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## Ur-Energy Releases 2018 Q1 Results

LITTLETON, Colo., May 4, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- **Ur-Energy Inc.** (NYSE American:URG TSX:URE) ("Ur-Energy" or the "Company") has filed the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission at [www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml](http://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml) and with Canadian securities authorities on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).



Chairman of Ur-Energy, Jeff Klenda said, "Delivering purchased pounds into our 2018 term contracts has permitted us to grow our inventory while also having strong cash flow. In the first quarter, we purchased 370,000 pounds at an average cost of \$25.00 per pound, which allowed us to increase our ending inventory by 74,000 pounds and led to gross profits \$9.9 million, or gross profit margins of approximately 50%. Our strategy has allowed us to retain our most experienced operators, build inventory, and preserve our resources. In what we are convinced is a changing uranium market, this will position us to be able to quickly ramp up production to respond to improved market conditions at a time where operational and production leverage will have primary importance.

### Lost Creek Uranium Production and Sales

During the three months ended March 31, 2018, a total of 84,047 pounds of  $U_3O_8$  were captured within the Lost Creek plant. 79,961 pounds were packaged in drums and 73,515 pounds of the drummed inventory were shipped to the conversion facility. We sold 380,000 pounds of  $U_3O_8$  during the period of which 370,000 pounds were purchased. Inventory, production and sales figures for the Lost Creek Project are presented in the following tables.

Production and Production Costs	Unit	2018 Q1	2017 Q4	2017 Q3	2017 Q2
Pounds captured	lb	84,047	67,982	52,812	65,257
Ad valorem and severance tax	\$000	\$ 179	\$ 160	\$ 119	\$ 227
Wellfield cash cost <sup>(1)</sup>	\$000	\$ 671	\$ 686	\$ 743	\$ 599

Wellfield non-cash cost <sup>(2)</sup>									
	\$000	\$	403	\$	575	\$	730	\$	780
Ad valorem and severance tax per pound captured									
	\$/lb	\$	2.13	\$	2.35	\$	2.25	\$	3.48
Cash cost per pound captured									
	\$/lb	\$	7.98	\$	10.09	\$	14.07	\$	9.18
Non-cash cost per pound captured									
	\$/lb	\$	4.79	\$	8.44	\$	13.82	\$	11.95
Pounds drummed	lb		79,961		60,461		48,336		70,833
Plant cash cost <sup>(3)</sup>									
	\$000	\$	1,226	\$	1,210	\$	1,120	\$	1,267
Plant non-cash cost <sup>(2)</sup>									
	\$000	\$	492	\$	493	\$	494	\$	491
Cash cost per pound drummed									
	\$/lb	\$	15.33	\$	20.01	\$	23.17	\$	17.93
Non-cash cost per pound drummed									
	\$/lb	\$	6.15	\$	8.15	\$	10.20	\$	6.93
Pounds shipped to conversion facility	lb		73,515		73,367		36,797		74,406
Distribution cash cost <sup>(4)</sup>									
	\$000	\$	19	\$	48	\$	24	\$	26
Cash cost per pound shipped									
	\$/lb	\$	0.26	\$	0.65	\$	0.65	\$	0.35
Pounds purchased	lb		370,000		-		109,000		210,000
Purchase costs									
	\$000	\$	9,251	\$	-	\$	2,196	\$	4,870
Cash cost per pound purchased									
	\$/lb	\$	25.00	\$	-	\$	20.15	\$	23.19

Notes:

- 1 Wellfield cash costs include all wellfield operating costs. Wellfield construction and development costs, which include wellfield drilling, header houses, pipelines, power lines, roads, fences and disposal wells, are treated as development expense and are not included in wellfield operating costs.
- 2 Non-cash costs include the amortization of the investment in the mineral property acquisition costs and the depreciation of plant equipment, and the depreciation of their related asset retirement obligation costs. The expenses are calculated on a straight line basis so the expenses are typically constant for each quarter. The cost per pound from these costs will therefore typically vary based on production levels only.
- 3 Plant cash costs include all plant operating costs and site overhead costs.
- 4 Distribution cash costs include all shipping costs and costs charged by the conversion facility for weighing, sampling, assaying and storing the U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> prior to sale.

