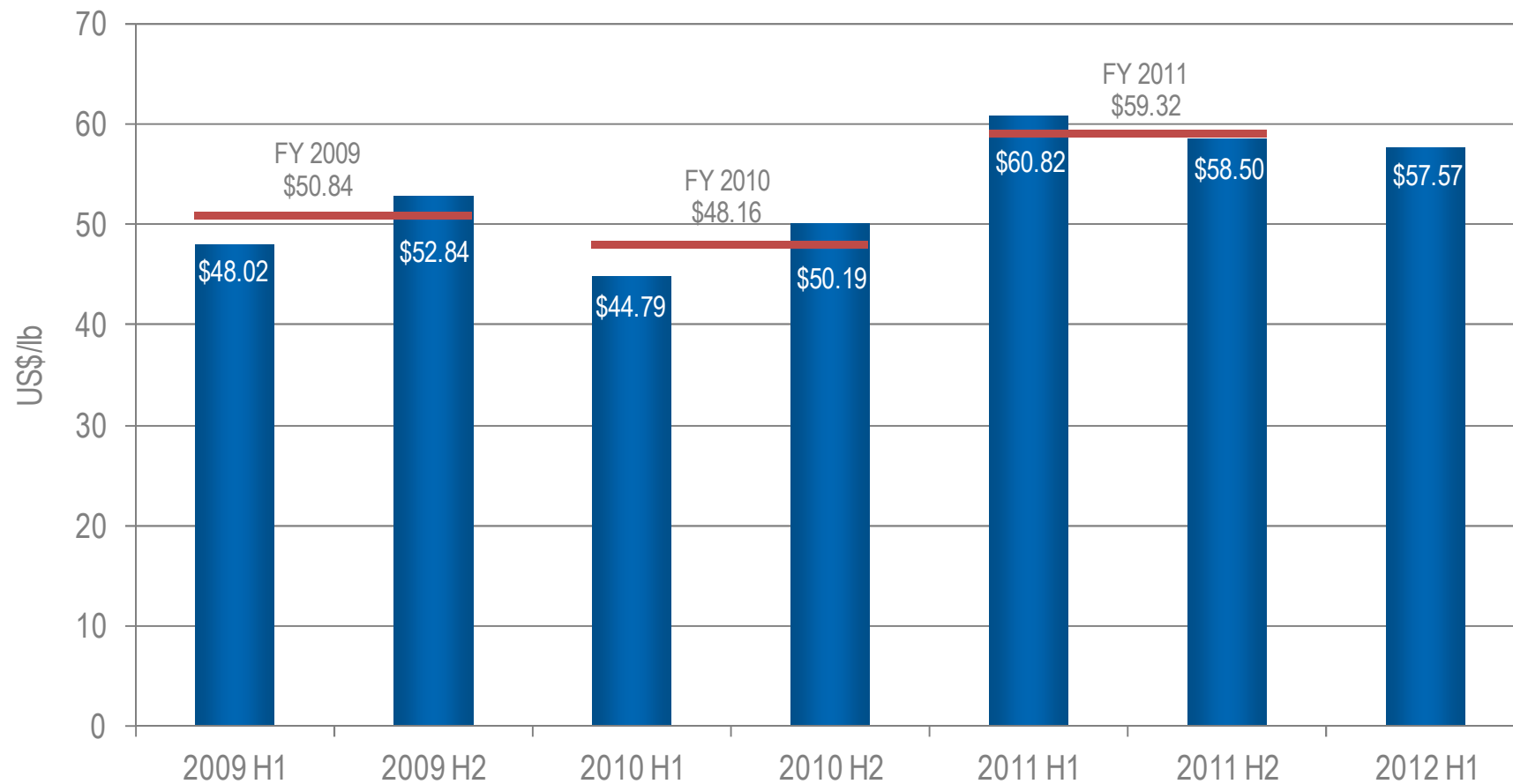
	H1 2012	H1 2011	Change
Total material mined (million tonnes)	5.2	4.2	+ 24%
Ore mined (million tonnes)	0.6	0.2	+ 190%
Ore milled (million tonnes)	1.3	0.3	+ 393%
Average mill head grade (%)	0.11	0.21	- 48%
Mill recovery (%)	86.4	87.9	- 2%
Production drummed – U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (tonnes)	1,244	601	+ 107%

