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Event

NT Resources Week

When: 5-7 October 2011
Where: Darwin Convention Centre

Incorporating the region's two leading resource industry events 'SEAAOC' and 'Mining the Territory'.

ICN will be hosting a booth and look forward to meeting with Industry again this year.

Stats

September 2011*

Number of enquiries processed: 405

Total estimated value: \$849.78m

Number of NT companies nominated: 423

Number of new companies registered: 30

*Figures only for 1-29 Sept. 2011

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Marine Supply Base Consortium Announced

The ShoreASCO Consortium has been named the preferred bidder to build, own and operate Darwin's Marine Supply Base, marking which will help establish Darwin as a major oil and gas hub.

Exclusive commercial negotiations will now be undertaken with the ShoreASCO Consortium with a view to finalising contracts by the end of 2011

Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the consortium – which includes ASCO Holdings, Macmahon Contractors and Capella Capital – combines local, national and international expertise.

"ASCO Holdings is an international oil and gas logistics company with over 40 years' experience, with some 20 bases around the world providing services in the United States, United Kingdom, Norway, Trinidad, Canada

and Azerbaijan," Mr Henderson said.

In November 2010, ASCO Holdings purchased ShoreBase from the Shorelands Group. ShoreBase is a local provider of offshore and on-shore logistic support to the oil and gas sector. ShoreBase is now ShoreASCO and has formed a strategic alliance with Shorelands Group bringing a blend of international experience and local knowledge.

"This experience, combined with the local knowledge of other consortium members, such as Macmahon, who have worked on several large Territory projects, including a number of port related projects and the Tiger Brennan Drive Extension, will ensure Darwin has a world-class marine supply base."

The base, which will be built next to East Arm Wharf, is expected to be completed by the end of 2013 and will service oil and gas supply ships, known as rig tenders.

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ARAFURA RESOURCES

Arafura Resources has resumed work on its Nolans Bore Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which it hopes to lodge with the NT Government in June 2012.

It is proposed to establish an open pit mine at Nolans Bore on Aileron Station, with production expected to start in late 2014. The project is expected to mine about one million tonnes of ore a year over the next 20 years.

Initially, Darwin was the Company's preferred option for a processing site and Arafura received considerable support from the NT

Government. However, the Government has advised that it is unable to provide suitably located land and the amount of competitively priced power and water needed for the project. Arafura has now reached commercial agreement with OneSteel for the purchase of land in Whyalla.

The mine offers enormous economic benefits to the Territory, including regional infrastructure around Aileron, jobs and training for locals including Anmatjere people, and the sourcing of substantial services and supplies from the Alice Springs and Ti Tree regions.

For further information visit www.arafuraresources.com.au



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INPEX

ICN have processed 37 enquiries in the month of September with 43 NT companies nominated this month. The ICN is still receiving packages from INPEX and JKC for Australian capability as proposed FID approaches towards the end of this year.

It is anticipated that the NTG will grant a Field Development Plan and Production Licence in October 2011.

Shell

A planned supplier briefing in Darwin during October for the Prelude project may be postponed until Q1 of 2012 as Shell are working to allow for more defined Logistics and Infrastructure support requirements. Packages with specific relevance to NT business have been released during September on ICN Gateway and whilst these are now closed a number of NT companies have been put forward.

Falcon Oil & Gas

During September the ICN has handled a number of enquiries for Falcon Oil & Gas resulting in the nomination of a further 15 NT companies. These enquiries all relate to the Shanandoah # 1 project within the Beetaloo Basin. Falcon has already engaged with a good number of NT businesses and as their drilling and testing program intensifies there is likely to be a considerable rise in purchasing requirements

Vista Gold - Mt Todd

Vista Gold is currently completing its Definitive Feasibility Study into the Mt Todd Project and the ICN is engaged with one of Vistas contractors in identification of potential local suppliers. GHD Pty Ltd has been engaged as an independent consultant to undertake and Environmental Impact Survey to identify any potential environmental, social, cultural and economical impacts that reopening of the MT Todd Mine might have. Vista held a number of community information forums in late September in Katherine

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and Pine Creek to provide updated information to the local community.

