

# **ARAFURA RESOURCES LIMITED (ASX: ARU)**

## FURTHER OUTSTANDING HIGH GRADE INTERCEPTS

# **NOLANS RARE EARTHS PROJECT, NORTHERN TERRITORY**

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# **Highlights**

Arafura is pleased to announce the remaining assay results from core drilling carried out at the Nolans phosphate-hosted rare earths-uranium deposit in the Northern Territory earlier this year.

• Highest grade drill intervals of rare earths and uranium include:

0	8.3 metres at	<b>11.4% REO</b> and	2.2 lb/T U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	in NBDH161
0	4.7 metres at	<b>7.9% REO</b> and	1.2 lb/T U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	in NBDH167

• Other significant drill intervals include:

0	17.3 metres at	6.6% REO	1.2 lb/T U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	in NBRD018
0	18.0 metres at	5.0% REO	0.8 lb/T U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	in NBDH167
0	10.0 metres at	4.5% REO	0.6 lb/T U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	in NBDH170
0	9.8 metres at	3.8% REO	0.6 lb/T U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	in NBDH169
0	8.0 metres at	3.4% REO	0.5 lb/T U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	and
	8.6 metres at	4.6% REO	0.9 lb/T U₃O <sub>8</sub>	in NBDH162

 Second phase of the drilling program on schedule to commence in September 2007.

#### **Background**

The Nolans phosphate-hosted rare earths-uranium deposit is situated within Arafura's Substitute Exploration Licence 23671 (SEL 23671) near Aileron, about 135 kilometres NNW of Alice Springs (Figure 1). Exploration has been undertaken on the deposit by Arafura since it discovered the mineralisation in 1999.

In late 2006 Arafura embarked upon a program of infill drilling for detailed geological interpretation and resource modelling purposes in the central portion of the north zone of the deposit. This 400 metre long portion is expected to be the initial mining area when planned development commences in 2009/2010.

The current identified resources at Nolans are estimated to be

18.6 million	3.1% REO	14% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.47 lb/T U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>
Tonnes	rare earths	phosphate	uranium

(JORC code compliant; 54% Indicated, 46% Inferred; ARU:ASX 23/11/05; Figure 2).

This estimate was determined on the basis of inclined drill holes spaced at about 40 metre intervals and on drill sections spaced 40 metres apart.

## **In-fill Drilling Program**

The current in-fill drilling program comprises approximately 6,000 metres of RC percussion and core drilling to reduce the hole spacing to 20 metres on drill sections 20 metres apart in the central portion of the North Zone (Figure 2), with the aim of upgrading the resources in the initial mining area to Measured Resource status to a depth of 100 metres below the surface. This should enable the assessment of a mine design and lead to an estimation of Ore Reserves as a basis for a feasibility study towards the end 2008/2009.

The initial phase of the infill drilling program was carried out between September 2006 and March 2007. It comprised 2,024 metres of HQ triple-tube core drilling in 23 new holes and extensions to 3 previously completed RC holes. The second phase of infill drilling, comprising 4,000 metres of RC percussion drilling in 45 holes, is scheduled to commence in September 2007.

The locations of the core holes completed in the initial phase are shown in Figure 3.

Assays for the first 12 core holes in the program were previously reported (ARU:ASX 9/7/07). Results for the remaining 10 core holes and core extensions to three previously drilled RC percussion holes are reported here.

Assay results for all mineralised intervals listed in **Table 1** are based on a 1% REE cut-off. Sampling and analytical details were described in the report dated 9/07/07.

