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# Nuclear Energy: The Answer?

With concerns over increasing greenhouse gases and other alternative energies destined to play a minor role in world energy needs, even environmentalists are taking another look at nuclear power

by Sapphire S. MacAllister

**AS WE FUEL OUR THIRST** for more technology, our demand for electricity becomes greater than our supply. In 2006, uranium became a star in the market place. Now, it is situated to be the next hot commodity for 2007. However, is uranium the answer to our energy crisis? Well, let's look at the issues, the metal, the market, the players, the investment potential and where the uranium is taking us.

**THE METAL** Mother Nature provided us with a useful metal called uranium. Like gold or lead, uranium occurs naturally throughout the world's crust. It is 500 times more abundant than gold and as common as tin. Uranium was discovered in 1789 by a German chemist, Martin Klaproth. It took till the 20th Century for uranium to be used. The basic difference from other minerals is that uranium can be used to make energy. Energy is derived from uranium as a result of its atomic structure which can be changed in a process that releases energy in the form of heat. This causes a splitting of uranium atoms into a chain reaction which releases energy inside a nuclear reactor. This creates heat energy produced by fission (splitting the atom) that boils water into steam. This steam drives a turbine generator, which produces electricity. Inside a nuclear reactor is where the heat creates electricity. Consequently, nuclear energy is born. Environmentally, the good news is it produces electricity without emitting greenhouse gases.

**THE ISSUES** The following are three main uranium issues that concern us:

**1 Our need to find alternative and economic fuels**

With fluctuating oil and gas prices and uncertain future supplies of fossil fuels, the logical and economic form of electricity pulls us towards nuclear energy.

Uranium can be used for electricity, space exploration, food, safety, medicine and other non-energy uses. The most common use for uranium is as fuel. This fuel creates nuclear power which generates 16% of the world's electricity. Nuclear power produces electricity cheaper than alternatives such as gas, oil, coal, wind-power and solar. Moreover, it does it cleanly without toxic or carbon dioxide emissions. The electricity produced is continuous, reliable, supplies considerable demand and produces virtually no emissions.

**2 The possible use of uranium in nuclear weapons**

Many know the only time uranium was used as a nuclear weapon was during

World War II. After the war, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) was set up by the United Nations. For now, the NPT has managed to keep safe checks and balances in place for both camps for those against weapons and for those for civil nuclear power. However, level-heads must prevail in order for uranium not to be used for sinister means.

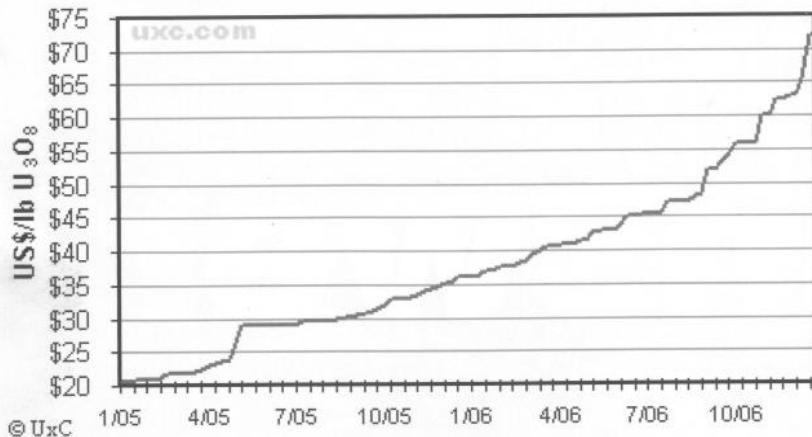
**3 How safe is nuclear energy?**

It is human error or human intent that has caused accidents not the actual technology. By all examinations, nuclear energy is clean and cost-effective. The Nuclear Energy Institute did a survey asking randomly people the question: "Overall, do you strongly favour, somewhat favour, somewhat oppose the use of nuclear energy as one of the ways to provide electricity in the United States?" The results showed 70% favoured nuclear energy and 24% were opposed and the rest were undecided.

Canada, a uranium producer, formerly known as Cogema, noted that "For every tank of gas, diesel or propane your vehicle burns, about three times the weight of that fuel is released into the atmosphere as greenhouse gases. Other hydrocarbon fuels, such as coal, wood, produce much more. Nuclear energy produces no greenhouse gases. Nor does it produce emissions of sulphur dioxide or nitrous oxides that are major contributors to air pollution, smog and acid rain. Nuclear generating stations produce minimal amounts of waste and none of it is released into the atmosphere. One 600 MW reactor produces only 20 cubic metres of spent fuel rods each year. This is equivalent to the volume of greenhouse gases in solid form produced each year by 10 automobiles burning 100 litres of fuel each month. A range of environmental monitoring programs ensures that emissions from mining and related activities remain well below regulatory limits and as low as reasonably achievable."