Nexus

At a recent presentation given by Nexus a timeline for the Crux Liquids Project was provided with a potential FID announcement during Q2 of 2012 although the Project may be FID ready as early as Q4 of 2011.

Wood Group has been appointed to provide project management services and McDermott Asia Pacific has been appointed to provide project development engineering services.

The Field Development Plan is based on 4 subsea production wells and 4 subsea gas re-injection wells that will be tied back to a FPSO with approximately 10 years production life.

Source; FY2011 Results Presentation, Sydney & Melbourne, 5-6 September, 2011.

MRM/Xstrata

ICN is currently working with a Perth based project engineering company and providing identification of NT subcontractors to assist it with its involvement in the expansion program at MRM. The Perth company is shortly relocating staff to Darwin to work closely with MRM and local suppliers.

Marine Supply Base

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Timor-Leste Supply Chain Opportunities

A new e-procurement portal for Timor-Leste Government tenders has been developed and is now operational. Go to www.eprocurement.gov.tl and register for opportunities to be

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emailed to you. Details of awarded contracts can also be viewed which is a good sign of a developing tender process in Timor-Leste.

Darwin Prison

The NT Government announced in early September that the SeNTinel consortium, comprising Sitzler, Honeywell and Sinclair Knight Merz, are the preferred partner to construct the new Darwin Correction Precinct at Holtze.

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

Darwin Airport

The Darwin International Airport published the approved Minor Variation to the Darwin International Airport (DIA) Major Development Plan (MDP) for the proposed Terminal Expansion. The MDP process is the development consent process under the Airports Act 1996.

The federal Minister earlier approved a MDP for the expansion project however; the initial footprint has altered from expansion of the eastern end of the Terminal only to expansion at both ends of the Terminal.

Source: www.darwinairport.com.au

National Broadband Network (NBN)

The Optical Fibre Network has made its arrival up to major points of contact within Darwin. Local contractors are being engaged to connect and install the final stages of the network in Darwin's suburbs and commercial areas.

SIHIP

As at 31 August, work was complete in 41 communities and underway in 15 communities and a number of town camps across the Territory. More than 200 Indigenous people were employed in the delivery of SIHIP. Across the Territory 1709 refurbishments and rebuilds were complete and 47 were underway. A total of 345 new houses had been built and work was continuing on the construction of another 232.



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The ships supply offshore oil and gas rigs with everything from food and water to fuel and drilling equipment.

The project will employ in the order of 125 people at the peak of construction, create 54 ongoing jobs and support over 173 jobs in the broader economy.]

Chief Minister Paul Henderson said it was important for the Territory to be able to learn from other service centres around the world that have experienced rapid growth due to developments in the offshore oil and gas industry.

"I visited Aberdeen in Scotland earlier this year to learn about the city's journey from a small fishing town to one of the biggest oil and gas supply hubs in the world," Mr Henderson said.

"The Territory is on the cusp of something big, just as Aberdeen was in the 1970s, so it's important that we look to other countries and learn from their experiences."

A representative from the Aberdeen City Council will visit the Territory later this year to share their experiences with industry and government.

The marine supply base will address targets in the Territory Government's Territory 2030 Strategy.

Source: www.newsroom.nt.gov.au

october **BUSINESS** month

October Business Month (OBM) is a month long program of inspiring and motivational business events for Territory Business people. This is the 17th OBM, hosted by the Department of Business and Employment and will feature an exciting range of key note speakers and events aimed to provide Territory businesses with:

- Opportunities for professional development
- New management ideas
- Networking opportunities.

For more information including detailed event descriptions, costs and to register to attend events visit www.nt.gov.au/obm

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@icnt.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.

Snip'its from EnergyNewsBulletin.net

PTTEP has finished drilling the Cash-2 well in the Cash-Maple field in the Timor Sea, with a combined flow rate from two zones of 58 million cubic feet of gas per day and 1400 barrels of condensate per day. The results from the well would provide input data for pre-front end engineering design studies on a proposed floating LNG project, with FID due at the end of 2012.

GE Energy has landed contracts for Shell's Prelude floating LNG and QGC's Queensland Curtis LNG projects respectively, part of the more than \$US3 billion in new contracts it announced yesterday. GE will supply Technip, which along with Samsung Heavy Industries is building the ground-breaking FLNG facility for Shell, two steam turbine-driven compressors for Prelude.

