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Top End Secret 2: Orestruck

The Northern Territory’s huge mineral and energy potential is set to be further realised in the form of a multi-million dollar Northern Territory Government initiative.

Northern Territory Mines and Energy Minister Chris Natt today unveiled Top End Secret 2: Orestruck, to assist Australian and international companies tap into one of Australia’s last great exploration frontiers.

“There is no greater buzz in the exploration game than making a discovery and this initiative will help companies to become Orestruck,” Mr Natt said.

“In January 2005 the Northern Territory Government unveiled Top End Secret, an invitation to explorers to partner with us and tap into the mineral potential of the NT.

“Today we are inviting explorers on the next great adventure and taking them to new levels of exploration in the Territory.

“We will provide support to exploration companies wanting to obtain land access in a timely fashion so they can explore the Territory as efficiently as possible.”

Mr Natt said as part of Top End Secret 2: Orestruck, the Northern Territory Government has committed $12 million over the next four years to assist explorers to make the next major energy or mineral discovery in the Territory.

“This program is called Bringing Forward Discovery and builds on the previous program Building the Territory’s Resource Base,” Mr Natt said.

“This program is designed to focus on under-explored terrain and reduce first stage exploration risk through the provision of new geoscience data.

“The program will provide proactive support to land access and help in the identification and brokerage of potential Chinese investors.

“To that end a China Investment Attraction Strategy has been developed to competitively position the Territory as a preferred location for China’s growing mineral and metal demands.”

Mr Natt said mining is worth more than $2 billion annually to the NT’s economy and that this is set to grow as more discoveries are made and developed into full scale operations.

The Top End Secret 2: Orestruck roadshow moves to Adelaide on Thursday and will be followed by presentations in Brisbane and Perth at later dates.

People can log onto www.nt.gov.au/dpifm or telephone 8999 5122 to find out more about Top End Secret 2: Orestruck.

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