

Ur-Energy Announces Additional Sales Commitments, Success in its Bid into the Uranium Reserve, and Decision to Ramp-Up Lost Creek Production Operations

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December 19, 2022 ([Source](#)) – **Ur-Energy Inc.** (NYSE American:URG)(TSX:URE) (the “Company” or “Ur-Energy”) is pleased to announce that it has expanded the quantity to be delivered into the sales agreement announced by the Company on August 8, 2022. The agreement which called for the annual delivery of 200,000 pounds of U_3O_8 over a six-year period, has been amended to increase the annual delivery by 100,000 pounds of U_3O_8 beginning in 2024 at the same pricing levels.

The Company’s total sales quantity now under contract will be 600,000 pounds U_3O_8 per year beginning in 2024, plus or minus a small, optional flex. Having secured these sales commitments, Ur-Energy has made the decision to immediately ramp up production at its operating Lost Creek uranium mine to levels sufficient to deliver into these current contracts.

The Company will target an initial annual production rate of 600,000 pounds U_3O_8 , which represents 50% of Lost Creek’s licensed wellfield production capacity of 1.2 million pounds. This production level will provide an economy of scale and a stable, long-term revenue stream to the Company while leaving ample room

for growth and additional sales into new contracts or the spot market. Because of the advanced construction and drilling efforts the Company has already made in preparation for ramp up, we expect to commence production in Q1 2023 and reach the initial annual production rate in Q4 2023.

John Cash, the Company's CEO, stated, "Western nuclear companies continue to support production from Lost Creek by signing new and expanded contracts. We will continue our efforts to layer in additional contracts with strong profit margins with the goal of maximizing production at Lost Creek and further reducing our proven low cost of production.

"The growth in our contract book gives us the confidence to ramp production at Lost Creek to 600,000 pounds per year. Our entire team has been working toward this goal for several years and we are excited to bring our low cost, flagship property back into meaningful production. In addition to our Lost Creek mine, our Shirley Basin Project has all major permits and licenses required to construct and operate a one million pound per year production facility. To further prepare for construction and operations at Shirley Basin, we plan to install the monitor wells for the first Shirley Basin mine unit in Spring 2023.

"Our current contract book fills just over 25% of our annual licensed wellfield capacity of 2.2 million pounds and only 14% of our annual licensed processing capacity of 4.2 million pounds. This leaves us considerable room to increase production, open satellite operations, toll process material for other companies, and sell into a rising market."

Ur-Energy is also pleased to announce that the National Nuclear Security Administration ("NNSA"), a semi-autonomous agency of the Department of Energy, has awarded the Company, through its wholly owned subsidiary Lost Creek ISR, LLC, a contract to sell

100,000 pounds of domestically produced U_3O_8 to the national Uranium Reserve at a sales price of \$64.47 per pound. Ur-Energy will provide the material for this one-time purchase from its existing U.S. produced inventory of 324,000 pounds.

Total revenue of \$6,447,000 will be realized in March 2023 after the material is delivered to the NNSA. The strong price of the sale is an indication of the value of domestically produced uranium compared to published global prices and is likely an indication that domestic inventories are in short supply.

The Company intends to retain its remaining inventory of 224,000 pounds, which was intentionally not bid into the Uranium Reserve, to sell into long-term contracts with commercial leaders in the nuclear industry.

About Ur-Energy

Ur-Energy is a uranium mining company operating the Lost Creek *in-situ* recovery uranium facility in south-central Wyoming. We have produced, packaged, and shipped approximately 2.6 million pounds U_3O_8 from Lost Creek since the commencement of operations. Ur-Energy has all major permits and authorizations to begin construction at Shirley Basin, the Company's second *in situ* recovery uranium facility in Wyoming and is in the process of obtaining remaining amendments to Lost Creek authorizations for expansion of Lost Creek. Ur-Energy is engaged in uranium recovery and processing activities, including the acquisition, exploration, development, and operation of uranium mineral properties in the United States. The primary trading market for Ur-Energy's common shares is on the NYSE American under the symbol "URG." Ur-Energy's common shares also trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "URE." Ur-Energy's corporate office is in Littleton, Colorado and its registered office is in Ottawa, Ontario.

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