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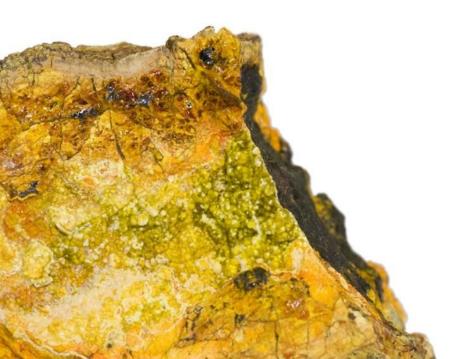
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## Yellow Cake

## **Strategy**

To buy and hold physical uranium and to deliver maximum exposure to the resurging uranium market



## **Investment Highlights**

Holds physical U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>

No exposure to exploration, development, mining or processing risks

Low-cost structure

Access to US\$100m p.a. of uranium at the spot price

Liquid traded share

## Uranium market update

## February 2022

#### Spot Market Overview<sup>1</sup>

- Spot market volume fell off slightly in February settling at 6.2 mlbs. as compared to 6.4 mlbs. for January
  - Sprott Physical Uranium Trust acquired 4.1 mlbs. during February, representing two-thirds of the aggregate
- While the spot uranium price was fairly stable through the first three weeks of February (\$42.50/lb.—43.00/lb.), it rose sharply beginning 24 February in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine finishing the month at \$48.50/lb.
  - The spot price subsequently climbed to \$59.75/lb as of 10 March on concern regarding import bans on Russian oil and gas being expanded to uranium
- Longer term uranium price indicators also increased in response to the invasion with the long-term price gaining \$2.00/lb. U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> ending the month at \$42.50/lb.; the 3-year forward price adding \$4.75/lb. (\$49.00/lb.) and the 5-year forward price gaining \$5.25/lb. to end the month at \$50.50/lb.

#### Russia

- On 24 February, Russia launched a full-scale military invasion of Ukraine. While not directly impacting global nuclear fuel trade, both
  the European Union and United States imposed stringent economic sanctions on Russian companies and individuals, a situation
  which continues to evolve
- Reuters reported that U.S. nuclear utilities were lobbying the Biden Administration through the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) requesting that the U.S. government continue to allow nuclear fuel imports from the Russian Federation in order to maintain low electricity prices<sup>2</sup>
- Recent utility data reported by the U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration shows that U.S. nuclear utilities relied on Russian origin/sources for 15% of uranium and 22% of uranium enrichment services over the period 2016-2020<sup>3</sup>

- 1. UxC Vol 36 No 10, March 2022
- 2. Reuters 'Exclusive: U.S. Utilities push White House not to sanction Russian Uranium', March 2022
- 3. U.S. Department of Energy '2020 Uranium Marketing Annual Report', May 2021



## Uranium market update

## February 2022

#### Cameco<sup>1</sup>



- Cameco Corporation held its most recent investor update call on 9 February which included both 4Q2021 results and annual results for CY2021
  - Corporate executives announced that about 70 mlbs.  $U_3O_8$  had been added to its long-term uranium contract portfolio since the beginning of 2021, allowing for the restart of the McArthur River / Key Lake production complex
  - Cameco's production plan now envisions output from McArthur River of 15.0 mlbs. of  $U_3O_8$  starting in 2024 (40% below license capacity) and 13.5 mlbs. from Cigar Lake in 2024 (25% below license capacity)
- Regarding future production planning, Cameco stated that "This will remain our production plan until we see further improvements in the uranium market and have further progress in securing the appropriate homes for our unencumbered, in-ground inventory under long-term contracts."

#### U.S.A<sup>2</sup>

- On 11 February, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) released a Notice of Intent (NOI) and Request for Information (RFI) in support of the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's US\$6 billion Civil Nuclear Credit Program
  - The nuclear credit program is designed to support the continued operation of commercial nuclear reactors which may be under economic threat and in danger of premature closure
- The announcement stated that "Nuclear power currently provides 52% of the nation's 100% clean electricity, and the Biden-Harris Administration has identified the current fleet of 93 reactors as a vital resource to achieve net-zero emissions economy-wide by 2050."

