

NT Newsletter



February edition: Surprise Oil Field Go Ahead, Ichthys Offshore Logistics Base, Shell Prelude, Lignol Energy, Central Petroleum, Rum Jungle Resources, Armour Energy, Thor Mining, APA Group, Ichthys, JKC award, Redline Plumbing, NT Resources Week 2014, Supplier Diversity in the Northern Territory, Review of the Air Warfare Destroyer Program, Upgrade to Defence ICT System, Reform of Building Regulation in the NT

Top story

Surprise Oil Field Go Ahead

The NT Government has issued its first production licence in over 32 years this month.

Minister for Mines and Energy, Willem Westra Van Holthe, has signed off on a production licence for Central Petroleum's Surprise Field oil project, valued at \$25 million.

Mr Westra van Holthe said that that today was a milestone in the Territory's history.

"Central Petroleum has today been offered a 25 year licence to start the production phase of their operation. This is regional development in action," Mr Westra van Holthe said.

Managing Director of Central Petroleum, Richard Cottee, said the production licence was an important milestone not only for Central Petroleum but also for the Territory and the Traditional Owners.

"We look forward to increasing involvement in the Northern

Territory and will endeavour to have a positive impact on the lives of the Traditional Owners on whose land our facilities are being built," Mr Cottee said.

"We are hopeful that all of the facilities required for the long term production of Surprise will be fully operational by the week of 10th March 2014.

"We believe that this milestone heralds the start of an exciting new chapter in the development of what should be a substantial oil and gas industry for the Northern Territory. "Central thanks the Minister and his department together with the Central Land Council and the Traditional Owners they represent for the thorough and constructive approach they took in approving this first onshore licence in 30 years."

The Surprise Field discovery is located to the West of Alice Springs, near Kintore.

Source: newsroom.nt.gov.au

Stats

February 2014*

Number of enquiries received: **330**

Total estimated value: **\$25.5 million**

Number of NT nominations: **605**

Number of new NT company profiles: **13**

*Figures for 1–27 February 2014 inclusive.

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Welcome

Just a reminder that the operations and maintenance packages associated with both the Ichthys and Shell Prelude projects are starting to appear on ICN Gateway. We have also listed GDF Suez' Bonaparte FLNG project on ICN Gateway and, although early days yet, we would expect operations and maintenance opportunities to appear at a later stage.

Notwithstanding other opportunities relating to operating projects such as Conoco Phil's Bayu-Undan, ENI's Blacktip and Kitan and PTTEP's Montara, operations and maintenance around the oil & gas industry is clearly going to provide an underpinning for local industry going forward, as is the case in the construction phase, companies will

have to assess their willingness to undertake the high expectations associated with this industry.

The opportunities outlined above relate only to offshore projects. The prospects onshore across the Territory in conventional and unconventional (shale) prospects give added impetus to companies giving consideration to such items as accreditation and safety standards.

Kevin Peters,
Chief Executive Officer



Projects

Ichthys Offshore Logistics Base now live on ICN Gateway! Visit ichthysoffshorelogisticsbase.icn.org.au to submit your EOI against packages listed for this contract.

Shell Prelude is currently in the construction and operations planning phase. A new operations package has been released via ICN Gateway for provision of supply chain operations services. The complete package has also been broken down into six (6) parts with EOIs closing 14 March 2014. Visit shellpreludeflng.icn.org.au to view details of this package and submit your EOI.

Canada-based **Lignol Energy** has announced a joint venture agreement with Dubai investment company Milio International to support the restart of its Darwin biodiesel plant. Lignol recently took full control of Australian biofuel technology company Territory Biofuels. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) has been signed between the partners which will see funds assisting the supply of 1,500 tonnes of feedstock for the start-up of the Darwin plant. Further funding will follow from Milio for the acquisition of up to 10,000 tonnes of feedstock to assist the plant to achieve a commercial campaign.

Source: energybusinessnews.com.au

Central Petroleum Ltd announced this month it has signed an agreement to purchase the material onshore assets of Magellan Petroleum Australia

consisting primarily of the Palm Valley and Dingo fields near Alice Springs for \$35m. Source: centralpetroleum.com.au

Commissioning of **Central Petroleum's** Surprise West production pump is underway in the Northern Territory after heavy rains let up, allowing access to the site for the required work over of the rig.