Underground workers at Cameco's Cigar Lake Project, now under construction in northern Saskatchewan. Photo courtesy Cameco Corp.

RIGHT PAGE: At work inside Cameco's Key Lake mill located 650 kilometres north of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Photo courtesy Cameco Corp.



*Resource World* spoke with Jerry Grandey, president/CEO of Cameco Corp. [CCO-TSX; CCJ-NY] about the above-mentioned issues. He explained the safeguards that exist for uranium producers and exporters in Canada are as follows: "The federal government must approve all uranium producers such as Cameco's exports of nuclear materials. The Canadian government regulates the mining and processing

of uranium and all other activities of the nuclear industry through the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. The government also regulates all trade in nuclear materials. Customers must comply with safeguards detailed under international treaties and use our materials only for peaceful purposes. Buyers of Cameco's products are subject to safeguards under the international non-proliferation treaty,

known as the NPT, administered by the International Atomic Energy Agency of the United Nations and member countries. Through a system of export controls and verification audits, the IAEA and its members ensure that Cameco's uranium is used for peaceful purposes."

### THE URANIUM MARKET

Some say there is a bull market for uranium. Well, the bull's driving force is the demand for electricity. Due to the imbalance between supply and demand, many analysts believe they have underestimated this energy market. In order to understand the uranium market, let us look at how it works.

It is various governments that control through private ownership the uranium spot price and stockpiles. How it works is the utilities have to buy the uranium and then send it for processing. They pay separately for the uranium and the processing. The buying is based on one-to-one long term contracts.



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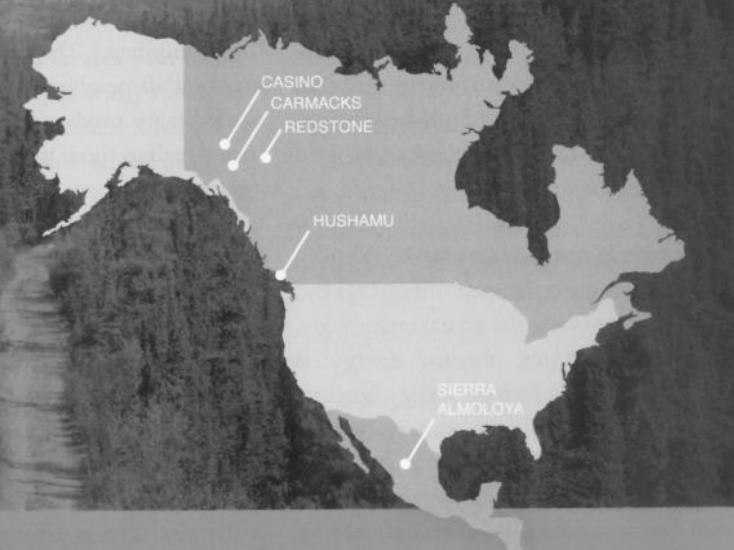
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Uranium is primarily bought from the uranium mining company or through secondary sources such as the government uranium recycling programs. These recycling programs extract uranium from nuclear weapons which were stockpiled during the Cold War and convert them for use in nuclear energy.

The long-term contracts for uranium delivery are set on a base price, set date and fluctuate at time of delivery on the latest index price or are fixed to the spot price at time of delivery.

In order for governments to track this sensitive commodity, there is a security system that is in place. It is an accounting system that tracks stockpile/spot price and the physical quantities of EUP (Enriched Uranium Product). This system provides physical and nuclear nonproliferation safeguards. It identifies the physical inventory of EUP within the fabrication plant boundaries so that any irregularities can be detected. All governments involved in the industry have strict inspection and reporting requirements. The onus for safety and security is on the fabrication facility owner.

It is by open bid request that electric utilities buy uranium. It can be purchased either as a spot buy which is based on one delivery within 12 months of the date of the bid request or through multi-year purchases known as long-term contracts.

Although only a minority share of the utility industry's uranium and enrichment services needs are procured under spot purchases, long-term uranium contracts typically have significant buyer flexibility to buy more or less (typically  $\pm 20\text{--}30\%$ ) than a nominal annual quantity specified in the contract. Therefore it is easy for the utility to shift to more use or less use of the spot market, depending on the then-current spot market price, compared to the delivery price in the long-term contract, as explained by TradeTech, which since 1970, has been active in international organizations and associations affiliated with nuclear power, such as the Nuclear Energy Institute and World Nuclear Association.

