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CHIEF MINISTER OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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CDU OPENS NEW CENTRE FOR OIL AND GAS TRAINING

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Chief Minister, Terry Mills, has welcomed today's opening of the North Australian Centre for Oil and Gas (NACOG) at Charles Darwin University.

Mr Mills said the new facility would establish Darwin as a centre for world class oil and gas training and research.

"I congratulate CDU on their hard work to bring this important project to fruition," Mr Mills said.

"As well as providing cutting edge research to the oil and gas industry, the new Centre will equip students with the skills they need to capitalise on the resources boom.

"My Government is expanding the Territory's economy and the oil and gas industry will form one of our major hubs, providing substantial long-term employment and training opportunities in the future.

"The establishment of the NACOG will expand the local-based workforce through better training and encourage more students to consider careers in the resources industry.

"The Centre is particularly exciting news for young Territorians who won't have to leave home to undertake training that will enable them to take advantage of future employment opportunities in the resources sector.

"The NACOG wouldn't have been established without \$3 million in funding from INPEX and the Ichthys Joint Venture, who recognise the importance of such facility to the ongoing success of their projects, and I thank them for their support."

The Northern Territory Government has committed \$3.5 million to the North Australian Centre for Oil and Gas.

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