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POTENTIAL NEW BUSINESS FOR DARWIN PORT

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Darwin Port Corporation has signed a Heads of Agreement with Rum Jungle Resources to use its export facilities for two potential projects under development in Central Australia.

“This is great news for the Port and an important step towards getting Rum Jungle Resources’ two minerals projects up and running,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

Rum Jungle Resources (RUM) has two potential fertiliser mineral projects in the Northern Territory.

The Ammaroo Phosphate project, 230 km north east of Alice Springs, is currently undergoing a pre-feasibility study which is expected to be completed in the first half of 2014.

A pre-feasibility study on the Karinga Creek Potash project, 220km south west of Alice Springs, will begin in the first quarter of 2014.

“If these projects come to fruition, they will create new jobs in Central Australia and boost the economy over the years ahead,” the local Member for Namatjira Alison Anderson said.

The Heads of Agreement with Rum Jungle Resources will allow the company to use land and infrastructure at East Arm Port, as well as construct and operate the necessary supporting infrastructure to export product from Darwin.

“It is great to see our Port signing another potential new customer and is more proof the Territory is open for business,” Mr Giles said.

“We look forward to working with the company as it moves through the normal feasibility and approvals process.”

Both mine sites are in close proximity to the railway which will connect them to the Port.

“Access to export infrastructure on both rail and at the port, will be key enablers of the successful commercialisation of both our phosphate and potash projects by enabling export of products to growing markets in Asia,” Rum Jungle Resources Executive Director, Chris Tziolis, said.

This Heads of Agreement tops off a fantastic year for the Port.

“It’s expected more than 367-thousand head of livestock will have been moved through the Port by the end of 2013, making it a record year,” Mr Giles said.

“This impressive result is the product of our newly developed connections with emerging markets in Asia and improved Territory relations with Indonesia.”

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