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# **Investment Case for Yellow Cake**

# **Industry Context**

Steady uranium demand growth from nuclear reactor build programme

Additional supply risks due to COVID-19

Sustained low uranium prices have led to supply cuts

Restricted investment into new supply sources

# **Yellow Cake Investment Highlights**

Holdings of physical U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>

No operating risks

Low cost structure

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



# **The Nuclear Fuel Value Chain**

# **Mining**

- Mining methods;
- In-situ leaching
- Open pit and underground mining
- Mines produce uranium oxide concentrate U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>

# **Conversion**

- Physical U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> converted from powder form into natural uranium hexafloride gas (UF<sub>6</sub>)
- Commercial conversion plants located in USA, Canada, France, Russia and China

# **Enrichment**

- Commercial process for enrichment involves gaseous uranium (UF<sub>6</sub>) in centrifuges
- Uranium-235 isotope is raised from the natural level of 0.7% to about 3.5% to 5%

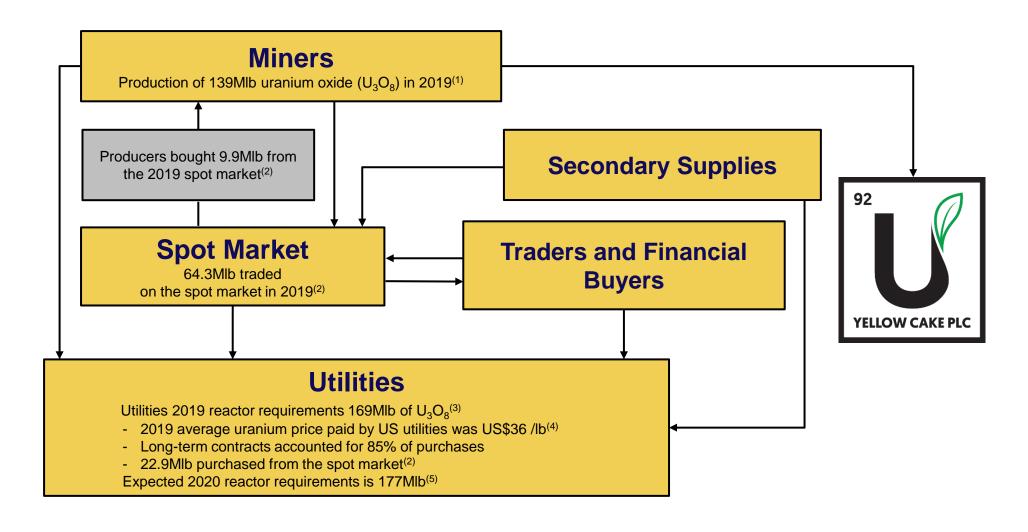
# Fuel Fabrication

- Enriched UF<sub>6</sub> is converted to uranium dioxide powder which is fabricated into fuel rods and then fuel rod bundles
- Fuel bundles are placed into nuclear reactors owned by utility companies

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# **The Uranium Market**



### Source

- (1) UxC LLC 2019 U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> Production Review, May 2020
- 2) UxC LLC 2019 Uranium Spot Market Review, February 2020
- World Nuclear Association, World Nuclear Power Reactors & Uranium Requirements (August 2019)
- (4) U.S. Energy Information Administration 2019 Uranium Marketing Annual Report (May 2020)
- World Nuclear Association, World Nuclear Power Reactors & Uranium Requirements (July 2020)

# **Yellow Cake**

# **Key contracts provide strategic advantage**

# Kazatomprom Framework Agreement

## **Kazatomprom**

- The world's largest and lowest cost producer<sup>(1)</sup>
- 10-year Framework Agreement gives the Company the right to purchase up to US\$100M of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> each year from 2019 to 2027
- Purchase price based on the spot price
- The Company can also source uranium from any other producers if advantageous

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# **Cameco Storage Contract**

### Cameco - Blind River, Canada

- World's second largest uranium producer<sup>(1)</sup>
- Yellow Cake holds 8.72Mlb of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> in a storage account at regulated facilities operated by Cameco at Port Hope/Blind River in Ontario, Canada
- Storage rates have been negotiated to achieve significant cost savings and support the Company's low cost operating structure

### 308 Services

### 308 Services Ltd

- A uranium specialist company focused on the uranium commodity market
- 308 Services brings significant uranium expertise and market knowledge and supports Yellow Cake in procurement and other uranium transactions