Further intervals of high grade mineralisation were intersected in all remaining holes. Intervals of significant grade and width include:

nterval	rare earths	phosphate	uranium
3.3 m @	11.4% REO	9.7% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	2.2 lb/T $U_3O_8$ from 39.2 metres,
5.0 m @	3.5% REO	3.9% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	$0.7\ \text{lb/T}\ \text{U}_3\text{O}_8\ \text{from }30.0\ \text{metres}$
8.0 m @	5.0% REO	23.4% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.8 lb/T U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> from 94.0 metres,
.7 m @	7.9% REO	33.0% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1.2 lb/T $U_3O_8$ from 35.9 metres
7.3 m @	6.4% REO	30.5% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	1.2 lb/T $U_3O_8$ from 78.0 metres
0.0 m @	4.5% REO	19.4% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	$0.8 \text{ lb/T } \text{U}_3\text{O}_8 \text{ from } 43.5 \text{ metres,}$
4.4 m @	4.2% REO	17.8% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	$0.5\ lb/T\ U_3O_8$ from 11.3 metres
0.8 m @	5.2% REO	23.7% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.7 lb/T U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> from 57.7 metres,
i.3 m @	3.8% REO	17.7% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.6 lb/T U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> from 74.5 metres
3.0 m @	3.4% RFO	14 3% P₂O₅	0.5 lb/T U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> from 77.0 metres,
	4.6% REO	23.0% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	$0.9 \text{ lb/T } \text{U}_3\text{O}_8 \text{ from } 86.0 \text{ metres}.$
3. 5.	.3 m @ .0 m @ 8.0 m @ .7 m @ 7.3 m @ 4.4 m @	.3 m @ 11.4% REO .0 m @ 3.5% REO  8.0 m @ 5.0% REO .7 m @ 7.9% REO  7.3 m @ 6.4% REO  0.0 m @ 4.5% REO 4.4 m @ 4.2% REO  .8 m @ 5.2% REO .3 m @ 3.8% REO  .0 m @ 3.4% REO	11.4% REO 9.7% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 10 m @ 3.5% REO 3.9% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 8.0 m @ 5.0% REO 23.4% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 1.7 m @ 7.9% REO 33.0% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 7.3 m @ 6.4% REO 30.5% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 0.0 m @ 4.5% REO 19.4% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 4.4 m @ 4.2% REO 17.8% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 8.8 m @ 5.2% REO 23.7% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 18 m @ 3.8% REO 17.7% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 3.9% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 17.7% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 3.9% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 17.7% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 3.9% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> 17.7% P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>

The high grade mineralisation from 39.2 metres in NBDH161 is possibly continuous with high grade intersections previously reported in drill holes NBDH159 and NBDH160. This provides additional support for the possibility that the distribution of this type of mineralisation may be more extensive than previously interpreted (Figure 3).

The two best continuous intervals in the current results in NBDH167 (18 metres) and NBRD018 (17.3 metres) are about 100 metres apart and 80-100 metres vertically below the surface, in a 20-40 metre thick (true) zone of mineralisation. This zone extends over a strike length of 180-200 metres (at that depth) and encompasses the following drill intercepts:

Drill hole#	from	to	interval
NBDH156	94.8 metres	131.3 metres	36.5 metres
NBDH157	114.0 metres	141.6 metres	27.6 metres
NBDH158	101.0 metres	117.0 metres	16.0 metres
NBDH162	77.0 metres	94.6 metres	17.6 metres
NBDH165	69.0 metres	87.0 metres	18.0 metres
NBDH167	88.5 metres	118.0 metres	29.5 metres
NBDH169	67.7 metres	87.0 metres	19.3 metres
NBRD018	48.0 metres	95.0 metres	47.0 metres

The intervals in holes NBDH156-158 were reported earlier this month. The 47 metre interval in hole NBRD018 includes a 30 metre intersection (from 48 to 78 metres) drilled and reported in 2004.