- 1. Cameco Corporation '4Q Results', February 2022
- 2. U.S. Department of Energy 'DOE Establishes \$6 Billion Program to Preserve America's Clean Nuclear energy Infrastructure', February 2022

## Uranium market update

## February 2022

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#### Kazakhstan<sup>1</sup>

- On 23 February it was reported that Kazakhstan's government is actively exploring a wide range of reactor offerings from six international suppliers. The Kazakh Ministry of Energy Director Zhaslan Kasenov said it was actively studying six suppliers of technology: NuScale Power (U.S.), GE-Hitachi (U.S. Japan), KHNP (South Korea), CNNC (China), Rosatom (Russia), and EDF (France)
- If constructed, the plant could cost up to US\$5bn depending on design and sizing selected, but there is no current published timeline on the decision making process

#### Germany<sup>1</sup>

- On 27 February Germany's Economy Minister Robert Habeck told ARD that the Ministry is reviewing all options at its disposal to ensure the country's energy supply remains robust amid uncertainty over Russian gas supplies
- At present however, discussions with operators at the country's three remaining reactors at Isar 2, Emsland, and Neckarwestheim 2 have indicated extending operations would do little to help for 2022/2023 heating season
- German Chancellor Olaf Scholz noted during a speech on 27 February that the country's Energiewende (enacted following Fukushima),
  has become an issue amid increased sanctions against Russia. Scholz said that forward-looking energy policy is decisive not only for the
  German economy and environment, but for security

#### **South Korea**

- South Korea's president-elect Yoon Seok-yeol is promising to revise the country's decarbonisation roadmap and has rejected the idea of phasing out nuclear energy. Nuclear energy was a key pledge of Yoon's campaign to boost investment in the industry and to restore its earlier pre-eminence as an exporter of nuclear reactors<sup>2</sup>
- Currently, nuclear power makes up roughly 27% of South Korea's power mix, with 35% coal and 29% liquefied natural gas. Yoon has promised to lift nuclear power's contribution to 30% by restarting construction and extending reactors' lives, and plans to export 10 nuclear power plants by 2030<sup>2</sup>
- Construction of four 1.4GW reactors continues in South Korea—namely the Shin Hanul No. 1 and 2, and the Shin Kori No. 5 and 6—are
  due to come online between 2022 and 2025. Permits for seven reactors with a total capacity of 6.72GW are set to expire in 2023-2029<sup>3</sup>

- 1. Ux Weekly 'Vol 36 No 9', February 2022
- 2. Reuters, "South Korea's nuclear power at inflection point as advocate wins presidency", 11 March 2022
- 3. SNP Global, "Nuclear power emerges victorious from South Korea's presidential election" 17 March 2022



## Yellow Cake corporate summary

Corporate overview		
Last share price <sup>(1)</sup>	£3.73	
NAV per share <sup>(2)</sup>	£4.37	
Market cap (mm) <sup>(1)</sup>	£685.1	
Shares out. (mm)	183.7	
Shares held in treasury (mm) <sup>(1)</sup>	4.2	
52 week high	£4.54	
52 week low	£2.30	

Analyst coverage and rating	
Bank of America 🧼	Buy
BERENBERG PARTNERSHIP SINCE 1590	Buy
CANTOR Ditzgerald	Buy
cg/Canaccord Genuty Capital Markets	Buy

### GBP share price and uranium price<sup>(1,3)</sup>



### Blue chip shareholder register

















- 1) Cap IQ on 15 March 2022
- 2) Yellow Cake's estimated net asset value on 15 March. See calculation on page 8
- 3) UxC LLC 15 March 2022