# **Orano Storage Contract**

### Orano - Malvési and Tricastin

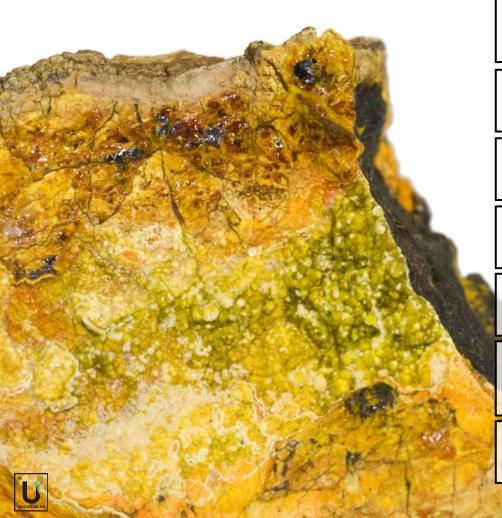
- In 2020, 600,000lb of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> was transferred into a storage account at Orano Cycle's Malvési/Tricastin storage facility in France under location swap agreements
- The Company enters into transactions such as location swaps from time to time, when this is commercially advantageous



# **Yellow Cake Operations Summary**

# **Strategy**

To buy and hold physical uranium and to deliver maximum exposure to expected resurgence in the uranium market



## **IPO: July 2018**

- Raised US\$200M
- Purchased 8.1Mlb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> at US\$21.01 /lb

### August 2019

Purchased 350klb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> at US\$23.30 /lb

## **April 2019**

Raised US\$33.9M

### **June 2019**

Purchased 1.175Mlb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> at US\$25.88 /lb

## January 2020

Yellow Cake announces share buyback programme

### **July 2020**

- Yellow Cake sells 300klb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> for US\$33.20/ lb
- Announces larger US\$10M share buyback programme

Current total holding of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> – 9.32Mlb acquired at an average price of US\$21.71 /lb

# **Yellow Cake Corporate Summary**

### Share Price and Uranium Price<sup>(2)</sup>

Last Share Price	£2.19
NAV per share <sup>(1)</sup>	£2.77
Market Cap (M)	£187
Shares Out. (M)	88.2
Shares Held in Treasury (M)	1.8
52 wk High	£2.35
52 wk Low	£1.36

# **Analyst Coverage and Rating**



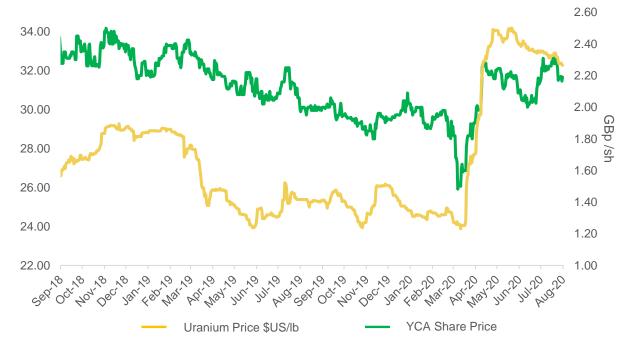




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Renaissance Capital

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# **Blue Chip Shareholder Registry**

Kopernik Global Investors, LLC	URANIUM ROYALTY CORP	Putnam INVESTMENTS
Tribeca Investment Partners	BRANDES INVESTMENT TRUST	Azvalor.
EXTRACT CAPITAL	ARMOR	Legal & General



Yellow Cake's estimated net asset value on 28 July 2020 was £2.77 per share or US\$311.9 million, consisting of 9,316,385 lbs of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> valued at a spot price of US\$32.20/ lb (UxC LLC 27 July 2020), a derivative liability of US\$2.6 million, and other net current assets of US\$14.5 million as at 30 June 2020 7

UxC LLC & Cap IQ 5 August 2020



# Uranium Market Overview

# **Nuclear is a Key Element of Global Energy Supply**

Lowest non-carbon operating cost per MWh<sup>(1)</sup>

One of the lowest sources of carbon emissions per MWh

Nuclear energy provides reliable base load power

Nuclear energy is sustainable

Nuclear is increasingly being recognised as a contributor to a low carbon future

Growing interest in Small Modular Reactors

# **Current Demand**

The World Nuclear Association estimates a total of 177 Mlb of uranium is required to power today's fleet of 440 operating reactors<sup>(1)</sup>