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Figure 1: Location diagram, Nolans Project, NT

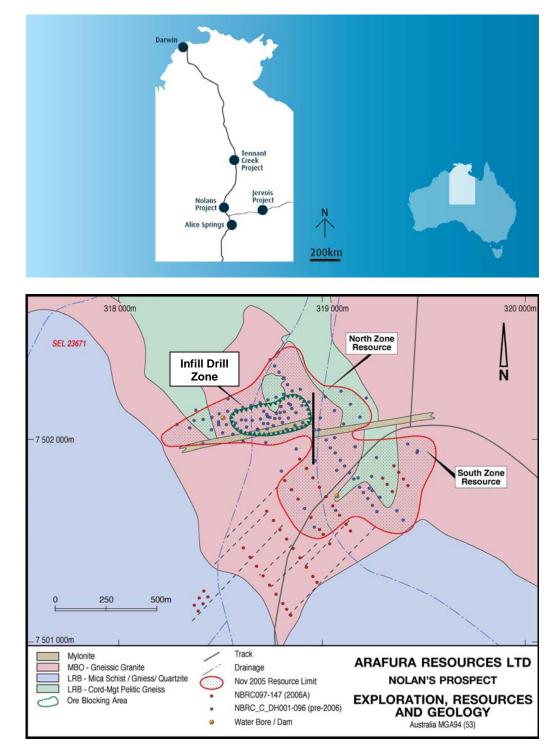


Figure 2: Location of infill drilling zone, Nolans Project



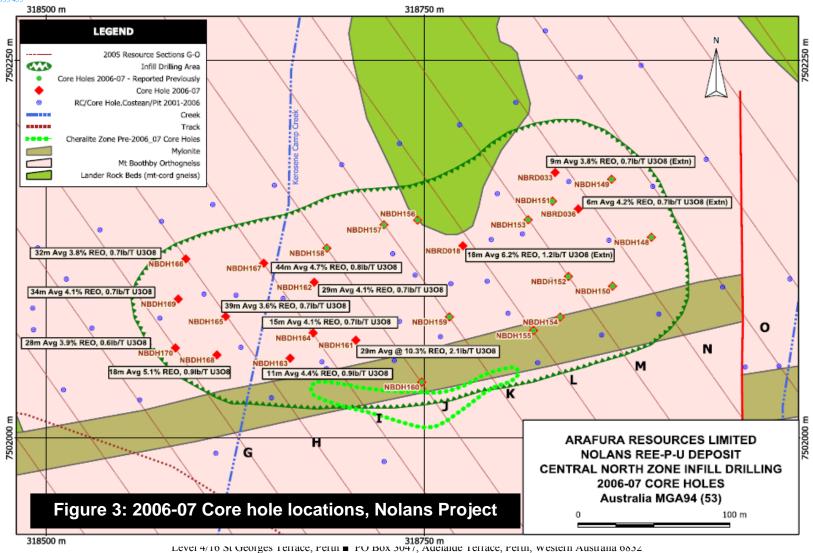


Table 1: Core Hole Results, Nolans Project, NT

HOLENO*	EAST	NORTH	RL	INCLN	AZIM	ЕОН	FROM	то	INTVL	TOTAL REO**	P <sub>2</sub> 0 <sub>5</sub> **	U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> **
NBDH161	318704.6	7502064.7	657.3	-60	145	69.6	7.7	8.3	0.6	24.61	17.8	4.86
							9.1	14.5	5.4	23.83	17.8	4.73
							25.6	26.0	0.4			
							28.6	29.3	0.7	8.85	30.2	2.83
							30.0	36.0	6.0	3.47	3.9	0.67
							39.2	47.5	8.3	11.42	9.7	2.22
							54.1	57.0	2.9	5.44	24.8	1.51
							58.3	61.6	3.3	4.49	25.9	0.91
							63.7	64.0	0.3	3.71	9.2	0.62
							66.0	67.5	1.5	2.18	12.4	0.50
								TOTAL	29.4	10.25	14.2	2.09
NBDH162	318677.1	7502103.1	656.6	-60	145	103.5	1.5	6.0	4.5	4.32	18.9	0.81
							13.6	14.2	0.6	4.66	18.1	0.63
							23.1	23.7	0.6	2.21	10.5	0.35
							46.8	47.1	0.3	2.53	10.5	0.19
							60.4	62.9	2.5	5.25	18.5	0.62
							63.2	64.5	1.3	1.88	4.5	0.18
							77.0	85.0	8.0	3.36	14.3	0.45
							86.0	94.6	8.6	4.60	23.0	0.91
							96.5	98.6	2.1	4.88	20.9	0.93
								TOTAL	28.5	4.09	18.0	0.68
NBDH163	318661.2	7502052.8	656.4	-60	145	44.3	13.0	13.9	0.9	5.22	16.0	0.89
							14.5	18.5	4.0	5.80	23.2	1.00
							21.5	21.9	0.4	1.61	6.3	0.31
							25.1	25.5	0.4	6.03	30.9	2.09
							26.7	31.1	4.4	3.00	15.7	0.63

