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# Ur-Energy Provides 2015 Q4 and Year-End Operational Results and Further Guidance

LITTLETON, Colo., Jan. 14, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- **Ur-Energy Inc. (NYSE MKT:URG, TSX:URE)** (the "Company" or "Ur-Energy") reports the following operational results for fourth quarter and year-end 2015, and other recent developments, as well as providing further guidance for 2016.



## Lost Creek Highlights

	Lost Creek Operations									
	Units	2015 Q1		2015 Q2		2015 Q3		2015 Q4		2015 YTD
U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Captured	( <i>'000 lbs</i> )	192.3		207.3		172.2		211.7		783.5
U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Dried & Drummed	( <i>'000 lbs</i> )	177.1		183.9		176.8		189.4		727.2
U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Sold (from production)	( <i>'000 lbs</i> )	146.0		204.0		150.0		225.0		725.0
Average Flow Rate	( <i>gpm</i> )	1,681		1,840		1,931		2,385		1,961
U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Head Grade	( <i>mg/l</i> )	110		108		86		85		97

## Lost Creek Uranium Sales and Operational Highlights

For the quarter, 211,717 pounds of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> were captured within the Lost Creek plant; 189,480 pounds U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> were packaged in drums; and 181,567 pounds U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> of drummed inventory were shipped from the Lost Creek processing plant to the converter. Production numbers increased quarter-over-quarter, with an increase of nearly 23% additional captured pounds and an increase of 7% additional dried and drummed pounds. At December 31, inventory at the conversion facility was approximately 63,776 pounds U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.

Contract and spot sales for the quarter from Lost Creek-produced U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> totaled 225,000 pounds at an average price of \$34.47 per pound, for sales revenues of \$7.8 million during the quarter. This concludes the second calendar year (and ninth consecutive quarter) of sales since operations began at Lost Creek. From production, Lost Creek sold 725,000 pounds U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> during calendar 2015 at an average price of \$41.33 per pound. Total sales for

2015, including purchased  $U_3O_8$ , was 925,000 pounds at an average price of \$45.20 per pound. Contract sales were as expected (630,000 pounds at an average price of \$49.42 per pound); however, spot sales were lower than expected (295,000 pounds at an average price of \$36.18) due to the continuing low spot price environment.

In 2015 Q4, production was sourced from twelve header houses in the first mine unit; header house 12 was brought online in November. Construction is underway on header house 13.

After more than two years of operations, year-to-date plant head grades remain at 97 ppm despite having somewhat lower head grades for the quarter. Head grade during December was 87 ppm, which was above the quarter's average grade of 85 ppm. The lower head grade during this period of operation, as well as varying month-to-month grades, is a typical result as the mine matures and older operating patterns remain in the flow regime while newer patterns are brought online. This maturation of mine is also demonstrated through the increasing average flowrates, with a 454 gpm (23.5%) increase quarter-over-quarter.

### **Second Lost Creek Property Resource Update for 2015**

The Company announced an updated mineral resource for the Lost Creek Property in December 2015. The current mineral resource estimate for all of the Lost Creek Property, at a 0.20 GT cut-off and after subtraction of 1.358 million pounds of Mine Unit (MU1) production through September 30, 2015, is 13.25 million pounds  $eU_3O_8$  in the Measured and Indicated categories, and 6.44 million pounds  $eU_3O_8$  in the Inferred category. This revised resource estimate represents a net increase to the Lost Creek Property (all projects) of 3.15 million pounds  $eU_3O_8$  in the Measured and Indicated categories and 1.40 million pounds  $eU_3O_8$  in the Inferred category when compared to the previous estimate in the June 17, 2015 Technical Report.

*Resources are classified as Measured, Indicated and Inferred as defined in Section 1.2 of Canadian NI 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects and the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum (CIM) Definition Standards for Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves (May 2014). Percent  $eU_3O_8$  is a measure of gamma intensity from a decay product of uranium and is not a direct measurement of uranium. Numerous comparisons of  $eU_3O_8$  and chemical assays of Lost Creek rock samples indicate that  $eU_3O_8$  is a reasonable indicator of the chemical concentration of uranium.*

An updated Preliminary Economic Assessment of the Lost Creek Property will be issued this month.

### **Permitting Update – Lost Creek and Shirley Basin**

A Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) draft permit for Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class V wells has been completed for Lost Creek. It is anticipated that final approvals from all regulators will be received in Q1 2016. These approvals will allow for the onsite disposal of fresh permeate (i.e., clean water) into Class V wells. Site operators will use the reverse osmosis circuits, which were installed during initial construction of the plant, to treat process waste water into brine and permeate streams. The brine stream will continue to be disposed of in the UIC Class I deep wells while the clean, permeate stream will be injected into the UIC Class V wells. It is expected that these operational procedures, which are expected to be commissioned Q1 2016, will significantly enhance waste water disposal capacity at the site.

During the quarter, the Shirley Basin application for permit to mine was submitted to the WDEQ. We anticipate that the application for a source material license for the project will be submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission during Q1 2016.

### **Continuing Guidance for 2016**

The Q1 2016 production target for Lost Creek is to produce approximately 185,000 pounds  $U_3O_8$  and dry and drum approximately 200,000 pounds  $U_3O_8$ . Production at this level will permit delivery into our term contract commitments and into discretionary spot sales. Recognizing the continuing challenges in market conditions, the Company currently anticipates to produce (dry and drum) in the range of 650,000 to 750,000 pounds  $U_3O_8$  from Lost Creek during 2016. Our production rate may be adjusted based on operational refinements, and indicators in the market, including uranium spot market and term pricing, and other factors.

As previously guided, the Company has contractually committed 662,000 pounds during 2016, at an average price of approximately \$47 per pound. We have also established our delivery schedule for those commitments, with distribution of sales throughout the year. From 2016 – 2020, our long-term commitments, of approximately 60% of production capacity (~ 600,000 pounds) per year, total in excess of 2.8 million pounds, at an average price of approximately \$49 per pound. We have begun to make term agreements into the 2020s.

Jeff Klenda, Chair of Ur-Energy, said further, "We are pleased that our production targets and exploration goals were met at Lost Creek during 2015. As the future is unknown, however, we will continue to mitigate as much risk and uncertainty as possible. And, while it is unrealistic to think that all risk can be eliminated, our reliable cash flow from long-term sales agreements continues to protect the Company and our shareholders quite well during these uncertain times. Cash flow is more important now than ever before. Our attention will continue to be focused on efficient, low-cost production and resource growth in the year ahead."

Mr. James Bonner, VP Geology with Ur-Energy, C.P.G., American Institute of Professional Geologists, and a Qualified Person as defined by NI 43-101, has reviewed and approved the technical disclosure contained in this news release. Mr. Bonner has verified the sampling, analytical and test data underlying the mineral resource estimate disclosed here.

### **About Ur-Energy**

Ur-Energy is a uranium mining company operating the Lost Creek *in-situ* recovery uranium facility in south-central Wyoming. The Lost Creek processing facility has a two million pounds per year nameplate design capacity. Shirley Basin, our newest project, is one of the Pathfinder Mines assets we acquired in 2013. Applications for permits and licenses to operate Shirley Basin have begun to be submitted to regulators. Ur-Energy is engaged in uranium mining, recovery and processing activities, including the acquisition, exploration, development and operation of uranium mineral properties in the United States. Shares of Ur-Energy trade on the NYSE MKT under the symbol "URG" and on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "URE." Ur-Energy's corporate office is located in Littleton, Colorado; its registered office is in Ottawa, Ontario. Ur-Energy's website is [www.ur-energy.com](http://www.ur-energy.com).

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