Minister Addresses Asia’s Premier Mining Conference

Australia and the Northern Territory have been represented at Asia’s largest gathering of mining stakeholders.

Northern Territory Minister for Resources, Kon Vatskalis, delivered a keynote address on behalf of Australia at the China Mining Congress in Beijing.

It is the third visit by a Northern Territory Resources Minister forming an important part of the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources (DRDPIFR) China Minerals Investment Attraction Strategy.

“China is a very important friend of Australia and the Northern Territory,” said Mr Vatskalis.

“In recent years we have seen an increase in Chinese investment in the Northern Territory, particularly in mining and exploration, and we want to see that grow into the future.”

In his address Mr Vatskalis outlined the success of those Chinese companies already in joint ventures with Northern Territory mines including the CITIC and Legend International.

As part of his ministerial visit to China, Mr Vatskalis has been joined by representatives from the NT Resources Council, Clayton Utz, Energy Metals, Emmerson Resources, Territory Uranium and TNG Ltd to promote the mineral exploration investment opportunities of the Northern Territory.

Mr Vatskalis said the China Minerals Investment Attraction Strategy aims to provide high level exposure of the Northern Territory’s investment opportunities in exploration, create confidence in the Northern Territory by showcasing the Government’s commitment to attracting Chinese investment and open doors for industry.

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