# USA

95 operating reactors

### France

56 operating reactors

### China

47 operating reactors

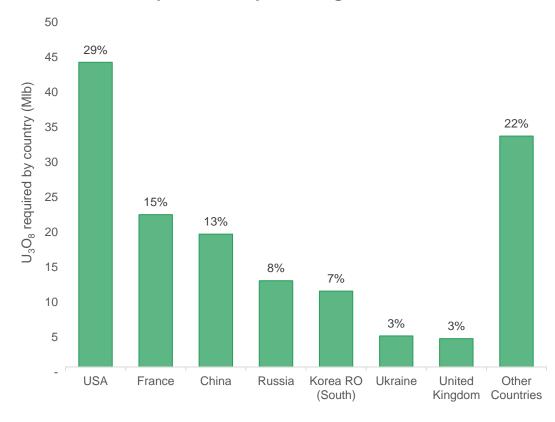
### Russia

38 operating reactors

# South Korea

24 operating reactors

## **Uranium requirements percentage of world demand**<sup>(1)</sup>



# **Future Demand**

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

### China

12 reactors under construction, 44 planned

# India

7 reactors under construction, 14 planned

# Russia

4 reactors under construction, 24 planned

### **UAE**

4 reactors under construction

	Operating 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	108	329
China Reactor Fleet	47	12	44	168

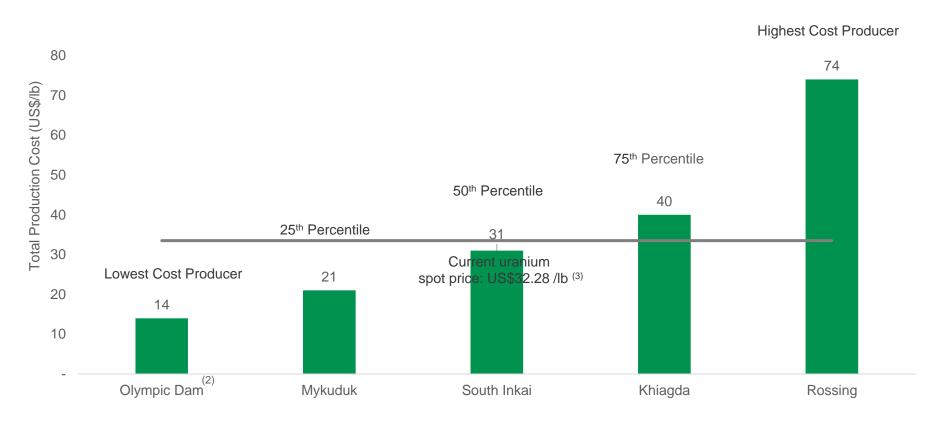
# **Supply - Uranium Price Chart**



# Supply

# Significant portion of supply loss making at current spot price

# 2018 Estimated Total Production Costs<sup>(1)</sup> (US\$/Ib)



### Source

Company analysis based on SRK Consulting Global Operating Cost Curve for Primary Uranium Production, Section 232 Investigation of Uranium Imports dated 16 January 2018

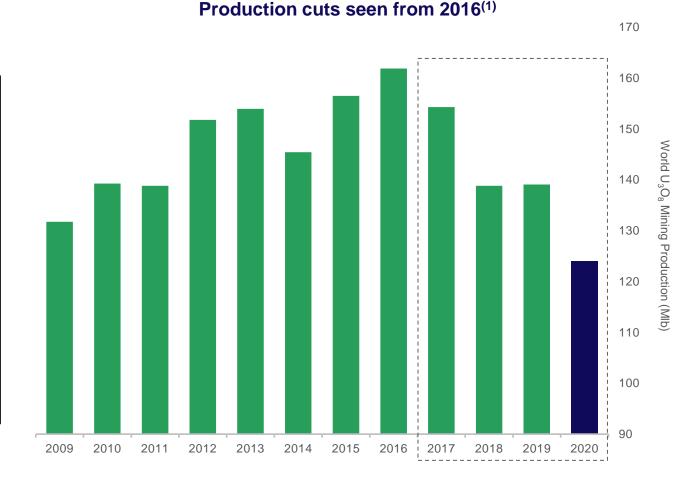
Low cost due to uranium being a by-product of copper production

