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ERA awarded highest safety honour

Australia's peak independent safety auditor, the National Safety Council of Australia (NSCA) has awarded its Five Star Award, the Council's highest safety rating, to Energy Resources of Australia Ltd's (ERA) Ranger mine.

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ERA Chief Executive, Mr Phillip Shirvington, said, "It is a great achievement by our employees to have been awarded this Five Star rating."

"For example, Ranger mine's lost time injury frequency rate for the period was 5 compared to the latest national mining industry rate of 11, illustrating the very high standard the site has achieved," explained Mr Shirvington.

The NSCA system is used as a continual improvement occupational health and safety program as well as for measuring the level hazard elimination. The award of stars indicates the level of development and practical achievement of the program and primarily focuses upon:

- Control of work hazards
- Occupational health & safety controls
- Policy organisation and safety controls
- Housekeeping and the working environment
- Emergency planning

In 1994, ERA was the first mine site in Australia to be awarded the NSCA Five Star rating. This rating was re-evaluated at Three Stars in 1997 due to incidents associated with major construction projects during the period such as the Ranger mill expansion which attracted a substantially increased number of site contractor personnel.

"The excellent result illustrates that our workforce has risen to the challenge of recovering the highest safety rating. We now look forward to maintaining and exceeding the five star standard," said Mr Shirvington.

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