Finally, there are two ways that uranium

and rising uranium prices are spurring the industry to increase production and find and develop new deposits. Looking further ahead, modest growth for nuclear energy at the time of delivery. The second way is called market-related pricing. This is based on uranium spot market price and/or published market index at or close to time of delivery. Generally, it is based on the market price less a discount or plus a premium. There is another way which is called market-related price mechanism which uses a floor price whereby the contract price cannot drop. This mechanism protects the seller. Floor price is also known as the official country's floor price whereby the government has influence over the producers' production and marketing operations. Moreover, it involves a ceiling price by which the price cannot rise above the contract price. Thus, this mechanism protects the buyer.

Negotiated, hybrid and cost-related pricing are three other ways that price mechanism functions. Prices agreed to cyclically by the buyer, seller or arbitrators (in case of disagreements) are called negotiated price contracts. However, hybrid pricing utilizes complex formulas to calculate the price based on the market index average. Lastly, the price based on mine production costs is called cost-related mechanism.

Hence, in this heavily controlled uranium market, Resource World asked Mr. Grandey of Cameco where he thought the market was heading towards. He replied, "I expect the global rediscovery of nuclear energy will continue to accelerate. Utilities and decision makers in countries around the world that need more electricity will weigh the environment, strategic and economic benefits and choose nuclear energy. I'm confident that the mining industry will provide all the uranium we need to fuel the world's existing and anticipated reactors. It is true that the world's nuclear plants consume more uranium than is produced at mines each year, but there are other sources of supply such as inventories and recycled material. These secondary supplies are quickly being drawn down

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on supply and demand fundamentals. The reason there is not a lot of new uranium production coming on now is that exploration all but died during an extended period of weak prices that just ended a few years ago. Only Cameco and a few other companies were actively looking for uranium during this period. Now, we and hundreds of exploration companies are searching for the next generation of deposits and we'll find them."

#### THE PLAYERS

There are seven major uranium producing companies in the world. They are Cameco, Rio Tinto PLC [RTP-NY], AREVA, KazAtomProm, BHPBilliton, TVEL, and Navoi. Presently known uranium sources are found in Australia, Kazakhstan, Canada, USA, South Africa, Namibia, Brazil, Niger, Russian Fed., Uzbekistan, Ukraine, India, China and others. The total world recoverable resources of uranium are 4,743,000 tonnes (figures by World Nuclear Association).

Fifty-one percent of the world's uranium production comes from Canada and Australia. The remainder is mined in another 20 countries. With the increased demand for uranium, there are many mining exploration companies seeking to find more uranium. Hence with more uranium discoveries and mines coming on stream, more nuclear energy can be generated to fuel power stations. After all, a tonne of uranium fuel can keep a large power station running for two weeks. The global prediction suggests that over the next 50 years, the world's demand for electricity will double or triple.

So far, the relatively new mines that have come into production are AREVA's McClean Lake Mine, Cameco's McArthur River which supplies its ore from its underground mine to the Key Lake Mill and the delayed Cigar Lake Mine which is 50% owned by Cameco and remainder held by AREVA Resources Canada Inc., Idemitsu Uranium Exploration Canada Ltd. and TEPCO Resources Inc.

In 2005, five companies, Cameco, Rio Tinto, AREVA, KazAtomProm and BHP Billiton accounted for 64% of world

#### CONCLUSION

Many world leaders seem to have a vision similar to that expressed by Mr. Grandey when asked about uranium. "Nuclear generated electricity will be an important part of the world's electricity supply in the future along with other clean energy technologies such as wind and renewables. Renewables are referred to as sources



**Mesa Uranium Corp.**

MZU:TSXV

Unlocking the Proven Potential of the Lisbon Valley Mining District

Mesa Uranium Corp. (TSX-V: MZU) is a publicly traded Canadian exploration company focused on uranium at the 100% owned Lisbon Valley Project in the historic Lisbon Valley Mining District in southeastern Utah. The Lisbon Valley Project covers 27 square miles of ground prospective for the discovery of major uranium deposits.

The District

Over 85 million pounds of U3O8 were produced in the District from 1952 until the early 1990's. The mines are located along an arcuate belt 16 miles long by 1/2 mile wide along the southwestern flank of the Lisbon Valley anticline. All of the major ore bodies did not outcrop and were discovered by exploration drilling. The District accounted for over 80% of the uranium mined in the State of Utah. The District had some of the highest uranium grades in the United States, averaging 0.4 percent U3O8.

#### Focus on Discovery

Mesa Uranium's first priority is to drill targets adjacent to and on strike with the Lisbon Mine. The Lisbon Mine was the largest deposit in the District, producing over 22 million pounds of U3O8 between 1972 and 1988. Drilling will concentrate on targets within 300 metres of the underground stopes of the Lisbon Mine.