Source: energynewspremium.net

Armour Energy has undertaken a range of strategic initiatives to reduce its general and administrative cash expenditure by approx. \$1.2 million per annum to free up funds for its projects.

Source: energynewspremium.net

Tungsten and gold-focused developer **Thor Mining** has completed the exploration and evaluation expenditures necessary to acquire an additional 29% of the Spring Hill gold project in the Northern Territory. It will represent the final stage in the acquisition of an 80% equity holding in the project from **Western Desert Resources**.

Source: miningnewspremium.net

Rum Jungle Resources has increased its Karinga Lakes potash resource in the Northern Territory as prefeasibility work by a Chinese partner begins to advance the project. The Karinga Lakes brine resource now stands at 8.4 million tonnes of potassium sulphate, with more than 70% in the measured and indicated categories.

Source: miningnewspremium.net

Request for tender (RFT) for the residential maintenance services panel, trades group one, **Katherine**. RFT's are invited from suitably experienced and qualified service providers for the provision of: asbestos assessing and removal, blind cleaning, floor covering, floor covering cleaning, grounds maintenance, gutter cleaning, landscaping, painting, property cleaning, smoke alarm maintenance, sprinkler services, tree surgery, waterproofing, and window furnishing. Tender documents can be found by visiting tenders.gov.au ATM ID: DHA-H0-14-204 RFT closes: 27 March 2014

Tenders are sought for the **cleaning** of the **Alice Springs Child Care Centre**, in the CBD.

Requirements include:

Maintaining a high standard of effective cleaning practices.

Contact Shelley Forbes p. 08 8952 4188 or e. asccc12@bigpond.com.au for further information. Applications close Friday 14 March 2014

The NT government has welcomed **APA Group's** \$1 billion-plus proposal to build a gas pipeline linking the NT to the east coast – with APA committing \$2 million to a feasibility study so far.

"This is exciting news for the development of northern Australia," NT Chief Minister Adam Giles said..

Source: energynewspremium.net

Ichthys

As at 27 February 2014, 18,079 company expressions of interest had been received for the Ichthys project, NT companies had received 14,448 nominations and total ANZ nominations were at 20,773.

There are currently 786 packages marked as Awarded on ICN Gateway with 10 new Ichthys work package listed in February.

JKC have awarded the Mechanical sub-contract for the Ichthys Project

Engineering contractor Monadelphous Group has been awarded a \$680 million construction contract at Inpex's Ichthys liquefied natural gas project.

Monadelphous will undertake piping, mechanical and structural steel works at the projects onshore supply base in Darwin.

businessnews.com.au

Kentz Corporation Limited, the holding company of the Kentz engineering and construction group, disclosed Wednesday the award of a \$640 million contract to the UGL Kentz JV for the structural, mechanical and piping (SMP) construction package for the Ichthys Project Onshore LNG Facilities in Darwin, Australia.

Source: rigzone.com



Company showcase

Redline Plumbing

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Redline Plumbing started business in August 2007 as a one man operation catering for everyday plumbing needs. They have since grown to a team of 33 completing complex civil and plumbing works, including being engaged on the Ichthys project.

Seeing the potential for growth, Redline purchased a fleet of heavy machinery in 2008 including a new 5 tonne excavator, bobcat, float trailer and tip truck. Choosing to continue to work on new housing and extensions saw them steadily growing in staff numbers and combined with the new equipment, ultimately made a move into minor civil works.

Towards the end of 2010, Redline took on an exciting opportunity with Territory Alliance engaging the company for works in Gunbalanya under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Project (SIHIP). This contract provided Redline the opportunity they needed to start their own Civil Construction section.

2011 saw another significant award for the company where they landed their biggest contract yet with Halikos Constructions. The project consisted of 99 new 2 storey houses at Larrakeyah Naval Base, Redline performed the complete domestic plumbing package from underground drains to hot and cold water installations through fit out and commissioning.

Redline's most recent opportunity started in 2012 when they were awarded their biggest and most exciting civil project to date; the gravity and sewer rising main for the Ichthys project (village) at Howard Springs. Mid 2013 saw Redline's involvement with the project increase further again as they were then engaged to carry out the plumbing works on the new ready mix concrete plant at the Blaydin Point site.