## Financial overview

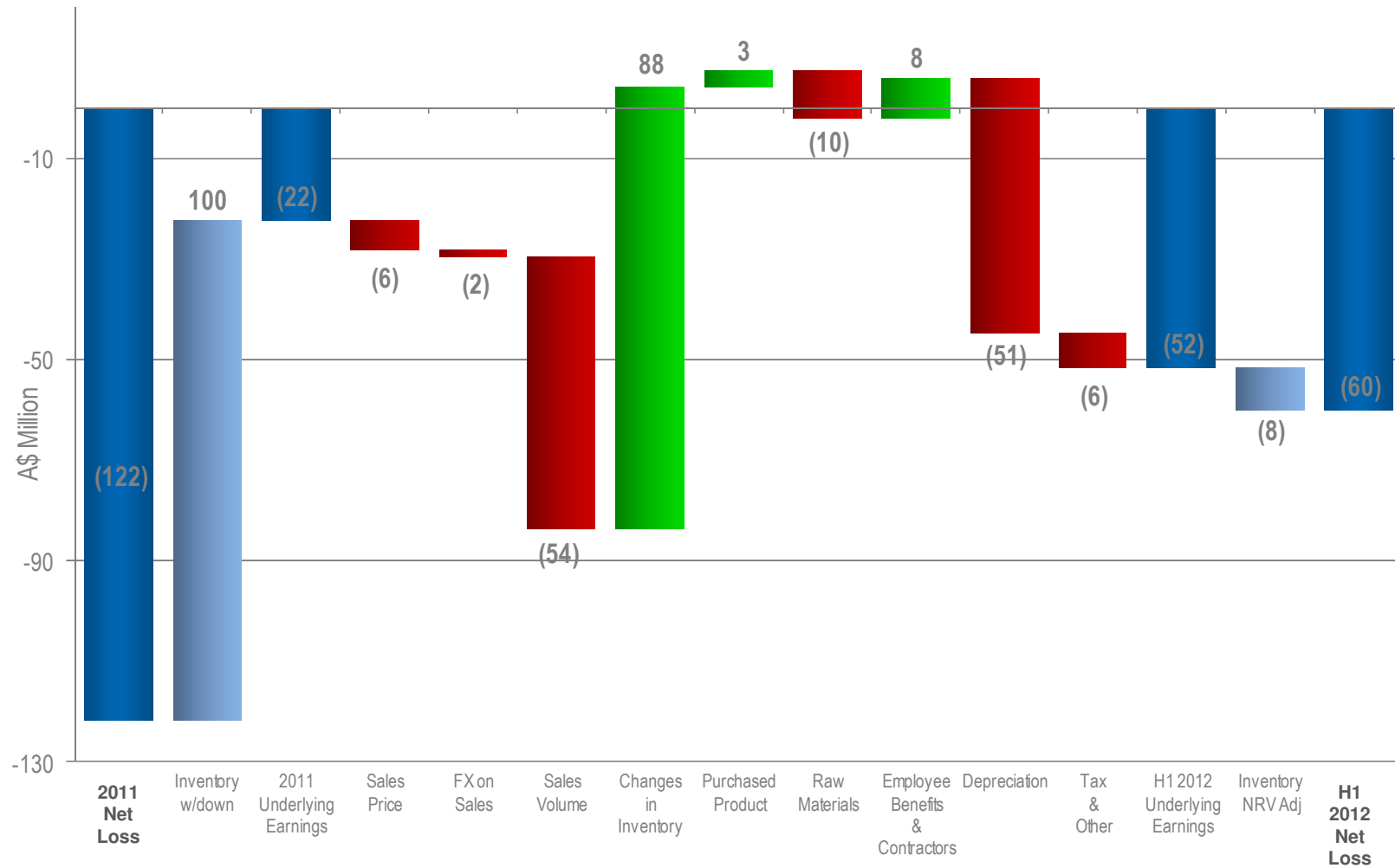
	H1 2012	H1 2011	Change
Net profit/(loss) after tax - \$ million	(59.9)	(121.7)	+ 51%
Revenue from sales of uranium oxide - \$ million	148.0	235.6	- 37%
Net cash flow - \$ million	(69.8)	(2.6)	- 2,585%
Underlying earnings - \$ million	(51.5)	(22.3)	- 131%
Capital expenditure - \$ million	51.8	30.0	+ 73%
Sales volume (tonnes uranium oxide)	1,229	1,825	- 33%
Average realised price – US\$/lb	57.57	60.82	- 5%
Dividends	0	0	0