## Proforma estimated net asset value as at 15 March 2022



Investment in Uranium		Units	
Uranium oxide in concentrates ("U₃O <sub>8</sub> ") <sup>(1)</sup>	(A)	lb.	18,805,601
U₃O <sub>8</sub> fair value per pound <sup>(2)</sup>	(B)	US\$/lb.	54.50
U₃O <sub>8</sub> fair value	$(A) \times (B) = (C)$	US\$ mm	1,024.9
Cash and other net current assets/(liabilities)(3)	(D)	US\$ mm	20.9
Net asset value in US\$ mm	(C) + (D) = (E)	US\$ mm	1,045.8
Exchange Rate	(F)	USD/GBP	1.3042
Net asset value in £ mm	(E) / (F) = (G)	£ mm	801.9
Number of shares in issue less shares held in treasury <sup>(4)</sup>	(H)		183,671,232
Net asset value per share	(G) / (H)	£/share	4.37

- 1) Comprises 15.8 million lb of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> held on 31 December 2021, plus 2.02 million lb of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> to be bought back from Kazatomprom in terms of the Repurchase and Buyback Option Agreement with Kazatomprom for delivery by April 2022, plus 0.95 million lb of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> to be purchased from Kazatomprom, subject to contract, expected to be delivered by June 2022
- 2) Fair value is based on the daily spot price published by UxC, LLC on 15 March 2022
- 3) Includes cash and other current assets and liabilities of US\$153.6 million as at 31 December 2021, less a cash consideration of US\$92.6 million to be paid to Kazatomprom on delivery of 2.02 million lb of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> by April/May 2022, less a cash consideration of US\$45.2 million to be paid to Kazatomprom in respect of 0.95 million lb of U3O8, expected to be delivered by June 2022
- 4) Net asset value per share on 28 January 2022 is calculated assuming 187,740,730 ordinary shares in issue less 4,069,498 shares held in treasury

# Strategic relationship with Kazatomprom allows for value accretive growth



## Option Agreement with Kazatomprom, the world's largest and lowest cost producer(1)

- 10-year Framework Agreement with Kazatomprom
- Yellow Cake has the right to purchase up to US\$100m of U₃O<sub>8</sub> annually
- Term of the option agreement extends to 2027
- Purchase price is locked in based on the prevailing spot price at the time Yellow Cake elects to make a purchase under the Agreement
- The Company can also purchase uranium from other sources if advantageous



## Yellow Cake uranium purchases

## **Kazatomprom Purchases Since IPO**

- 8.1mlb. at US\$21.01 /lb. July 2018
- 350klb. at US\$23.30 /lb. August 2018
- 1.3mlb. at US\$25.88 /lb. May 2019
- 3.5mlb. at US\$28.95 /lb. June 2021
- 2.0mlb. at US\$32.23 /lb. December 2021
- 950klb. at US\$47.58 /lb. Delivery in Q2 2022

## **2021 Spot Market Purchases**

- 1.4mlb. at an average price of US\$29.88/lb.
- 2.0mlb. at US\$46.32/lb. November 2021

# Nuclear is a key element of global energy supply

One of the cleanest sources of energy

Nuclear energy provides reliable baseload power

Climate change and ESG becoming a global focus point

Nuclear is increasingly being recognized as a contributor to a lower carbon future

