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MRM'S LONG TERM INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE REGION

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The Northern Territory's largest zinc mine, McArthur River Mining (MRM), was last night awarded the Northern Territory Minerals Council 2006 Resource Awards of Excellence for Community Relations.

The award recognised that MRM invested over \$1 million in community infrastructure in 2006 as part of a program of initiatives to improve health and recreation benefits in the Borroloola region.

MRM General Manager Brian Hearne said the award win demonstrated the benefits of when a mining company's community relations programs are in line with community planning initiatives.

Mr Hearne said providing infrastructure within remote indigenous communities is a key challenge the mining industry can support through financial assistance, resources, materials, labour and project management.

"In partnership with Government and community organisations, MRM has improved, upgraded, restored and provided infrastructure which may not otherwise have been made available," Mr Hearne said.

The projects delivered spanned a broad Gulf region and included establishing a Dialysis Unit adjoining the Borroloola Health Clinic, upgrading the King Ash Bay Road, participating in the development of the Borroloola Swimming Pool as part of the Federal Government's Remote Pools Program, improving hygiene facilities at the Borroloola Rodeo grounds, upgrading the irrigation and amenities for sports fields in Robinson River and Borroloola.

Mr Hearne said this type of community assistance contributes to the establishment of a positive legacy by the mine. Future community investments will be directed through a \$32 million Community Benefits Package agreed with the Northern Territory Government for the 25 year mine life. This Package formalises MRM's commitment to community development programs targeting health, education, arts and culture, environment, social issues, enterprise development and job creation.

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