It’s all about Alice, says Central

Former Central Petroleum chairman Andy Whittle, NT Chief Minister Adam Giles and Central Petroleum managing director Richard Cottee opening the Dingo Gas Field Development Project.

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**NT scores high rankings in mining survey**

The 2015 Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies was great news for the NT mining industry when it was released on March 1.

The Northern Territory rated seventh in the world (second in Australia) for exploration and mining investment attractiveness, our best ever result and a major increase from last year, when the Northern Territory ranked 31st (and fourth in Australia).

The NT was ranked fourth in the world (and second in Australia after WA) for the quality and accessibility of its geological data. This is a substantial improvement on last year, and a strong endorsement of NTGS.

The NT was ranked as having the fifth highest mineral potential of any jurisdiction in the world (again, second only to WA in Australia).

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The program includes technical presentations on recent exploration highlights from companies including Teck Resources, Newmont, Pangaia Resources, Independence Group, Newmarket Gold, Origin Energy, KGL Resources and Emmerson Resources. This covers a range of commodities including zinc, oil and gas, copper and gold.

The conference will demonstrate the commitment of both government and industry to develop the North.

The networking opportunities are invaluable as delegates attend from all over Australia and internationally take part in this key seminar.

Mining and energy are key industries for the Territory economy and the future of these industries is dependent on a healthy exploration sector.

NT Geological Survey executive director Ian Scrimgeour said AGES was the premier networking forum for all those interested in mineral and petroleum exploration in the NT.

"Whether you are already exploring in the Northern Territory, seeking new exploration opportunities, or looking to network and make tectonic moves in the NT exploration sector, AGES is the only event where the NT’s minerals and petroleum explorers are all in one place," Dr Scrimgeour said.

The Northern Territory still remains largely unexplored, however as more exploration is undertaken it is exciting to see the potential for major new minerals and petroleum discoveries.

For the full program visit ages.nt.gov.au

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