## Average realised sales price (US\$/lb)



# 2012 half year earnings



Note: All values are shown after tax

# Key financial elements

- **Non-cash costs**
  - In 2012, ERA's non-cash costs have increased due to –
    - Property, plant and equipment net value of \$741 million as at 31 December 2011 (including rehabilitation asset)
    - Allocation to Profit and Loss Statement based on reserves of 13,484 tonnes of uranium oxide as of 31 December 2011
    - Capital expenditure of approximately \$350 million from 2012 to 2014
    - Increase in the Interest Expenses (discount unwind) related to the 2011 increase in the rehabilitation provision
- **Inventory Net Realisable Value (NRV)**
  - \$8 million after tax adjustment to finished goods inventory to record it at NRV
    - Major elements contributing to this adjustment are modest production, high non-cash costs, build up of inventory at the end of the period necessary to meet H2 sales
  - Based on current forecasts, the unit cost of inventory is expected to drop below the anticipated sales price in the next period
- **Strong balance sheet with a cash balance of \$563 million and no debt as at 30 June 2012**
- **Major projects are on time and on budget**
- **On track to achieve the \$40 million savings targets for 2012, identified through the 2011 Business Review**
- **ERA continues to expect to produce between 3,200 to 3,700 tonnes of uranium oxide in 2012**

## Pit 3 as at 23 July 2012



**Average grade of in-situ ore reserves is 0.19% (6,530t  $U_3O_8$ ) applying a cut-off grade of 0.08%**  
(Source: Ranger Ore Reserves and Mineral Resources Statement as at 31 December 2011)



## Stockpile mining

- H1 2012 production from stocks and pit
- 1,244 tonnes of  $U_3O_8$  produced in H1 2012 (average mill head grade of 0.11%  $U_3O_8$ )
- Average grade of all stockpiled ore reserves is 0.12%  $U_3O_8$
- Post completion of pit all  $U_3O_8$  production will come from stockpiles



# Ranger 3 Deeps exploration decline on schedule



Ranger 3 Deeps exploration decline box cut 18 July 2012

- **Project remains on time and on budget**
- **90% of box cut has been excavated to date**
- **Completion of box cut excavation scheduled for end of July 2012**
- **Construction of decline tunnel remains on plan to commence in November 2012**

Ranger 3 Deeps Indicative milestones to production	Date
Regulatory approval for exploration decline granted	September 2011
Commenced box cut excavation	1 May 2012
Decline tunnel construction commences	November 2012 <sup>1</sup>
Exploration drilling starts	Quarter 1 2013 <sup>1</sup>
Exploration and resource drilling completed	Mid 2014 <sup>1</sup>
Prefeasibility study complete	Mid 2014 <sup>1</sup>
Regulatory and ministerial approval	2015 <sup>1</sup>
Underground mine production	Late 2015 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Forecast dates



# Brine Concentrator on schedule and budget

- ERA Board approved project on 1 February 2012 with estimated expenditure of \$220 million
- The Brine Concentrator is being provided by HPD LLC, a subsidiary of Veolia Water Solutions and Technologies
- Strong relationship continues between HPD and ERA
- Construction occurring on schedule in the USA, Germany, China and Thailand
- Site works have commenced with bulk excavation and preparation for concrete footings
- All components continue to be expected to arrive in the Northern Territory by Q4 2012
- Nominal capacity to treat 1.83 billion litres of water per year
- The Brine Concentrator facility is planned to be commissioned and fully operational in the second half of 2013
- This is a critical project for the future of ERA



