Promoting investment in the Northern Territory at the 2009 Annual Geoscience Exploration Seminar

Northern Territory Minister for Resources, Kon Vatskalis, has officially opened the 2009 Annual Geoscience Exploration Seminar (AGES) conference in Alice Springs which is being attended by 32 international delegates looking for exploration opportunities in the Northern Territory.

Mr Vatskalis said exploration expenditure has broken all records in the past 12 months, thanks in part to the Henderson Government’s exploration investment attraction initiative.

“Worth $14.4 million over four years Bringing Forward Discovery is encouraging companies to come to the Territory to take up exploration in our vast under-explored land,” he said.

“An important part of this initiative has been promotional strategies in China, Japan and North America where we have held face-to-face meetings with some of the world’s leading resource companies.

“As a result of these activities I am pleased to welcome a large contingent of senior Chinese delegates to Alice Springs for AGES this year.

“Representatives from major Brazilian and Canadian companies are also in attendance.

“Of particular note will be a presentation from the Northern Territory Geological Survey team on newly discovered high-grade nickel, copper and gold mineralisation south of the Harts Range area.

“This mineralisation was uncovered during a geological mapping program undertaken by the Northern Territory Geological Survey.”

AGES 2009 is being held at the Alice Springs Convention Centre on 24 and 25 March.

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