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## **ARAFURA'S NOLANS PROJECT NOT IMPACTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT'S NEW MINERALS RESOURCE RENT TAX**

This morning's announcement from the Australian Government on the new Minerals Resource Rent Tax ("MRRT") spells good news for Arafura Resources and the Nolans Rare Earths Project.

The MRRT, which replaces the previously proposed Resource Super Profits Tax ("RSPT"), will only apply to iron ore and coal projects. It will not be levied against the mining or processing of any other mineral commodity. Consequently, revenue streams from Nolans product range – rare earths, phosphate, uranium, and gypsum – will not be impacted nor compromised by the MRRT.

Today's announcement removes the previous uncertainties relating to the RSPT, and how it might have applied to Arafura.

Arafura can now move forward with confidence to deliver on first production from Nolans in 2013.

Further information on the Minerals Resource Rent Tax is available at [http://www.futuretax.gov.au/pages/topic\\_resourcetax.aspx](http://www.futuretax.gov.au/pages/topic_resourcetax.aspx)