# **Global Supply Cuts**

# Producers have been taking self-help measures, exacerbated by COVID-19

### Supply side responses have been the major theme of the market since 2016

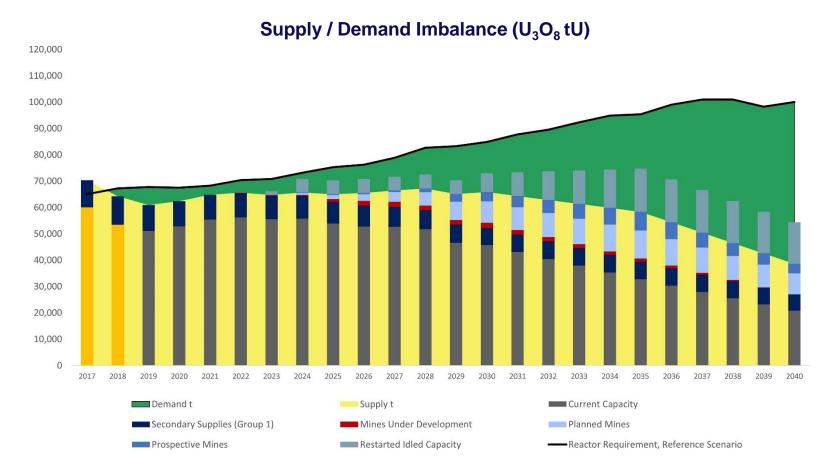
- Cameco's shut down of Rabbit Lake in 2016, and suspension at McArthur River in 2018
- Kazatomprom's announcement in 2017 of a 20% production reduction for three years
- Paladin suspension at Langer Heinrich in May 2018
- Recent announcements of Cigar Lake suspension and Kazatomprom production curtailments related to COVID-19





# **Growing Mine Supply Gap**

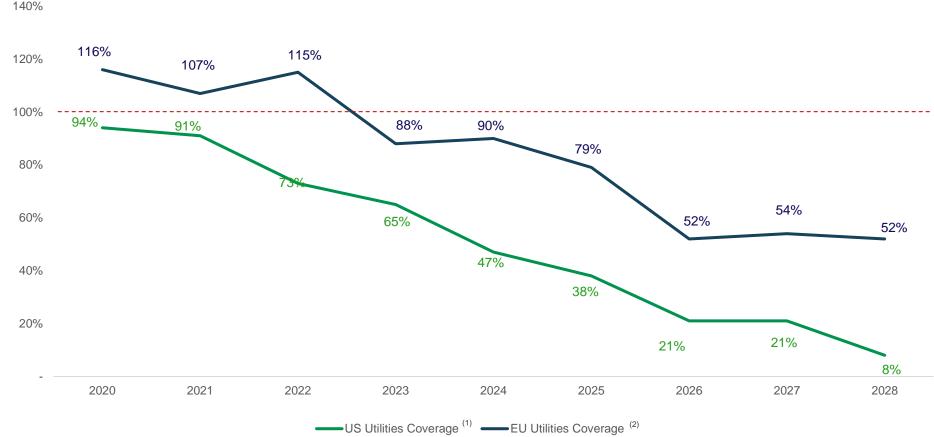
Underinvestment in exploration and development is leading to a potential future supply gap. The Reference market scenario incorporated in latest WNA nuclear fuel market report shows immediate global market supply deficit<sup>(1)</sup>



# **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 & European Utilities**





Source

(2) Euratom Supply Agency Annual Report 2019 (30 June 2020)

<sup>(1)</sup> US Energy Information Administration: 2019 Uranium Marketing Annual Report (May 2020)

# **Yellow Cake**

# Investment highlights and outlook

### **Yellow Cake**

- Yellow Cake provides pure exposure to the uranium price, without any operating risks
- The Company has a low cost structure
- Yellow Cake has access to significant quantities of uranium at the spot price

### **Market Outlook**

- The uranium spot price has performed strongly year-to-date on the back of COVID-19 related supply impacts
- Uranium contract coverage in the US declines markedly from 2022-2023, down to less than 50% by 2024
- Immediately prior to the COVID 19 pandemic, US utilities were entering the long term market and we expect utilities to re-enter the term market into Q4
- The Russian Suspension Agreement negotiations are creating some near term uncertainty
- We continue to see more risk to the uranium supply side than the demand side

