Territory companies involved in service and supply in the resource sector were today invited to nominate for the Minister’s Recognition Awards in Resource Development.

Minister for Mines and Energy Kon Vatskalis encouraged companies to nominate for the Awards, which recognise significant achievements and high standards of practice in the resource development industry.

"These Awards recognise the hard work and effort by Territory companies in a range of areas including workplace safety, environmental management, mineral and petroleum technology, local content and community relations," Mr Vatskalis said.

"The Awards aim to promote throughout Australia and the world the high standards that have been developed by our resource development industry.

"This is the seventh year the Awards have run, and every year the standard of entries have improved significantly."

All companies involved in mining, petroleum, quarry, minerals exploration, processing, supply and service, currently working in the Northern Territory are eligible to enter.

Nominations close Friday, January 23. Assessment will be by an independent panel and the Awards will be presented in April 2004 at the annual NT Minerals Council Safety Conference.

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