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## **ECE ADVISES IT WILL PARTICIPATE IN NON-RENOUNCEABLE RIGHTS ISSUE – SUBJECT TO REGULATORY APPROVALS**

Australian rare earths company **Arafura Resources Limited (ASX: ARU)** (**Arafura**) is pleased to announce that its largest single Shareholder **East China Mineral Exploration & Development Bureau (ECE)** has advised that it intends to participate in the NON-RENOUNCEABLE RIGHTS ISSUE announced on October 18, 2011.

ECE's participation in the fund raising will be subject to all necessary regulatory approvals in China and Australia as outlined in the Prospectus.

Arafura's Managing Director and CEO, Dr Steve Ward commented "We are delighted that ECE our largest shareholder intends to support our current fundraising. ECE is fully supportive of Arafura developing the Nolans Project evidenced by their intention to participate in this Non-Renounceable Rights Issue".

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