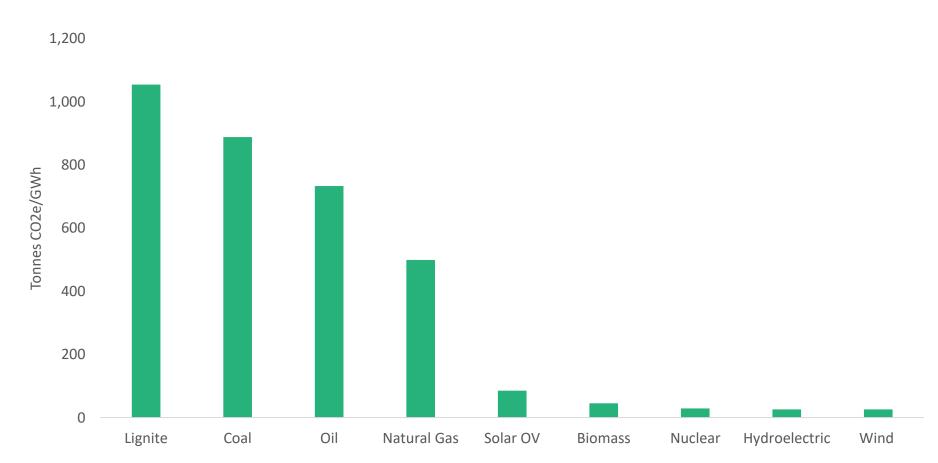


## Nuclear is a clean reliable base load energy source



- Lifecycle emissions of natural gas generation are 15 times greater than nuclear
- Lifecycle emissions of coal generation are 30 times greater than nuclear

### **Summary of Lifecycle GHG Emission Intensity**



<sup>1)</sup> Comparison of Lifecycle Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Various Electricity Generation Sources, World Nuclear Association, July 2011

## Increased focus on climate change and ESG

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## **Investor-led climate action steering committee**

- Represents over 600 global investors and US\$65 trillion in assets
- Issued letters to 167 global businesses with market cap of \$10.3 trillion, requesting they commit to net-zero business strategies



Nearly a quarter of the world's largest companies have made net zero commitments

### **Carbon Neutral by 2030 Carbon Neutral by 2040 Carbon Neutral by 2050 Nestlé GLENCORE** VISA MUI BERRY BARRATT HM Revenue & Customs OANTAS equinor CATHAY PACIFIC Henkel **BARCLAYS** Microsoft American Airlines vodafone

# Increasing national commitments to carbon neutrality include nuclear



## Commitments to carbon neutrality<sup>(1)</sup>

- Canada 2050
- China 2060
- European Union 2050
- France 2050
- Japan 2050
- United Kingdom 2050
- U.S.A. 2050

## **Carbon Free Energy Initiatives**

- Canada, China, Finland, France, Japan, Poland, Russia, the United States and the United Kingdom provided statements in the UNECE report in support of its findings on nuclear power's contributions to climate action
- The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) highlighted nuclear power as an important source of low-carbon energy that can contribute to attaining carbon neutrality
- Under the proposed taxonomy rules, nuclear projects permitted until 2045 will be classified as green, on the condition that countries can safely dispose of the toxic waste and do not create significant harm to the environment<sup>(2)</sup>

<sup>1)</sup> Carbon Neutrality by 2050: the World's Most Urgent Mission

<sup>2)</sup> Technical assessment of nuclear energy with respect to the 'do no significant harm' criteria of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 ('Taxonomy Regulation'), (August 2021)



## Future demand for uranium is growing

## Global nuclear reactor fleet will continue to grow, especially in China, India and the Middle East

#### China

19 reactors under construction, 34 planned

#### India

8 reactors under construction, 12 planned

#### Russia

3 reactors under construction, 27 planned

#### **UAE**

2 operating reactors,2 reactors underconstruction

Investment in uranium	Operable reactors <sup>(1)</sup>	Reactors under construction <sup>(1)</sup>	Planned reactors <sup>(1)</sup>	Proposed reactors <sup>(1)</sup>
World Nuclear Reactor Fleet	439	56	96	325
China Reactor Fleet	53	19	34	168



**Built Ready** 

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## Small Modular Reactors are advancing