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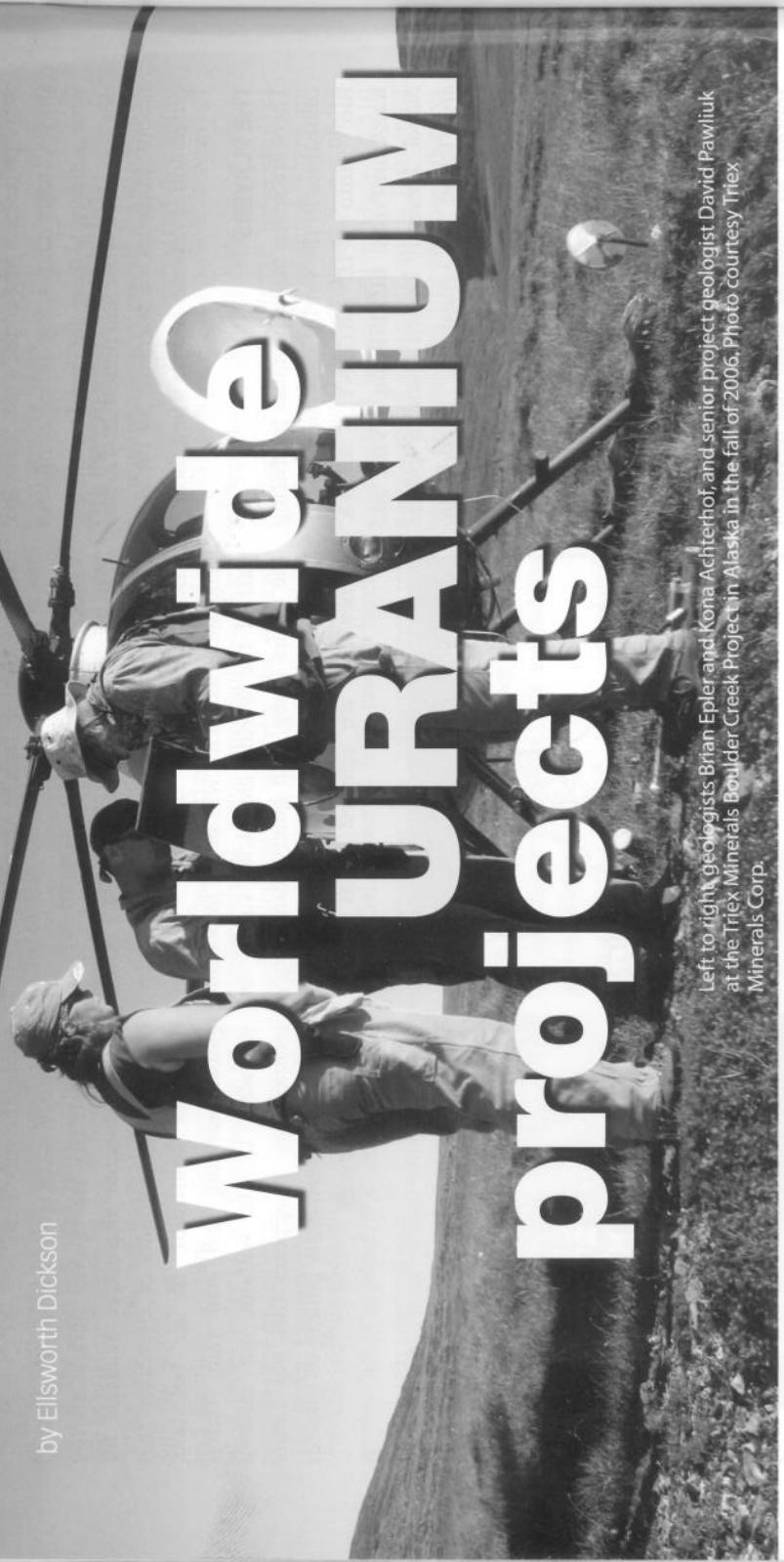
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production. Thirty-eight percent of world production came from three mines: Cameco's McArthur River Deposit in Canada, Rio Tinto's Ranger Mine in Australia and BHP Billiton's Olympic Dam in Australia.

Moreover, the world's insatiable demand for electricity leaves only nuclear energy as a reasonable alternative available for creating vast amounts of electricity that does not contribute to air pollution, global warming and acid rain. Unless we want to live without our modern technologies, it appears that our future electricity demands are pulling us towards nuclear energy. ■

## Last month, we reviewed Saskatchewian uranium projects - this month, we cover other regions around the world.

by Ellsworth Dickson



Left to right: geologists Brian Epler and Kona Achterhof, and senior project geologist David Pawlik at the Triex Minerals Boulder Creek Project in Alaska in the fall of 2006. Photo courtesy Triex Minerals Corp.

