

NT Newsletter



July edition: Shell Australia, **ABB**, Twin Bonanza Gold Project, **Barkly project**, Dingo Gas Field, **Whiteley-1**, Jervois, **Toms Gully**, Molyhil tungsten mine, **Hidden Valley racetrack**, Police Station in Alice Springs, **Mt Peake**, Maluka Views, **Ichthys**, Aldebaran Contracting, **Brolga Awards**, NT Training Awards, **NT Major Projects Conference**, Corrosion & Prevention 2014, **Skills, Employment and Careers Expo**, NT Resources Week, **OAQ Group Pty Ltd**, In the news, **Feature international**, SSMD and more..

Top story

Santos to Proceed with Strategically Focused Southern Amadeus JV

Central Petroleum Limited has announced that Santos has elected to proceed to Stage 2 of an amended Southern Amadeus Joint Venture with Central under terms that will allow the JV to give priority to spending on areas of highest prospectivity. It's expected that Santos will determine its position regarding further Mt Kitty testing and its commitment to the North West Mereenie joint venture by around the end of August.

Central has now regained 100% ownership of the Ooraminna Gas Discovery in RLs 3 & 4 which will form a hub of future opportunities to be pursued after the successful conclusion of a further gas sales contract. Central sees great strategic merit in regaining control of RLs 3 & 4, particularly where RL3 is a mere 10km from Central's recently acquired the Dingo Gas Field and 50km Dingo Pipeline currently under construction.

Central and Santos have concurred that the prospectivity of

the Southern Amadeus has been confirmed by the results of Mt Kitty and the 1,587km of 2D seismic acquired during Phase 1 of the farmout. As a result, an additional 300km of seismic has been added to the current 1,000km of 2D seismic earmarked for the more prospective Southern Amadeus following Central and Santos' election not to proceed as a joint venture in the Pedirka Basin (EPs 93 & 97).

The Santos farmout Stage 2 will therefore result in a further 1,300km of 2D seismic being acquired in the Southern Amadeus area (estimated to cost around \$12 Million) earning Santos 40% participating interest in the permits listed in the attached schedule (the "Southern Amadeus Joint Venture").

Central has been able to temporarily suspend its permit work commitments in the Pedirka Basin to enable it to negotiate a more targeted acreage holding in that Basin.

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Stats

July 2014*

Number of enquiries returned: **426**

Total estimated value: \$ **129.272 million**

Number of NT nominations: **1095**

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

*Figures for 1– 31 July 2014 inclusive.

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Welcome

I've made the point previously that ICN cannot create work - we do pursue project proponents with the hope that when opportunities do arise local businesses are given a reasonable chance to tender for work.

I can assure you we are visiting project offices in Perth, Sydney, Adelaide, Canberra (where I sit as I write this), Brisbane and Melbourne to pursue project opportunities in a variety of industries.

Timing is always going to be critical as to when these opportunities materialise, but we are working on ensuring ICN is strategically placed with these proponents prior to project commencement.

In our last newsletter I mentioned issues relating specifically to Darwin, this is always risky when considering those south of the so-called 'Berrimah line'. To the uninitiated this refers to Berrimah Rd, Berrimah which, in days long gone, was deemed to be the outer-most point of Darwin and all 'outside' of that

argued that they were not getting equal the attention of those 'inside'.

Of course, the activity has spread beyond Berrimah Rd and Palmerston itself is a thriving centre immediately to Darwin's south. There is no lack of activity around Howard Springs, Humpty Doo and even Coolalinga for that matter.

Whilst we hear of the 'two speed' economy in the north, it compares well with our regional areas which are experiencing some very difficult times. It's an issue the Government is well aware of and equally so too the ICN which finds itself coming into focus at times like this.

We are being strategic in the proponents being targeted and believe there is opportunity for those businesses inland. The unknown is when those opportunities will materialise, but I can assure you, when they do, ICN will promote them, and you.

Kevin Peters, Chief Executive Officer



Projects

Shell Australia has launched a dedicated search and rescue (SAR) helicopter service to support the offshore oil and gas industry in the Kimberley – the first of its kind in Australia.