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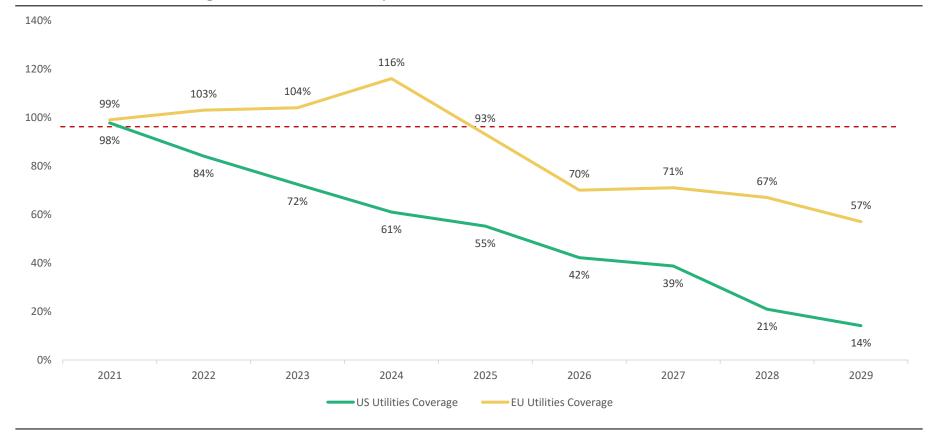
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## Long-term contracts need to be replaced

## Contract covering has the potential to create a rapid tightening of the spot market

Future contracted coverage rates of US and European utilities



<sup>1)</sup> US Energy Information Administration: Maximum anticipated uranium market requirements of owners and operators of U.S. civilian nuclear power reactors, 2021–2030, at end of 2020 (May 2021, Table 12)

<sup>2)</sup> Euratom Supply Agency Annual Report 2020 (2021)



## Global supply cuts

## Production curtailments have removed an estimated 77.6mlb. U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> from the market since 2014<sup>(1)</sup>

#### **North America**

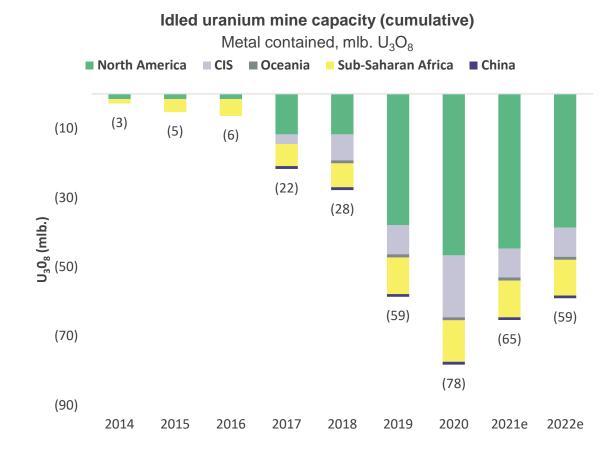
Cameco has removed ~30mlb. from the market

#### Kazakhstan (CIS)

- Kazatomprom since 2018, has limited its uranium production to 80% of its nameplate capacity
- Supply curtailment is expected to continue through 2023

#### **Sub Saharan Africa**

- Paladin idled both of its operations
- Orano lowered the output of both of its mines in 2016

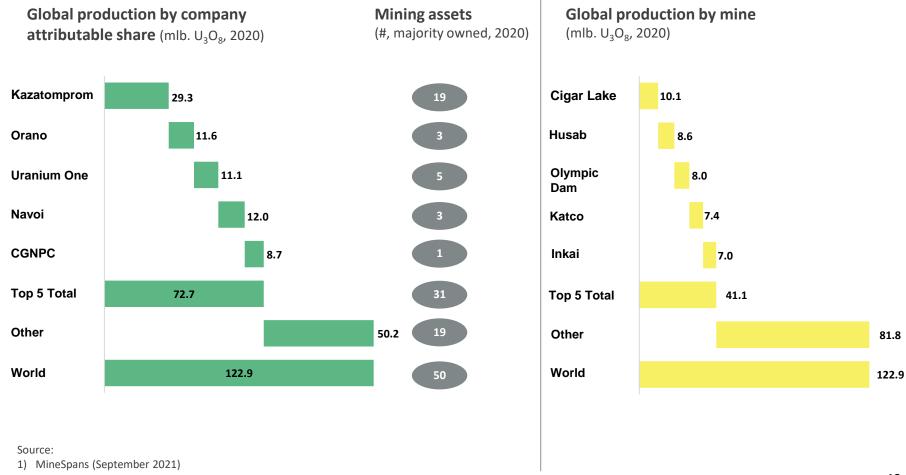


<sup>1)</sup> MineSpans (September 2021)



