



## ASX Announcement

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### June 2016 Quarter Operations Review (unaudited)

- Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (**ERA**) produced 489 tonnes of uranium oxide in the June 2016 quarter.
- ERA entered into a \$100 million credit facility agreement with Rio Tinto in April 2016 providing additional assurance to stakeholders that rehabilitation of the Ranger Project Area can be fully funded in a range of business scenarios.
- The ERA strategic review was announced in May and highlighted three near-term strategic priorities.

	Q2 16	vs Q2 15	vs Q1 16	6 mths 16	vs 6 mths 15
Ore milled ('000 tonnes)	645	23%	-5%	1,323	16%
Mill head grade (% uranium oxide)	0.10	11%	11%	0.10	-%
Mill recovery (%)	85.8	9%	2%	85.1	5%
Production – uranium oxide					
- tonnes	489	25%	-18%	1,082	23%
- 000 lbs	1,078			2,385	

ERA produced 489 tonnes of uranium oxide in the June 2016 quarter compared to 593 tonnes in the March 2016 quarter. All ore milled was taken from existing stockpiles. Planned maintenance activities at the mill impacted the quantity of ore milled during the quarter, relative to the March 2016 quarter.

During the June 2016 quarter, progressive rehabilitation of the Ranger Project Area continued with the dredging operations for transfer of tailings to Pit 3 demonstrating full capacity.

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### **CREDIT FACILITY**

On 29 April 2016, ERA announced that it had entered into a \$100 million credit facility agreement with Rio Tinto. The credit facility agreement provides additional assurance to stakeholders that rehabilitation of the Ranger Project Area can be fully funded in a range of business scenarios. The credit facility is compatible with a range of strategic options for the Company and can be terminated at any time.

### **STRATEGIC REVIEW**

On 4 May 2016, ERA announced that it had concluded the strategic review of its business. The review determined three near-term strategic priorities for the Company:

- Continue progressive rehabilitation of the Ranger Project Area and provide additional assurance to stakeholders that rehabilitation can be fully delivered and funded in a range of business scenarios;
- Maximise the generation of cash flow from the processing of stockpiled ore; and
- Preserve the option for the future development of Ranger 3 Deeps via ongoing care and maintenance of the Ranger 3 Deeps exploration decline and related infrastructure.

### **EXPLORATION AND EVALUATION**

No evaluation or exploration expenditure was incurred for the June 2016 quarter, in line with the March 2016 quarter.

The Ranger 3 Deeps Exploration Decline remains under care and maintenance.



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### **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 more than three decades. During that time, Ranger has produced in excess of 120,000 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.

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