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							32.8	33.8	1.0	4.06	20.2	0.81
								TOTAL	11.2	4.35	19.1	0.85
NBDH164	318676.4	7502069.5	656.8	-60	145	73.5	27.2	30.1	2.9	6.00	23.6	0.91
							33.7	35.5	1.8	4.50	17.6	0.84
							35.9	37.9	2.0	6.51	28.2	1.58
							39.5	41.7	2.2	1.97	6.8	0.24
							47.7	51.0	3.3	3.04	14.3	0.42
							68.5	71.0	2.5	2.99	11.8	0.44
								TOTAL	14.7	4.11	16.9	0.70
NBDH165	318618.6	7502080.4	656.4	-60	145	108	9.6	17.3	6.7	3.67	17.7	0.61
							30.5	33.3	2.8	3.58	15.6	0.60
							46.8	49.4	2.6	3.91	17.6	1.07
							52.3	54.4	2.1	3.50	14.8	0.80
							57.2	62.0	4.8	3.23	13.2	0.55
							63.0	65.0	2.0	1.72	7.4	0.24
							66.0	68.0	2.0	1.67	7.9	0.29
							69.0	74.8	5.8	4.52	22.5	0.88
							76.6	80.0	3.4	2.26	12.8	0.57
							82.0	87.1	5.1	4.75	24.2	0.98
							88.8	90.3	1.5	3.44	21.7	0.80
								TOTAL	38.8	3.55	17.1	0.70
NBDH166	318592.3	7502118.5	656.9	-60	145	128.5	32.2	33.4	1.2	1.39	7.4	0.31
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							58.0	60.0	2.0	5.33	21.7	0.76
							61.8	62.4	0.6	3.68	17.3	0.70
							62.7	63.7	1.0	1.88	10.6	0.38
							65.5	68.5	3.0	3.73	16.4	0.69
							74.7	77.2	2.5	3.60	16.3	0.62

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							79.0	82.9	3.9	7.09	29.2	1.09
							89.5	90.8	1.3	5.23	19.5	0.72
							92.4	97.0	4.6	2.84	12.7	0.41
							98.8	101.9	3.1	3.92	19.2	0.76
							103.0	107.0	4.0	2.50	14.3	0.57
							110.4	113.9	3.5	2.85	14.9	0.58
							127.2	127.8	0.6	6.37	26.3	1.08
								TOTAL	32.2	3.79	17.2	0.65
NBDH167	318643.8	7502115.7	655.6	-60	145	137.5	34.7	35.2	0.5	7.13	28.4	1.28
							35.9	40.6	4.7	7.87	33.0	1.24
							49.1	49.5	0.4	3.45	16.8	0.61
							56.3	57.5	1.2	3.47	14.3	0.64
							59.5	61.2	1.7	5.03	20.9	0.70
							63.2	63.4	0.2	3.51	16.6	0.51
							65.9	66.9	1.0	5.78	21.7	0.83
							69.0	69.8	0.8	6.13	23.8	0.64
							81.9	82.2	0.3	1.75	8.0	0.18
							84.6	85.2	0.6	2.65	12.0	0.53
							88.5	92.0	3.5	2.75	12.4	0.41
							94.0	112.0	18.0	5.03	23.4	0.84
							113.3	118.0	4.7	3.92	19.2	0.84
							124.9	127.1	2.2	3.99	16.9	0.80
							128.2	130.2	2.0	1.86	9.6	0.31
							132.3	134.1	1.8	3.49	16.5	0.60
								TOTAL	43.6	4.71	21.2	0.79
NBDH168	318612.9	7502055.0	656.5	-60	145	53.5	0.3	3.9	3.6	4.90	22.8	1.18
							11.0	11.3	0.3	3.34	13.7	0.50
							16.3	20.6	4.3	3.84	16.7	0.50
							23.7	25.2	1.5	5.77	24.5	0.77

