Extractive Industry Association of the Northern Territory Inc.

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Message from your CEO

Our Christmas Function this year was held at Bogarts in Parap on Saturday, 26th November 2011 and was very well attended. On the night a total of 33 Members and Guests gave all indications they enjoyed the fun atmosphere of this long established Darwin venue.

The option taken this year to partake in Drinks and Finger Food only (rather than a sit down dinner) certainly allowed for more networking. Feedback to date clearly supports this decision made by the Committee.

Those who were fortunate enough to be the recipients of a Lucky Door Prize were rewarded with beer, wine and/or chocolates. We are sure these will assist with continued Festive Season celebrations!

We take the opportunity to wish all of our Members, Stakeholders and Colleagues, as well as family, the very best for the New Year.

Best regards,
June Lurssen.

Committee Members

President	Phillip Pallisier
Vice President	Darren McKenna
Secretary	Ian Marrett
Treasurer	Mafy Monk
Member	Nick Halkitis
Member	Tony Hillier
Member	John Mousellis
Member	Alan Stevens
Life Member	Sandra Johnson
Honorary Member	Ward Keller

Following our Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 28th September 2011 at the Raging Bull Steakhouse Parap we now confirm all nominations for Committee positions have been confirmed.

Membership

Current Full Members:	25
Current Associate Members:	6

CARING FOR OUR COUNTRY

The Extractive Industry Association is the lead agent for this project funded through the Australian Government's Caring for our Country initiative, with stakeholders including VDM Consulting/EcOz, Conservation Volunteers, NRETAS, Dept Lands & Planning and the Dept of Resources.

Please note your diary now for:

Friday 3rd February 2011

Field day with Ann Grattidge of VDM Consulting.

Friday 10th February 2011

An Extractive Industry Association Forum is to be held at the John England Building, Berrimah Farm. The building opens at 7.30am and the formal opening of the Forum will kick off at 8am. Seating provides for 40 people so book early once invitations are dispatched.

Skills DMC

Timothy Hawkins, Manager Workforce Planning & Development, has recently commenced with SkillsDMC and he is based here in Darwin. We have opened the lines of communication with Timothy and we are currently considering all options available to us in order to gain the best possible outcome in regard to Government Funding for training of Extractive Industry employees.

An email was sent out to Members on the 16th November 2011 asking for interest in enrolling employees in Cert IV OHS during the coming Wet Season. Due to insufficient interest from our Members, Government Funding for this Certificate has been put on hold. In the meantime we are exploring the option of utilizing training modules set up by the CCF. More information will be distributed for your consideration once to hand. Be quick with registrations if this is of interest to your organization.

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Alice Springs Visit

The Executive Committee approved a visit to Alice Springs by June Lurssen on the 8th and 9th November 2011. The purpose of the visit was to meet with a number of Extractive Operators in the area in order to promote our Association and grow our Membership numbers. Despite the distance from Darwin there has been interest expressed by a small number of operators in Alice Springs. We anticipate that memberships will be firmed up in the New Year.

Issue – Haul Road via Prison Construction Site

The Extractive Industry Association was recently asked to provide support to Members who have been affected by the commencement of construction work at the Prison site in Howard Springs. Members were advised by the Dept of Construction & Infrastructure the existing Haul Road cutting through Portion 6222 would be fenced off by the Sentinel Consortium on the 8th December 2011 due to their OHS obligations. The cutting off of this access road would result in the need for a new alternative Haul Road to be constructed. An initial offer of contribution for required works by the Dept of Construction & Infrastructure fell short of what we believed was fair and equitable. Our objections were conveyed to Dept of Construction & Infrastructure, Dept of Resources and ultimately to Minister Gerry McCarthy on the 29th November 2011. Our objections were based on:

- Extractive Operators are not the only users of this road.
- A haul road exists and yet through no fault of our Members, we will be unable to access it.
- Inadequate notice of fencing was provided to a limited number of Operators in the area especially considering the imminent Wet Season.

We are extremely pleased to confirm resolution was achieved during our meeting with Minister McCarthy on the 29th November 2011. Our acknowledgement and thanks go to the various parties who supported us and provided time to meet with us during a busy time of the year ie. Parliamentary Sittings.

Legislation – OHS

The Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Law) Act (NT) commences on 1 January 2012, however the legislation will not apply to mining operations until 1 March 2012.

The deferral of the commencement date until 1 March is due to delays in finalising the national model mining regulations.

In the period between 1 January 2012 and 28 February 2012, the existing Mining regulations under the Workplace Health and Safety Act (NT) will be remodelled to fit into Chapter 10 of the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Law) Regulations.

On 1 March the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Law) Act and Regulations (NT) incorporating remodelled mining regulations, will apply to mining operations.

Transitional provisions will apply to mining operations as per commencement on 1 January 2012.

Chapter 10 of the Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Law) Regulations (NT) incorporating the remodelled mines regulations will remain in place until such time as national model mining regulations and Codes of Practice are finalised, at which time the remodelled mines regulations will be repealed. It is estimated this will be by 1 January 2013.

1 January to 28 March: No change. Apply Workplace Health and Safety Act and Workplace Health and Safety Regulations, Dangerous Goods Act and Dangerous Goods Regulations.

I March to 31 December 2012: Apply Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Law) Act and Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Law) Regulations (NT) including Chapter 10 which will be remodelled mining regulations from Workplace Health and Safety Regulations.

31 December 2012 (approx): Apply Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Law) Act and Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Law) Regulations (NT) including Chapter 10 which will be national model mines regulations.