Alberta Star Development Corp. [ASX-TSXV; ASXSF-OTCBB] has received results from last summer's sampling program at the Mag Hill area, 15 kilometres from the Eldorado uranium mine at the Contact Lake Project, Northwest Territories. Assays returned 0.69%  $U_3O_8$ , 30.9 grams silver/tonne and 0.32% lead. Detailed uranium exploration is planned for the upcoming field season. Alberta Star also holds the Longtom Project, Northwest Territories, which is 50% optioned to Frontier Development and the MacInnis Lake Project, Northwest Territories, which is 50% optioned to Max Resource Corp. [MXR-TSXV; MXRDF-OTCBB]. Max has a 100% interest in the C de Baca uranium project in Socorro County, New Mexico.

Aldershot Resources Ltd. [ALZ-TSXV] has completed first-phase exploration at the Kert Project in western Québec. At the Shawville showing, radiation ranged between 1,500 and 3,500 counts per second. At the Yuummery Project in western Australia, an airborne survey has identified two uranium anomalies with lake Noondie and a third zone to the north.

Anglo-Canadian Uranium Corp. [URA-TSXV] holds a number of uranium prospects in Utah, New Mexico and Colorado and in Niger. The company has 50/50 ventures with Commander Resources Ltd. [CMD-TSXV] and Uravan Minerals Inc. [UVN-TSXV]. The company has 50/50 ventured the Murphy uranium property in the Hermitage Uranium Belt of Newfoundland to Commander Resources Ltd. [CMD-TSXV]. Bayswater is also exploring for iron oxide copper-gold/Rossing-style uranium deposits in the Central Mineral Belt. The 2007 exploration budget is \$20 million.

Calypso Acquisition Corp. [CLP-TSXV]

has applied for two concessions in Niger, Africa, adjacent to the AREVA producing mines. In southwest Utah, the company has staked the Dragon Project where grab samples returned up to 0.16%  $U_3O_8$ . More staking is underway in the area. In San Juan County, Utah, Anglo-Canadian has a 100% interest in the Locust uranium-vanadium project that includes the formerly producing Locust Mine (0.25%  $U_3O_8$ , plus vanadium). In New Mexico, the company has acquired the Holley uranium project near Grants, about four miles from the Marquez uranium mine. Anglo-Canadian also owns the 08 uranium projects in northwest New Mexico. In Colorado, the company has the Spider Rock, Wild Steer, Joseph, Eula Belle, King and Tomcat uranium-vanadium projects.

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Bayswater Uranium Corp. has identified 12 strong to moderate conductors on the Telon UNR and CL properties in the South Thelon Basin, Northwest Territories by extensive airborne magnetic and electromagnetic surveys. Bayswater can earn an 80% interest in the Thelon UNR property from Uranium North Resources. At the 100% owned Thelon property, two parallel conductive trends extend northwards from the adjacent Boomerang property being explored by Cameco Corp. [CC-TSX] and Uravan Minerals Inc. [UVN-TSXV]. The company has 50/50 ventures with lake Noondie to Commander Resources Ltd. [CMD-TSXV]. Bayswater is also exploring for iron oxide copper-gold/Rossing-style uranium deposits in the Central Mineral Belt. The 2007 exploration budget is \$20 million.

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Delta Exploration Inc. [DEV-TSXV]

expects drilling will start at the 100% owned Falca copper-uranium property in Mali, West Africa where Rockgate Capital Corp. [RGT-TSXV]

can earn a 60% interest. Cogema drilled 86 holes in the 1970s and 1980s when the work returned assays exceeding 1% uranium and 4% copper.

Denison Mines Inc. [DEN-TSX]

is a diversified, intermediate uranium producer with five uranium mining projects in North America. Denison expects estimated production of five million pounds of  $U_3O_8$  by 2010. The company was formed through a merger with International Uranium Corp. Denison plans to open its Tony M Mine in 2007 and its Bullfrog Mine in 2008, both in the Henry Mountains of Utah.

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Reverse circulation drilling on the Global Uranium Corp. prospect in Lisbon Valley, Utah.

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is actively exploring its Lisbon Valley uranium project near Moab, Utah, where airborne geophysics was followed by drilling last fall. The company also holds a number of other uranium prospects in Utah. Global has also acquired six separate claim groups in the vicinity of Lincoln County, Nevada. The claim groups include the Lucky Strike, Panaca Springs, Pay Zone, White Light Nine, White Light and White Cloud properties. Each claim group covers known occurrences of uranium mineralization. A surface radiometric survey is planned for the Lucky Strike claims.

**Golden Patriot Corp.** [GPTC-OTCBB; GPU-Frankfurt] has received encouraging assay results from a recent 23-hole drill program on the Lucky Boy uranium property in Gila County, Arizona. Significant uranium mineralization has been delineated over 396 feet. Hole No.2 intersected 10 feet grading 0.12%  $U_3O_8$ . Hole No.21 cut 10 feet of 0.092%  $U_3O_8$ . This property has been in production twice in the past.