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							28.0	28.2	0.3	4.78	19.0	0.92
							31.0	37.5	6.1	7.00	26.5	1.15
							39.5	41.2	1.7	1.50	12.2	0.54
								TOTAL	17.7	5.09	21.5	0.90
NBDH169	318587.3	7502092.0	657.3	-60	145	95.5	23.4	24.4	1.0	2.47	9.5	0.58
							27.0	29.5	2.5	1.88	13.3	0.52
							34.7	36.6	1.9	5.32	23.4	0.88
							37.2	37.5	0.3	1.64	10.2	0.31
							40.5	42.5	2.0	1.43	9.7	0.34
							45.7	46.0	0.3	7.02	27.0	1.31
							46.6	47.8	1.2	5.49	22.6	1.15
							48.3	48.6	0.3	5.88	29.1	1.25
							51.7	53.2	1.5	7.01	28.0	1.19
							54.1	54.6	0.5	6.08	24.1	0.91
							57.7	63.0	5.3	5.17	23.7	0.74
							64.0	64.8	8.0	1.89	9.8	0.41
							67.7	70.4	2.7	4.63	18.8	0.76
							71.5	73.5	2.0	4.40	18.9	0.52
							74.5	84.3	9.8	3.83	17.7	0.62
							85.0	87.0	2.0	3.30	14.1	0.66
								TOTAL	34.1	4.08	18.5	0.69
NBDH170	318585.4	7502059.6	657.6	-60	145	56.5	0.0	2.0	2.0	1.66	7.7	0.22
							4.9	6.3	1.4	2.10	9.4	0.30
							11.3	15.7	4.4	4.19	17.8	0.53
							16.7	17.8	1.1	3.41	15.3	0.46
							20.6	21.3	0.7	1.96	17.2	0.36
							22.9	23.5	0.6	1.59	8.8	0.27
							27.5	30.9	3.4	3.96	16.4	0.66
							32.3	32.8	0.5	3.16	13.4	0.46

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							35.8	36.3	0.5	4.44	18.6	0.68
							39.9	42.3	2.4	4.53	21.1	0.64
							43.5	53.5	10.0	4.48	19.4	0.78
								TOTAL	27.9	3.88	17.1	0.61
NBRD018	318775.4	7502127.2	657.0	-60	146	113.4	78.0	95.3	17.3	6.36	30.5	1.23
							103.9	104.5	0.6	2.50	11.3	0.45
								TOTAL	17.9	6.23	29.9	1.20
NBRD033	318836.4	7502175.7	656.7	-60	146	132.2	112.1	119.4	7.3	3.95	20.5	0.75
							121.6	122.8	1.2	2.72	15.2	0.49
								TOTAL	8.5	3.78	19.8	0.72
NBRD036	318851.6	7502151.7	656.8	-60	146	108	68.4	69.4	1.0	3.51	14.9	0.39
							78.9	80.2	1.3	4.24	20.2	0.55
							86.0	88.3	2.3	4.95	22.7	0.96
							89.3	90.3	1.0	3.12	16.1	0.53
								TOTAL	5.6	4.21	19.6	0.69

<sup>\*</sup> NBDH = core hole; NBRD = core tail on RC hole

<sup>\*\*</sup>Analytical data subject to confirmation by duplicate sampling and inter-laboratory analyses. \*\*\* 1 lb/T  $U_3O_8$  equals 0.0454%  $U_3O_8$