

# MINERAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES



**AUSTRALIA'S NORTHERN TERRITORY  
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY**



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**Location:** Various locations, Northern Territory, Australia

**Sector:** Mining

**Investment type:** Direct or passive investment, partnership (either financial or management), and joint venture

**Estimated total project cost:** Costs will vary from project to project

**Investment amount sought:** Investment sought will vary from project to project.

**Project status:** Investor ready



### Project description:

There are significant opportunities to invest in minerals production in the Northern Territory and detailed information is available in a separate publication called *Northern Territory Mineral Investment Opportunities*.

In the Northern Territory, there are six medium to large operating mines.

In the pipeline of developing projects:

- There are 14 mining projects working through the development approvals process.
- Seven other projects are in various stages of feasibility studies.
- Nine of the 21 proposed projects have a mine life of 10 years or more and six have a mine life of 20 years or more.
- The projects have a potential total capital expenditure of AU\$8.9 billion, and could generate 2660 jobs during construction and 2497 jobs during production.

The Northern Territory has a world-class resource endowment with some of Australia's largest deposits of uranium, zinc-lead, bauxite, gold, phosphate and manganese, and numerous emerging projects for commodities such as copper, rare earths, tungsten, zircon sands and potash.

Currently, the minerals are exported via a multi-user facility at the Port of Darwin, and three user specific facilities at Nhulunbuy (minerals exported by Pacific Aluminium), Groote Eylandt (GEMCO) and Bing Bong (McArthur River Mines).

The potential quantity of mineral resources far exceeds domestic demand in the Northern Territory and will be exported through the Port of Darwin in the majority of cases. Some of the proposed mine developments are looking at rail transport both north to Darwin and south to South Australia.

### Project proponent:

There are a number of companies looking for investment for their Northern Territory exploration projects. Investment in these projects would be ideally suited to experienced investors in mining who are prepared to accept significant development risk before projects mature and generate predictable revenue streams.

It is common for exploration companies to bring in other firms as partners as their understanding of the resources, and/or the commercialisation potential of the resource grows. Managing the transition from having promising initial exploration results through to a full-scale commercially viable production field is complex and involves a broad range of skills and expertise. Past experience indicates that the expertise to progress the project changes over time and different players may need to become involved for individual projects to reach their full potential

In relation to timeframes, some opportunities are available immediately, while other opportunities will emerge after project developers have completed their assessment of the commercial viability of their particular project.

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