**Hathor Exploration** [HAT-TSXV] has acquired several large land positions covering nearly 19 million acres near Great Bear Lake, Northwest Territories. The company has also staked 600,000 acres in the same region. Hathor has exercised its option to acquire a 40% interest in the Russell Lake property under an option and joint venture agreement with Northern Continental Resources Inc. [NCR-TSXV].

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**Global Uranium Corp.** [GCU-TSXV] Lake, including airborne geophysical

**Freewest Resources Canada Inc.** [FWR-TSXV] has discovered new uranium occurrences on the George River property in northeast Québec and northwest Labrador. The Stewart Lake trend has been traced over a 2.6-kilometre strike length with assays of up to 0.384%  $U_3O_8$  while the Abigail occurrence has returned assays of up to 0.369%  $U_3O_8$ .

**Frontier Development Group Inc.** [FRG-TSX; FRG-AMEX] has identified three additional uranium-copper-gold-silver target areas on its Wernecke Mountain prospects in the Yukon. Uranium-bearing boulders (0.3%  $U_3O_8$ ) were found on the Hail prospect.

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**First Uranium Corp.** [FIU-TSX] is focusing on the development of uranium and gold projects in South Africa in order to become a significant producer of uranium and gold through the reopening and development of the Ezulwini underground mine and the construction of the Buffelsfontein tailings recovery facility. To expand its production profile, First Uranium plans to continue to identify and acquire additional uranium projects in South Africa.

**Hathor and NCR** have completed about \$3 million in assessment work at Russell

Lake, including airborne geophysical



host uranium mineralization in Niger.

Nova Uranium Corp. [NUC-TSXV] has started Phase III drilling on its Mont Laurier property 200 kilometres northwest of Montreal, Québec to follow up on a previous intersection of 12.54 metres of 0.90 lbs./ton  $U_3O_8$ .

Nuinsco Resources Ltd. [NWVI-TSX] is exploring its 100% owned Prairie Lake prospect in northwest Ontario where there is a near-surface historic (non-NI 43-101-compliant) resource of more than 180,000 tonnes grading 0.09%  $U_3O_8$ . A minimum 1,500-metre drilling program is planned. Nuinsco is also active in the Athabasca Basin, Saskatchewan.

Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd. [PEX-TSXV] has been active on its 500,000-acre Baker project in south-western Nunavut where there are at least 20 uranium prospects. These prospects occur along a 60-kilometre length of the southern boundary of the Baker Lake Basin, a favourable setting for high-grade uranium occurrences. Recent drilling returned 0.31%  $U_3O_8$  over 11.5 metres.

Paladin Resources Ltd. [PDN-TSX, ASX] completed the issue of US \$250 million of convertible bonds to develop the Kayelekera Project in Malawi, Africa, to establish a uranium marketing subsidiary and acquire more projects. An NI 43-101 report indicates Paladin's Langer Heinrich prospect in Namibia hosts 22.7

million tonnes of Measured Resources grading 0.64 kilograms/tonne. A NI 43-101 report was received on the Bigrly Project, Northern Territory, Australia, a J/V with Energy Metals Corp., stating Indicated Resources of 1.05 million tonnes grading 0.23%  $U_3O_8$ . Paladin also has a 50/50 J/V with Summit Resources Ltd. [SMM-ASX] on the Valhalla Project, Queensland.

Pan-African Mining Corp. [PAF-TSXV] has begun core drilling in the Tranomaro Zone in southern Madagascar which covers numerous known uranium occurrences. Phase I totals 3,000 metres.

Pele Mountain Resources Inc. [GEM-TSXV] has received a NI 43-101 compliant report stating its Elliot Lake uranium project in northern Ontario hosts an inferred Resource of 30.05 million tonnes grading 0.05%  $U_3O_8$  with a minimum mining width of 2.44 metres with a potential remaining to increase resources.

Pencari Mining Corp. [PMC-TSXV] has a road-accessible uranium property in Toliary Province, western Madagascar. The company has assembled an exploration team for evaluating the Madagascar prospect.

PowerTech Uranium Corp. [PWE-TSXV] has agreed to pay Energy Metals Corp. \$1 million in cash or shares for historical data covering two projects, the Dewey Tarrace and Dewey Burdock, in Wyoming. Rampart Ventures Ltd. [RPT-TSXV]

to further test the high-grade uranium surface showings sampled by the company's prospectors in 2005 and 2006 in the Split Rapids area east of the Black Sturgeon fault in the Sibley Basin-Lake Nipigon area of Ontario. Previous shallow drilling in this area in 2005 intersected values up to 2.99%  $U_3O_8$  over 1.5 metres. Surface grab samples assayed up to 19.9%  $U_3O_8$ .