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Power and automation technology group ABB is to become **Shell's global single-source supplier** of low-voltage switchgear, motor control centres and related services. The five-year agreement has an optional five-year extension component and covers the sales, support and service of low-voltage switchgear and motor control centres adhering to global standards in electric motor control.

Source: energynewsbulletin.net

Imperial Oil & Gas has announced that the NT Government, through the Geological Survey has awarded them with co-funding of \$100,000 for the EP184 St Vidgeon Core Drilling Program.

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ABM Resources has announced that it has received approval for mining at Old Pirate (**Twin Bonanza Gold Project**) in the NT from the Australian Government Department of the Environment.

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Blaze International Ltd has encountered "Ounce Grade Gold with High Grade Copper and Bismuth" mineralisation at its **Barkly project** located in the Tennant Creek mineral field in the NT.

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Central Petroleum Limited has announced the Dingo Pipeline Licence No. 30 (PL30) had been agreed and the Department of Mines and Energy also approved the **Dingo Gas Field Preliminary Field Development Plan** and the Dingo Gas Field Preliminary Reservoir Management Plan.

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Central Petroleum Limited has advised that drilling commenced Sunday, 20 July 2014 at the **Whiteley-1** unconventional gas exploration well in ATP912 of the Southern Georgina Basin.

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Resource extension drilling of near surface mineralisation north of the Green Parrot deposit has intersected the highest copper grade ever recorded in drilling at **Jervois**.

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Primary Gold Limited has advised that assays for the first nine holes of the **Toms Gully** drill programme, announced on 13 May 2014, have returned further high grade results.

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An updated Ore Reserve Statement of 3.0 million tonnes @ 0.31% tungsten tri-oxide and 0.12% molybdenum has been announced by Thor Mining for its wholly-owned proposed **Molyhil tungsten mine** in the NT.

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The first stage of the NT Government's \$9.6 million upgrade to the **Hidden Valley racetrack** in Darwin is underway with Downer Group currently

undertaking the resurfacing works at the facility. An additional \$4.27 million will be provided by the Territory Government for further upgrades in 2014-15 to upgrade sewerage, toilet blocks and drainage and redesign Turn One of the Hidden Valley circuit.

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Asbuilt NT has won the \$8 million contract to build Arlparra's brand new **Police Station in Alice Springs**.

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Hyundai Steel Co., Ltd, and ferro-vanadium giant WOOJIN signed a non-binding development MoU with TNG in relation to its **Mt Peake** project.

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Development approval has been given to construct a \$50 million hotel that will form Stage One of the **Maluka Views** development right in the heart of the Palmerston CBD.

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Ostojic has won the contract to build a \$24 million **rail overpass** on the Stuart Highway in Alice Springs. Early works and site preparation have already started, with construction of the overpass to begin next month.

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*Do you know about the **Business Growth program**?*

For full details about this funding program, please visit the [Department of Business](#) website, or speak with a Department of Business [Client Manager](#).

Ichthys

As at 31 July 2014, 18,465 company expressions of interest had been received for the Ichthys project, NT companies had received 16,605 nominations and total ANZ nominations were at 23,225.

There are currently 847 packages marked as Awarded on ICN Gateway with 2 new Ichthys work package listed in July.

The hull of the INPEX-operated Ichthys LNG Project's floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) facility was launched this month from the dry dock at the Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering (DSME) shipyard in Okpo, South Korea. The launch saw the 336-metre-long hull – equivalent to more than three football fields in length – floated out of the dry dock and positioned quayside where construction will continue. [Read more >>](#)

The Ichthys LNG Project is preparing for the next phase of its construction effort in Darwin, following the unloading of its first large pre-fabricated module. Modules will be used to construct the Project's LNG processing facilities at Bladin Point. [Read more >>](#)



Company showcase

Aldebaran Contracting

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Aldebaran Contracting (Aldebaran) has been operating since March 2008, Directors Daniel and Jacqueline Skewes have a long history in the Earthmoving and Construction industry in the Northern Territory having previously owned and operated other business's.

