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## **MINE GIANTS OPEN UP TO LOCAL FIRMS**

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NORTH Queensland businesses will this week have a rare opportunity to explore future opportunities with major national and international mining and resources companies operating in the region.

The day-long North Queensland Mining and Resources Industry Forum will be held on Wednesday at the Townsville RSL.

Project updates and information about subcontracting, supply chain, workforce and FIFO opportunities will be presented by representatives from Adani, Sun Metals, Genex Power, MMG, Chinova Resources, Minjar Gold and the Port of Townsville.

Businesses attending the forum will also have the opportunity to network with company decision makers, mine representatives, and mining services organisations to explore future opportunities.

Genex Power executive director Simon Kidston said he would use the forum to update the community on its \$126 million project.

“Through the development of the Kidston Renewable Energy Hub, Genex Power will deliver much-needed energy storage and energy security for North Queensland,” Mr Kidston said.

“The integration of large-scale solar and pumped storage hydro is a world first and is important to support the sustainable development of renewable energy in Queensland. Construction of Stage 1 is under way with a total of 500 jobs anticipated during the development phase.” Townsville Enterprise CEO Patricia O’Callaghan said the forum provided a significant opportunity for local businesses.

“By attending this forum, local North Queensland businesses can ensure they are at the forefront of current and future opportunities in the North Queensland mining and resources industry,” Ms O’Callaghan said.

“North Queensland businesses rarely get the opportunity to get up close and personal with these major mining and resources companies – this forum provides that direct access to their representatives.” Tickets can be purchased at [townsvilletickets.com.au](http://townsvilletickets.com.au).

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