Falcon Oil Gas Australia is getting to work at Shenandoah-1 in the Beetaloo Basin after flooding had held up the Canada-listed company. The flooding meant that it had to build up an access road plus undertake additional work at the wellsite to allow a rig to access the site. The rig is currently drilling out six cement plugs in the wellbore.

Snip'its from MiningNews.net

Thundelarra Exploration has made a new copper-silver discovery at the Hatrick prospect, part of the Allamber project in the Northern Territory.

Results included 19 metres at 1.94% copper and 9.7 grams per tonne of silver from 4m including 2m at 6.07% copper and 27gpt of silver.

AUSTRALIA has renewed appeal for mining and petroleum companies, according to the results of the 2011 RESOURCESTOCKS magazine World Risk Survey. Australia ranked as the seventh country in terms of its attractiveness for resources operation and investment. It was a huge step up from the 2010 survey, where the country finished in 26th spot.

Junior producer **Tanami Gold** has received further high-grade results from its Central Tanami project in the NT. The best result from the earlier stage Hurricane deposit was 30.2m at 3.8gpt from 144m including 6m at 5.3gpt and 5.2m at 10.1gpt. There are still 30 historical open pits at the project yet to be tested.



From the ATO

The ATO Online Small Business Forum was launched as a three month pilot on 21 September, creating a unique opportunity for small businesses to interact directly with senior ATO staff, share experiences and views, and also hear from other small businesses facing similar tax challenges.

The forum will give members access to quick polls, surveys, discussion boards, webinars and online presentations.

Visit www.ato.gov.au for further information.

R&D Tax Incentive

The Australian Government has passed the R&D Tax Incentive legislation, commencing 1 July, 2011.

The R&D Tax Incentive is a major part of the Australian Government's commitment to boost industry investment in research and development (R&D) activities.

It provides a tax offset to support Australian companies to be more innovative, productive and competitive in the global marketplace. As part of the commencement of the R&D Tax Incentive, AusIndustry and the ATO are holding a series of public information sessions.

When: 6 October
Where: Darwin Convention Centre

For further info contact the AusIndustry Hotline on 13 28 46.

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Triodia Consultancy provides project management and specialised training services for community gardening, landscaping, horticultural and native vegetation management projects. Triodia's owner, Don Duggan provides a unique service. He is an Aboriginal person wishing to pass on his decades of experience and skills in land management. He is widely known across northern Australia as a mentor for other Aboriginal people with an ability to effectively engage young Aboriginal people in vegetation based work.

Don developed the program "Show me how 2" to provide specialised training services to increase employment opportunities for students in horticulture, conservation and land management and for parks and garden steams and indigenous ranger groups.

In one of the recent Show me how 2 projects, Triodia provided training to youth participants in Nungalinga Colleges Horticulture Initiative Program. Don developed a garden project and trained students in plant identification, seed collection, nursery establishment, plant propagation and gardening techniques.



Don also supervised and trained the Warlpiri Rangers at Yuendumu in developing a landscaping project at their office premises. He also provided training to the Wulain Rangers at Lajamanu in plant identification, nursery construction and maintenance and plant propagation skills.

Show me how 2 provides more than a training service. Don's ability to connect with his clients enables him to provide mentoring, motivation and other community development services.

Info for Business...

Woman in Global Business

The Women in Global Business program invite you to the fifth 'Women in Global Business' Speaker Series. Join them for this half-day seminar to hear from prominent business women who have succeeded internationally.

When: 13 October 2011
Where: Theatre at the Museum & Art Gallery of the NT
Cost: \$65 per person

For further information contact Austrade on 1300 668 296

Construction Snapshot | June 2011 Figures Now Available

Construction Snapshot is published by the Department of Construction and Infrastructure to provide an overview of Construction Industry activity greater than \$1 million in the Northern Territory.

Input and feedback is encouraged by contacting the Construction Snapshot Project team on e.

Constructionsnapshot.dci@nt.gov.au or p. (08) 8924 7300. Construction Snapshot is produced on a quarterly basis and available from www.nt.gov.au/constructionsnapshot



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	TBA
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