The business is proud to have been able to meet the requirements of a demanding oil & gas project and have since moved into new premises to accommodate the company's continuing growth.



Upcoming events

6th Annual NT Resources Week 2014

Held annually, NT Resources Week sees the South East Asia Australia Offshore & Onshore Conference (SEAAOC) run alongside the Mining the Territory Conference. The event brings together leading personnel in mining, exploration, engineering, oil and gas to meet and discuss the latest developments and happenings in the regions of Northern Australia and South East Asia.

2014 will see the inaugural Building the Territory Conference form part of NT Resources Week.

Further information can be found by visiting ntresourcesweek.com.au

Supplier Diversity in the Northern Territory

Supply Nation is pleased to announce that on 13 March 2014, they will be hosting their first networking event of the year, 'Supplier Diversity in the Northern Territory'.

[Click here](#) to find out more and register for this event



Supply Nation are also hosting their annual Connect 2014 - Conference, Indigenous Business Tradeshow and Gala Dinner Awards Night.

The event will bring together corporate and government buyers with Certified Suppliers focused on growing and developing business opportunities and relationships.

[Click here to find out more](#)

Don't forget—the **Safety in Action** conference is at the Darwin Convention Centre March 19.

Further information on this event can be found by visiting safetyinaction.net.au/darwin/

Becoming a showcase company

Interested in being a showcase company? Is your business located within the Northern Territory? Has your business recently been involved in an **exciting** or **innovative** project? Or have you **increased your capability** in order to broaden your contracting opportunities? If so, we would like to 'Showcase' your business in an upcoming Newsletter. Please call or email Elena to discuss on p. 08 8922 9434 or e. elena.tsangari@icnnt.org.au

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



Info for business

Review of the Air Warfare Destroyer Program

In December 2013 the Government announced its intention to investigate issues within the Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) Program through a review.

This month the Government announced that an independent review will be jointly conducted by former United States Secretary of Navy, Professor Don Winter, and former Transfield chief, Dr John White.

It is expected the outcomes of the review will be presented to Government for consideration around mid-year.

Source: financeminister.gov.au

Upgrade to Defence ICT System affects Treaty application forms - Wednesday 19th February 2014

Defence upgraded the ICT systems used by the US Trade Treaty team on Wednesday 19 February 2014. The upgrade updates the existing Treaty application forms as follows:

- Defence Client Registration Form - replaces v2.1 with v2.2
- Application to join the Australian Community (Non-Government) - replaces v2.0 with v2.1
- Application to Transition an Article into the Treaty - replaces v2.0 with v2.1
- Application to become an Intermediate Consignee— replaces v2.0 with v2.1

From Thursday 20 February, only the updated forms will be accepted. New forms are now available via defence.gov.au/ustradetreaty/resources.htm

Reform of Building Regulation in the Northern Territory Post Moratorium Invitation to Comment

The NT Government has released for comment a Discussion Paper on reforms to the Building Control system in the NT.

The Discussion Paper outlines a number of potential reforms to provide alternate pathways to building certification; to increase capacity within the building certification industry to carry out certification services; and changes to existing compliance requirements to build a culture of compliance in the community. Interested parties are encouraged to provide comments and submissions on the issues raised in the Discussion Paper so that the views of the building industry and the wider community are available to Government when determining reform options.

A copy of the Discussion Paper and a Frequently Asked Questions Sheet is available for download on the Building Advisory Services website at nt.gov.au/building.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 4 April, 2014

Feedback requested on options to improve Chain of Responsibility Regime

Australians interested in improving the effectiveness of the Chain of Responsibility regime under the Heavy Vehicle National Law have been invited to comment on an options paper released this month.

The options paper has been developed by a joint industry and government taskforce appointed by the Council on Transport and Infrastructure (COTI) to help identify potential improvements to the regime.

The paper draws on submissions responding to an issues paper released last year. Feedback and options provided by stakeholders about particular issues are summarised and the benefits and risks of adopting each option under the HVN are broadly analysed. The paper does not reflect any final views of the taskforce.

