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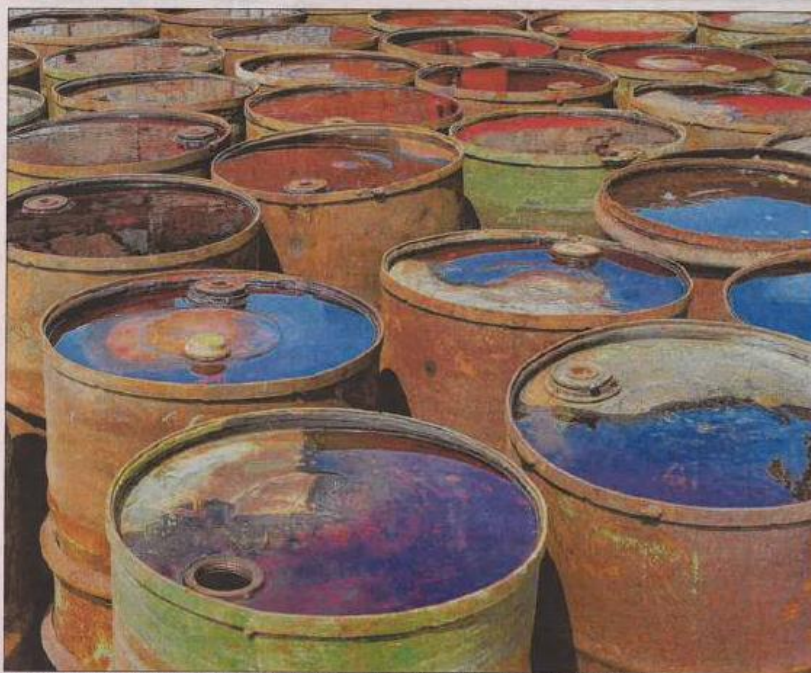
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Slick tricks with old oil

A QUEENSLAND business wants to mine the Territory for oil — but not the kind that comes out of the ground.

It will come from the sheds, workshops and containment facilities of frustrated Territory businesses who want to get rid of dirty, old lube.

Southern Oil Refining strategic development manager Darrell Corbett was in Darwin for the major industry conferences yesterday and today, and he believes the Territory is an oil well just waiting to happen.

Mr Corbett said that he was taking used Territory base oil to Gladstone to be refined and sold to big oil companies who will blend it into new products.

"We will take engine oil, automatic fluid and hydraulic oil," he said.

"We can take anything from 20 litres to 20,000 litres."

Mining companies, car dealerships, the LNG industry and ordinary citizens who might just have a shed full of

old oil are all in Mr Corbett's sights as potential suppliers of waste oil.

A \$55 million processing facility is being built at Yarwun near Gladstone, Queensland, and it will enable Southern Oil to collect and refine used lube oils from engines, hydraulics and gear oils.

It will turn them into two grades of "re-refined" base oil, light and heavy, which can be used in a variety of hydraulic oil and lubrication oil blending applications.

Mr Corbett said the processing facility, when finished, would be able to process and recycle 100 million litres of fluids a year.

The company already has a refinery in Wagga Wagga, NSW, and Gladstone will house the second plant.

Mr Corbett said that the company was sourcing its oil through Territory recyclers NT Recycling Solutions (NTRS).

Businesses wishing to get rid of their oil can contact 8947 2721.

A Queensland firm wants your old oil, which it refines for sale to companies to blend into new products