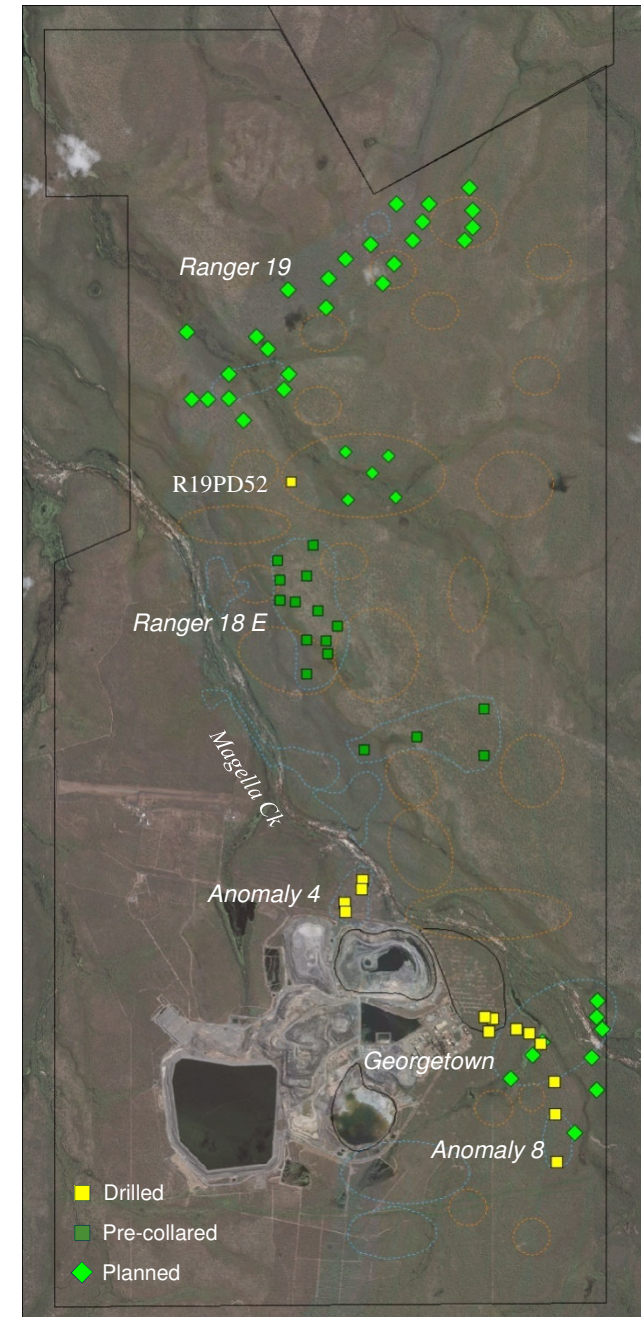
*CCHI – China Evaporator Vessel*



*Slot Nankai – Thailand Vapour Washer Vessel*

# Exploration update

- **Exploration drilling since April 2012**
  - 14 holes drilled totalling 7,300 metres
  - Drilling concentrated at Anomaly 4, Anomaly 8 and south east Ranger 3 Deeps
  - Drilling commenced in areas north of the Magela Creek in late June
- **Moving forward in 2012**
  - Drilling at Anomaly 8 and Georgetown to be finalised allowing drilling operations to move north to concentrate on Ranger 18 E and Ranger 19 areas (subject to regulatory approvals)





# Relationship with Traditional Owners

- **ERA recognises that the support of Traditional Owners is critically important to future projects and successful rehabilitation**
- **Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) and ERA are collaborating on matters of mutual interest:**
  - GAC was recently appointed to membership of the Ranger Minesite Technical Committee
  - GAC and ERA have jointly launched an independent surface water study for Ranger Project Area
  - Traditional Owners are represented on the Closure Criteria Committee Working Group and actively participating in rehabilitation planning, including decommissioning of the Jabiluka pond.
  - GAC and ERA are integral to the future of Jabiru and the region: engaging around town governance, housing, infrastructure and local business development.
  - Traditional Owners are investing royalty benefits into the future of Jabiru (residential college, small business, social and cultural programmes)
- **GAC, NLC and ERA finalising Mining Agreement:**
  - Entitles Mirarr to greater participation in the benefits from mining on their land
  - Establishes a Relationship Committee with ERA to promote information sharing and collaboration
- **Traditional Owners have expressed a willingness to consider future development on the Ranger Project Area**

# Long term market outlook encouraging

- **Near term market will be challenging**
  - Japan's slow recovery is expected to keep market quiet in the near term:
    - Two reactors operating at present time, however limited restarts may occur in near future
    - It appears unlikely that Japan will be able to replace nuclear power without very significant increases in cost and CO2 output
    - No utility inventory sales occurring and as a result the spot market is quiet
- **Longer term outlook still very encouraging for established producers**
  - China's new build and demand is still the main story, and will drive higher prices in the medium to long term
    - Resuming approvals for new plants with greater push toward Gen III Reactor designs
    - Post-Fukushima safety reviews are now complete, and first AP-1000 expected to enter operation by 2014 with a further 27 units under construction
  - Slower reactor growth elsewhere, but still continuing (USA, Korea, UAE, India, Russia)
  - High capital costs remain biggest challenge to new build
  - A supply-side reaction is beginning to occur and more expected if price remains at current levels in the short term
  - Known primary supply is just over half of expected demand by 2020
  - ERA is well positioned for a stronger market in the mid term if Ranger 3 Deeps mine is developed

## Summary

- Continued strong safety performance
- Net loss after tax of \$59.9 million for first half of 2012
- No interim dividend
- Pit 3 has been fully dewatered earlier than expected and mining of Pit 3 on target to be completed by the end of 2012
- Continued strong plant performance in 2012
- 2012 production of uranium oxide expected to be between 3,200 and 3,700 tonnes
- Ranger 3 Deeps exploration decline and the Brine Concentrator projects are on budget and on schedule
- Relationship with the GAC and Mirarr Traditional Owners continues to develop