Aldebaran based at Acacia Creek in Darwin's rural area has experienced steady growth over the last 6 years, tripling staff numbers and accumulating an extensive fleet of earthmoving equipment over that time.

In 2013, Aldebaran was awarded the Mataranka pipeline project. The project was to design and construct approximately 6.5km of a DN150PVC-O PN16 rising main from the bore compound, 6km's North of Mataranka to the storage compound in Mataranka. Aldebaran purchased a Vermeer T755 Commander 3 Track Trencher to carry out trenching works for this project. With 60,000 lbs/27,215 kg of tractive force on the ground and a boom depth of up to 3 metres, this machine was the highlight of the project for the company.

On Friday 20 June 2014, the Civil Contractors Federation (CCF) of the Northern Territory held their annual Earth Awards. These awards are specifically aimed at recognising and rewarding excellence in Civil Construction. Aldebaran Contracting won their categories Earth Award for the Mataranka pipeline project.

In addition to the Earth Award, Danny Skewes' 30 years of experience in the industry was acknowledged when he was presented the 2014 NT Business Development Award on the same night.

Aldebaran now moves on to the national awards being held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on 22 October 2014.

Aldebaran is continuously improving operations and, most recently, recognised the importance of accreditation. Over the last two years they've been developing their management system with the intention of working towards federal accreditation to allow more scope in their ability to tender for work.

Late last year Aldebaran achieved AS 4801 OH&S accreditation and this month achieved their Federal Safety Certification, with audits for ISO 9001 Quality and ISO 14001 Environmental scheduled for later this year.



Upcoming events



2014

BROLGA
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Nominations open for 2014 Brolga Awards

The Brolga Northern Territory Tourism Awards recognise and encourage tourism businesses that strive for excellence in every area of their operation. The awards program is open to tourism businesses, industry suppliers and outstanding individuals, who prepare a submission in response to a series of strict criteria that measure business excellence.

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The NT Training Awards have seen record entries this year. The awards are the Department of Business annual premier event recognising training excellence and achievements by Territory businesses, training organisations, apprentices, trainees, trainers and students.

[Click here](#) to view the 2014 Award Finalists

Tickets for the awards are on sale until 27 August. Visit trainingawards.nt.gov.au for further information

The 5th Annual NT Major Projects Conference, will be held on the **22 and 23 October** at the Darwin Convention Centre. Supported by the Northern Territory Government, The NT Major Projects Conference continues to be the largest major projects and infrastructure conference held in the Territory, with over 400 delegates attending annually.

Visit ntconference.com.au for more information

Corrosion & Prevention 2014 will be held at the Darwin Convention Centre from 21-24 September 2014 with premium networking opportunities and a source for the latest information concerning corrosion and its mitigation.

Visit acaconference.com.au for further information



The Skills, Employment and Careers Expo is a one-stop-shop for anyone seeking to explore tertiary studies, training, job and career options.

Events are being held in Katherine, Darwin, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs and Nhulunbuy through August.

[Click here](#) to find out more



Good news story

| In the news

OAQ Group Pty Ltd

Jason Lee, the Managing Director of the Darwin branch of the OAQ Group has watched his initial fleet of 10 vehicles; expand to a fleet of 110, 4wds and 50 trucks through the All States Truck and Commercial Rentals within 6 months of the business opening for operation in the Northern Territory and growing daily.

“We currently have approximately 30% of our vehicles supplied to major contractors on the Ichthys project. Supplying services to a diverse range including Mining, Civil, Oil & Gas, Pipeline & Construction industries allows OAQ to offer the latest model vehicles that are maintained, serviced and fitted out to almost any requirement” says Jason. Providing service where service is needed.

With the OAQ head office in Toowoomba, the company realised the growth that was occurring in Darwin and as a group OAQ made the decision to expand and establish a local Northern Territory branch to take give current, and future projects, the opportunity to quality hire vehicles.