Source: ntc.gov.au

International Women's Day Breakfast

Women's Network NT invites you and your friends to attend a breakfast to celebrate International Women's Day.

With guest speaker Emeritus Professor MaryAnn Bin-Sallik.

When: Friday 7 March, 2014

Time: 6.45 am for 7.00 am start – 8.30 am

Where: DoubleTree by Hilton, 116 The Esplanade, Darwin NT

Cost: Members \$35 / Non-Members \$50

Visit womensnetworknt.com for further information

Nominations are open for the 2014 Telstra Business Awards!

The awards program celebrates business success by bringing the country's best entrepreneurs and innovators together. The awards operate in every state and territory and are open to all Australian small and medium businesses to enter, offering five award categories.

Nominations must be submitted by midnight (AEST) on Monday 31 March 2014

Nominate today at telstrabusinessawards.com/nominate

Nominations Open for NT Training Awards

The NT Training Awards are the Department of Business annual premier event recognising training excellence and achievements by Territory businesses, training organisations, apprentices, trainees, trainers and students.

For further information on the awards and how to nominate, visit trainingawards.nt.gov.au and join the Facebook page at facebook.com/NTTrainingAwards



In the news

The Alice Springs Airport is rolling out the second stage of its renewable energy strategy with an expansion of its solar power station.

Construction on the new 325kw photovoltaic system commenced this month. The project, valued at \$1.9 million, includes the installation of steel structures that will serve the dual purpose of mounting the solar panels and providing shaded, premium car parking.

Local company Sitzler has been appointed as contractor for the project, which is expected to be opened in June.

Source: alicespringsnews.com.au

This month marked a historic day for Territory trade with the official signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam's largest city and economic centre.

Source: newsroom.nt.gov.au

New CEO for Barkley Council

The newly appointed Barkly Regional Council (BRC) CRO is six weeks into the job.

Dr Edwina Marks, the first female CEO in the Council's 35 year history, replaces David Scoobridge who left last October.

BRC President Barb Shaw welcomed Dr Marks, noting she brings a solid background in senior management in retail finance, health and local government to the position.

Source: *Tennant & District Times*, 14 Feb 2014

National stats

ICN Gateway listings and wins

Snapshot of activity for the quarter, July – September 2013



Northern Territory trade volumes surge

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has today published a new report: Australia's Trade by State and Territory 2012-13; which provides a complete statistical guide to exports and imports of goods and services for each state and territory.

The Northern Territory's rate of trade growth stood out in 2012-13, with both export and import volumes up more than 15 per cent on the previous year. Exports volumes from Western Australia and Queensland also grew strongly, up 9 per cent and 6 per cent, respectively.

Source: dfat.gov.au

Case study

The US\$34 billion Ichthys LNG project has great opportunities for Australian small to medium enterprises (SMEs). ICN has helped many Australian businesses in winning work on this major project, including Peddle Thorp WKM, which won a contract to design off-plant buildings and Ahrens, who successfully won a contract to construct 10 buildings for the project's Manigurr-ma Village at Howard Springs, Darwin.

There are plenty more success stories to tell, including that of Process Group, an Australian company that supplies technical solutions such as packaged process systems and process trains for the oil and gas production, refining, petrochemical and carbon capture industries.

Samsung Heavy Industries (SHI) is the engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contractor for the Ichthys project's Central Processing Facility (CPF). ICN identified Process Group as a potential vendor to work on the CPF package and nominated them to SHI. Through this, Process Group made it onto the SHI-approved vendor list.

The CPF will gather natural gas and condensate from the Ichthys field's subsea wells. The gas will be initially processed at the CPF to extract condensate and water, making the gas suitable for transmission through the gas export pipeline to the onshore processing facilities at Blaydin Point, Darwin.

Once ICN identified and nominated Process Group as having the capability, they tendered for and subsequently won the \$20 million contract for the triethylene glycol dehydration (TEG) regeneration package on the CPF.

Kevin Peters, CEO, ICN Northern Territory, explains how ICN helped Process Group in accessing the Ichthys project. 'We directly researched, sourced and assessed manufacturers and service providers for SHI and through this knew that Process Group would be a good fit for the project'.

To read more ICN case studies, please visit

icn.org.au/case_studies_list



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