

The **Investment Services Unit** is a part of the Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development.

We promote growth in businesses supporting the Mining, Oil and Gas, and Manufacturing Industries.

To achieve this:

We actively work with the Northern Territory Industry Capability Network, Chamber of Commerce NT, Northern Territory Minerals Council, other agencies and our extensive network of connections throughout Australia and internationally to:

- Identify business opportunities
- Engage proponents on local content issues
- Communicate and promote business opportunities
- Promote the Northern Territory as a Supply and Service Centre
- Attract new investors and businesses to expand capabilities and capacity
- Foster alliances
- Build the skills base within local business

These activities support the Government's two key initiatives for industry development in the Territory:

1. Making It in the Territory
2. Building Northern Territory Industry Participation



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DEPARTMENT OF
BUSINESS ECONOMIC AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Growing **Mining** and **Petroleum Support** in Australia's **Northern Territory**

Our team is ready to help you win business in the Mining and Petroleum Industries

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The Oil and Gas Industry in the Timor Sea and surrounding areas is booming.

Oil and gas production has emerged as a significant and rapidly growing opportunity for Territory based businesses.

Major projects, such as the recently completed ConocoPhillips' Darwin LNG plant are contributing to the need to grow the capacity and capability range of the supply and service industry in the Northern Territory.

Future petroleum exploration work committed up to 2010 reflects the growing interest in the areas administered by the Northern Territory and includes:

- Offshore - Anticipated expenditure in excess of A\$500 million comprising; drilling of 37 wells and acquiring 6100 kilometres of 2D and 5669 square kilometres of 3D seismic data.
- Onshore - Anticipated expenditure of A\$38 million comprising; drilling of 22 wells and acquiring 2230 kilometres of 2D seismic data.

Other developments include the Blacktip field and onshore gas processing plant, Bonaparte gas pipeline, helium plant and condensate refinery projects.



The Mining Industry in the Northern Territory is growing

The Northern Territory has a strong mining industry, representing 20 percent of Gross State Product (GSP), employing 4600 people and has a annual gross value of over \$3billion.

A range of minerals and metals are produced including; gold, uranium, diamonds, vermiculite, manganese, zinc and bauxite.

Significant mine expansions are either underway or under consideration at:

- Alcan Gove (Bauxite / Alumina)
- McArthur River Mine open cut conversion (Zinc)
- Newmont's Tanami operations (Gold)
- Groote Eylandt Manganese Co. (GEMCO)

New mines are either planned or being built to produce:

- Manganese
- Gold
- Iron ore
- Diamonds
- Base metals (Zinc, Nickel, Copper)
- Exotic metals (Molybdenum, Tungsten, Cobalt)
- Uranium
- Rare Earths
- Mineral Sands (Garnet / Zircon)

These projects join a growing number of operating mines which present substantial business opportunities for supply and service companies in the Territory.

Benefits for Northern Territory based Mining and Petroleum Support businesses include:

- Ability to support operations in the:
 - Timor Sea
 - Bonaparte and Browse Basins
 - Northern Australia and Eastern Indonesia
- Darwin is a safe, modern, vibrant tropical city with excellent:
 - Transport and Logistics
 - Communications and Infrastructure
 - Education and Health facilities
- Supportive government and business community
- Darwin has Australia's only Indonesian customs pre-inspection facility, improving the efficiency of trade and supply operations to eastern Indonesia.
- Close proximity to South-East Asian contractors and original equipment manufacturers.
- Through the Australian Government's Tradex Scheme, equipment and spare parts can be imported, repaired and re-exported without incurring import duty.
- A deep water port and rail terminal
- A Business Park adjacent to the port for rapid establishment of new enterprises.
- Darwin is home to a number of supply base operators
- The range of Darwin based aviation services is extended by their ability to use the Truscott Supply Base located in northern Western Australia as a transit point.
- An increasing number of international companies are now benefiting from Darwin's strategic location.
- Alice Springs is the base for mining and petroleum support in Central Australia including:
 - Amadeus Basin and Palm Valley
 - Tanami Region