Resources Appalaches [APP-TSXV] has staked further claims near its Ashini uranium prospect north of Godbout, Québec, following encouraging exploration results. RKJ Explorations Ltd. [RJK-A-TSXV] is preparing to drill its 100% owned Churchill Project six kilometres east of Churchill, Manitoba. Chip sampling has returned 0.5 lb./ton and 1-3 grams gold/tonne. The drilling is following up on earlier geophysics and trenching.

Rodina Minerals Inc. [RM-TSXV], Santoy Resources Ltd. [SAN-TSXV] and Melkior Resources Inc. [MKR-TSXV] have formed a joint venture to explore for uranium and other metals in the Otish Mountains of Québec. Santoy also has uranium interests in Saskatchewan.

Santoy Resources Ltd. will resume drilling in March on the Mustang Lake uranium prospect in the Central Mineral Belt of Labrador, a 50/50 joint venture with Monster Copper.

Silver Spruce Resources Inc. [SSE-TSXV] and Universal Uranium Ltd. reports a new drilling program designed

[UUL-TSXV] have intersected uranium mineralization in four of the five holes drilled on the Central Mineral Belt Two Time Zone block east of the Black Sturgeon Fault. All four holes gave narrow zones grading over 0.1%  $U_3O_8$  with wider zones of lower grades. The best hole returned 0.13%  $U_3O_8$  over 1.6 metres.

Sparton Resources Inc. [SRI-TSXV] has located the source of uranium coal ash for its uranium program in China which may develop into a significant supply of uranium.

Starfire Minerals Inc. [SFR-TSXV] is conducting a \$350,000 winter drill program of 1,500 to 2,000 metres at its Cross Creek uranium deposit on the southeastern Seward Peninsula, Alaska. Hole DV06-54 where previous exploration has returned encouraging uranium values.

Strateco Resources Inc. [RSC-TSXV, SRSIF-USOTC; RF9-FKFT] has completed a 38-hole drilling program on its Matoush property in the Otish Mountains, Québec. Hole MT-06-30 returned 2.1%  $U_3O_8$  over 12.4 metres, including 4.7%  $U_3O_8$  over 3.3 metres and 16.6%  $U_3O_8$  over 0.3 metres.

Strathmore Minerals Corp. [STM-TSXV] has completed an independent NI 43-101-compliant resource calculation for its Dieter Lake uranium property in north-central Québec. The report provides an estimated Inferred Resource of 24.4 million pounds U3O8 averaging 0.057%  $U_3O_8$ . Strathmore has bought 620 acres in the Ambrosia Lake uranium mining district northwest of Grants, New Mexico. This purchase is for mining and milling activities at its Roca Honda uranium project which hosts an NI 43-101-compliant Measured, Indicated and Inferred Resource of more than 33 million pounds  $U_3O_8$ .

Sxr Uranium One, Inc. [SXR-TSX, Jo'burg] has agreed to sales terms for its uranium to be produced in the near future at its Dominion Project in South Africa. The terms provide for four new contracts with a total sale of 3.2 million pounds of  $U_3O_8$  for delivery between 2008 and 2012.

In November 2006, Sxr reported inaudited sales to a Western world utility for 1.5 million pounds of  $U_3O_8$ . The company also owns the Honeymoon uranium project in South Australia, scheduled for 2008

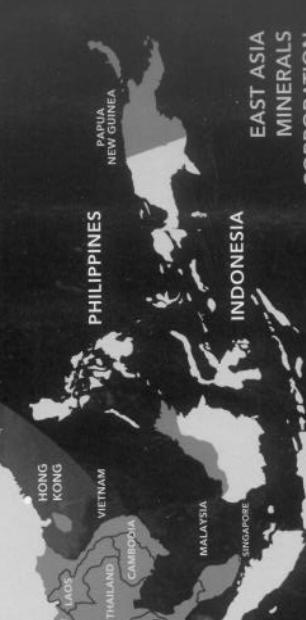
returned 0.317%  $U_3O_8$  over 3.0 metres, including 0.867%  $U_3O_8$  over 2.0 metres. Reconnaissance exploration was carried out on the Death Valley and McCarthy Marsh regions north and west of Boulder Creek.

Trigon Exploration Canada Ltd. [TEL-TSXV] is focusing on known uranium deposits in the southwest U.S.A., including the Marysville and Henry Mountains projects in southern Utah. Trigon recently expanded its claims in the Shootaring Canyon area of the Henry Mountains to 886 mining claims and three Utah State leases totaling over 19,200 acres. The claims adjoin Denison's uranium deposits.

U3O8 Corp. [UWE-TSXV], a new

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company, is focused on uranium exploration in Guyana, South America, where it is conducting reconnaissance work in the Roraima Basin area. The 1.3-million-hectare property hosts more than 20 known uranium showings.