## Global uranium supply side is concentrated

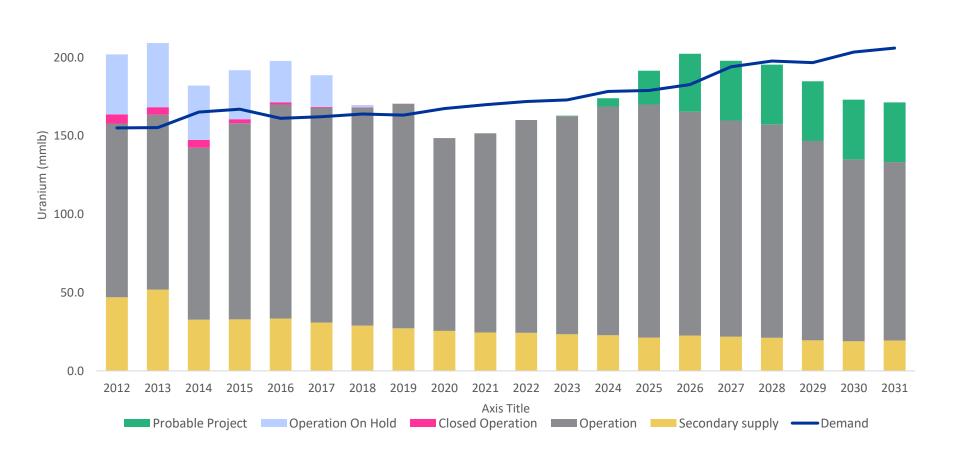
## $\rm U_3O_8$ production is concentrated with the top 5 companies producing 59% of the total supply in 2020<sup>(1)</sup>





## Uranium supply-demand balance

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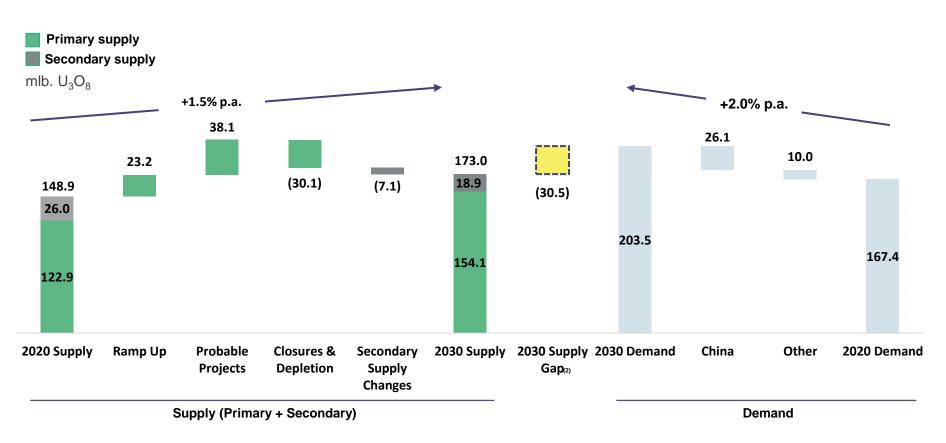


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## Significant supply deficit forecast by 2030

By 2030, additional supply is needed to come online to offset demand growth; by combination of new projects and idled capacity (1,2)



<sup>1)</sup> MineSpans December 2021

<sup>2)</sup> Base case projects: Budenovskoye 6-7, Dasa, Lance (low pH), restart of McArthur River