“Opportunities to get involved in the Ichthys project came about through a variety of avenues including the ICN. OAQ had liaised with ICN in other states, so when we established in Darwin, it made sense to make contact with the local office to see what opportunities were happening around the Territory”

Jason transferred from the OAQ All States Toowoomba Branch and has returned to the Territory with his young family back to Darwin after leaving the Northern Territory 15 years ago, after the Australia day floods in 1998. He has been in and around trucks and 4x4's for 25yrs so there is very little he can't help you with.

“Last of all I would like to thank the ICN for their support and acknowledgement of what the OAQ Group, and All States Truck and Commercial Rentals has bought to the Territory, and encourage other company's to take the time and opportunity for the ICN to show you their capabilities and strengths, with a level of recognition not just in the Territory but on a National basis, keep up the great work ICN.”

The Northern Territory remains the key focus in the development of Northern Australia with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) being signed between Defence Housing Australia (DHA) and the NT Government covering the future release of land in the Lee Point area.

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Former Chief Minister of the NT and key advisor to the Abu Dhabi Government Denis Burke has been appointed as the Chair of the Northern Territory's Development Consent Authority (DCA) for a two year term after a formal application process.

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Vista Gold Corp. Announces Filing of Final Short Form Base Shelf Prospectus and Amendment of Shelf Registration Statement.

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A Director of Territory Resources has shot down media reports that the Frances Creek iron ore mine is shutting down. Noble Group iron ore head Ben Stewart told MiningNews.net this afternoon that an ABC Rural report recently that signalled the imminent end of Frances Creek was inaccurate. But he did confirm that the operation, 200km south of Darwin, was under review and the company wasn't holding out hope of an iron ore price rebound

Source: miningnews.net

Master Builders Australia and the Australian Institute of Architects have today launched a new cost-plus contract form which merges two preferred contract forms into one. The new cost-plus contract for commercial use merges the commission contract, and the fixed fee contract.

Source: constructionindustrynews.net

The Department of Defence has begun awarding \$9 billion of support services contracts for maintenance at its bases across the country. A total of 10 contracts are expected to be awarded, with the first five signed last week with UGL Services, Aurecon Australia, Transfield Services, Veolia Environmental Services and Wilson Security.

Source: constructionindustrynews.net

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- 53,000 + employees
- Operates worldwide across 52 countries
- 200 + locations around the world
- Headquarters in Sydney, Australia

Since 1970, UGL has grown from being a Western Australian-based resources construction business to a diverse, multinational outsourced services company. UGL's engineering business is a leading provider of engineering, construction and maintenance services with a diversified end-market exposure across the core sectors of rail, transport & technology systems, water, power, resources and defence, balanced by a leading operations and maintenance capability.

UGL currently have contracts with the Ichthys Project - a joint venture with CH2M Hill for the Combined Cycle Power Plant and a joint venture with Kentz in the Mechanical Package 1 (MEC1).

Find out more at uglimited.com



The **Services, Suppliers and Manufacturers Directory (SSMD)** is now open for registrations for the 2014/2015 printed directory.

The SSMD is a commercial publication with many of its 7,000 copies distributed to local, interstate and international trade shows and Expos, State and Territory Government procurement officers, delegations and major corporate organisations in mining, freight, logistics, oil and gas, tourism, agriculture, and more.

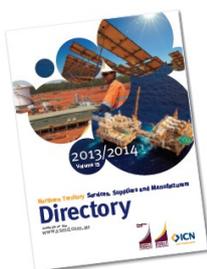
The directory is available in print and online at chambernt.com.au

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Artwork deadline is 22 August 2014



Draft Darwin Regional Land Use Plan 2014



The NT Planning Commission has released its Draft Darwin Regional Land Use Plan for public comment.

The draft plan covers a broad range of planning issues including future residential, commercial and industrial developments.

The draft Plan will be exhibited between 23 July and 1 September 2014.

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P.S.

We're on the look out for information to include in upcoming newsletters!

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Speak to Elena to discuss via phone 08 8922 9434 or email elena.tsangari@icnnt.org.au

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