**Ucore Uranium Inc.** [UCU-TSXV] is exploring the Lost Pond project in Western Newfoundland where a 20-sample program averaged 0.39%  $U_3O_8$ . Ucore has 11 uranium projects in Newfoundland, including three in the Hermitage Uranium Belt. The company also holds uranium prospects in the Central Mineral Belt of Labrador and in Nunavut near the northern Manitoba border.

**Universal Uranium Ltd.** [UUL-TSXV] recently raised more than \$2 million to explore its uranium prospects in Newfoundland and Labrador.

**UraMin Inc.** [UMN-TSX; AIM] reports its J/V in South Africa has begun feasibility study work on its Ryst Kuil Channel Project. UraMin's South African joint venture company is now the beneficiary of 12 of 14 prospecting licenses applied for in the Ryst Kuil Channel, with only two prospecting license applications in the Channel outstanding. UraMin believes it now has the potential to develop South Africa's first primary uranium mine. The award of prospecting licenses over the Riet Kuil farm is a second uranium project for UraMin in South Africa.

**Uracan Resources Ltd.** [URC-TSXV] is exploring for near surface, bulk tonnage uranium deposits on the 100% owned North Shore uranium properties on the north shore of the St. Lawrence River, southeast Quebec as well as the Pipewrench Lake and Narrows Lake area 130 kilometres northwest of La Ronge, Saskatchewan.

**Uranerz Energy Corp.** [URZ-AMEX; U9E-Frankfurt] has signed a letter of intent in early January to acquire three uranium projects in northeast Wyoming in the central part of the Powder River Basin. The properties, named West Flank, North Rolling Oin and C-Line, are adjacent to or near claims already owned by Uranerz. There is known uranium mineralization on the claim blocks.

**Ultra Uranium Corp.** [ULU-TSXV] has received a draft NI 43-101 qualifying report on its 100% owned Kalnica-Select uranium property in western Slovakia. Work done by the government included radiometric surveys, mapping, sampling, trenching, 339 drill holes and driving an adit.

**Uranium Energy Corp.** [URME-OTCBB; U6Z-FKFT; U6Z-BERLIN] intends to become a near-term, in-situ leach uranium producer in the U.S. The company is developing its advanced Goliad Project in South Texas with production projected to start in 2009. Uranium Energy also holds advanced uranium projects throughout the southwest U.S., many with drill-indicated uranium resources. The company has also increased its Wyoming lease holding in Niobrara County.

**Uranium Participation Corp.** [U-TSX] is an investment holding company that invests in uranium oxide concentrates ( $U_3O_8$ ) and uranium hexafluoride ( $UF_6$ ). **Uranium Power Corp.** [UPC-TSXV] is developing and expanding the 50% owned and 50% optioned Sheep Creek Mountain

Project in central Wyoming. **Creek Project** in Arizona, data compilation is underway in preparation for a spring field program.

**Uranium North Resources Corp.** [UNR-TSXV] has extensive land holdings of more than four million acres prospective for uranium in the Athabasca, Thelon and Hornby Bay Basins of northern Canada. The company plans to upgrade the historic resource on the Amer Lake property to NI 43-101 standards and is planning programs for the Hepburn and South Baker properties.

**Uranium Star Corp.** [URST-OTCBB], formerly Yukon Resource Corp., has uranium prospects in Québec, Arizona and Finland. In Québec, the company has been investigating the source of the Mistamisk uranium-bearing boulder field on its Sagar property in the Romanet Horst within the northern part of the Labrador Trough. The average boulder grades 1.3%  $U_3O_8$  and 60 grams gold/tonne with some carrying higher values. Uranium Star has built a camp and is building an airstrip. An 8,000-to 10,000-metre drilling program, part of a \$6-million program, is planned for the near future to test targets that may represent the source of the boulders. At the Workman

project for UraMin in South Africa.

**UraEnergy Inc.** [URE-TSXV] is completing mine planning, baseline studies and permitting to bring two uranium deposits into production by year end. Akdala has been producing 2.6 million pounds U3O8 per year since April 2006. Uravan Minerals Inc. [UVN-TSXV] and Cameco Corp. [CCO-TSX; CCJ-NY] have been drilling their Boomerang uranium project in the Thelon Basin, Northwest Territories. Uravan also holds a large land position in the Garry Lake area, northeast Northwest Territories and Nunavut on its Thelon Basin, Nunavut.

**Western Uranium Corp.** [WUC-TSXV] has identified a number of prospective targets with an airborne MEGATEM geophysical survey flown in the Thelon Basin, Northwest Territories and Nunavut over a 300- by 400-metre target. Drill intersectionalization exposed at six trenches as well as radiometric and radon anomalies over a 300- by 400-metre target. Drill intercepts range 0.001% to 0.322%  $U_3O_8$  over a one-metre assay interval.

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