<u>Sales and cost of sales</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>2018 Q1</u>	<u>2017 Q4</u>	<u>2017 Q3</u>
Pounds sold	lb	380,000	-	289,000
U3O8 sales	\$000	\$ 19,663	\$ -	\$ 11,674
Average contract price	\$/lb	\$ 52.50	\$ -	\$ 40.39
Average spot price	\$/lb	\$ 23.75	\$ -	\$ -
Average price per pound sold	\$/lb	\$ 51.74	\$ -	\$ 40.39
U3O8 cost of sales <sup>(1)</sup>	\$000	\$ 9,758	\$ 376	\$ 11,157
Ad valorem and severance tax cost per pound sold	\$/lb	\$ 2.30	\$ -	\$ 3.15
Cash cost per pound sold	\$/lb	\$ 31.20	\$ -	\$ 29.11
Non-cash cost per pound sold	\$/lb	<u>\$ 17.20</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 17.52</u>
Cost per pound sold - produced	\$/lb	\$ 50.70	\$ -	\$ 49.78
Cost per pound sold - purchased	\$/lb	<u>\$ 25.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 20.15</u>
Average cost per pound sold	\$/lb	\$ 25.68	\$ -	\$ 38.61
U3O8 gross profit	\$000	\$ 9,905	\$ (376)	\$ 517
Gross profit per pound sold	\$/lb	\$ 26.06	\$ -	\$ 1.78
Gross profit margin	%	50.4%	0.0%	4.4%

Ending Inventory Balances

*Pounds*

In-process inventory	lb	28,937	26,796	22,306
Plant inventory	lb	15,504	9,043	21,948
Conversion facility inventory	lb	<u>159,296</u>	<u>94,077</u>	<u>17,813</u>
Total inventory	lb	<u>203,737</u>	<u>129,916</u>	<u>62,067</u>

*Total cost*

In-process inventory	\$000	\$ 416	\$ 315	\$ 221
Plant inventory	\$000	\$ 538	\$ 369	\$ 824
Conversion facility inventory	\$000	<u>\$ 6,044</u>	<u>\$ 3,831</u>	<u>\$ 675</u>
Total inventory	\$000	<u>\$ 6,998</u>	<u>\$ 4,515</u>	<u>\$ 1,720</u>

*Cost per pound*

In-process inventory	\$/lb	\$ 14.38	\$ 11.76	\$ 9.92
Plant inventory	\$/lb	\$ 34.70	\$ 40.81	\$ 37.53
Conversion facility inventory	\$/lb	\$ 37.94	\$ 40.72	\$ 37.89

Notes:

- 1 Cost of sales include all production costs (notes 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the previous Production and Production Cost table) adjusted for changes in inventory values.

U3O8 sales of \$19.7 million for 2018 Q1 were based on selling 380,000 pounds at an average price of \$51.74. We made one spot sale during the quarter for 10,000 pounds at \$23.75 to establish our taxation basis for calculating severance and ad valorem taxes. The 370,000 pounds sold under term contracts were purchased for an average price of \$25.00

per pound. For the quarter, our cost of sales totaled \$9.8 million at an average cost of \$25.68 per pound.

On a cash basis, the average cost per pound sold was \$25.16, which yielded average cash margins of \$26.58 per pound and generated cash gross profits of \$10.1 million during the quarter. The average cash cost per pound sold was composed of produced and purchased pounds. The cash cost per produced pound sold was \$31.20 and the cash cost per purchased pound sold was \$25.00. Total gross profit was \$9.9 million, or a gross profit margin of approximately 50%.

<b>Total Cost Per Pound Sold Reconciliation</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>2018 Q1</b>	<b>2017 Q4</b>	<b>2017 Q3</b>	<b>2017 Q2</b>
Ad valorem & severance taxes	\$000	\$ 179	\$ 160	\$ 119	\$ 227
Wellfield costs	\$000	\$ 1,074	\$ 1,260	\$ 1,473	\$ 1,379
Plant and site costs	\$000	\$ 1,718	\$ 1,703	\$ 1,614	\$ 1,761
Distribution costs	\$000	\$ 19	\$ 48	\$ 24	\$ 26
Inventory change	\$000	\$ (2,483)	\$ (2,795)	\$ 5,731	\$ (1,690)
 Cost of sales - produced	 \$000	 \$ 507	 \$ 376	 \$ 8,961	 \$ 1,703
 Cost of sales - purchased	 \$000	 \$ 9,251	 \$ —	 \$ 2,196	 \$ 4,870
 Total cost of sales	 \$000	 \$ 9,758	 \$ 376	 \$ 11,157	 \$ 6,573
 Pounds sold produced	 lb	 10,000	 -	 180,000	 31,000
 Pounds sold purchased	 lb	 370,000	 -	 109,000	 210,000
 Total pounds sold	 lb	 380,000	 -	 289,000	 241,000
 Average cost per pound sold - produced <sup>(1)</sup>	 \$/lb	 \$ 50.70	 \$ -	 \$ 49.78	 \$ 54.93
 Average cost per pound sold - purchased	 \$/lb	 \$ 25.00	 \$ -	 \$ 20.15	 \$ 23.19
 Total average cost per pound sold	 \$/lb	 \$ 25.68	 \$ -	 \$ 38.61	 \$ 27.27

- 1 The cost per pound sold reflects both cash and non-cash costs, which are combined as cost of sales in the statement of operations included in this filing. The cash and non-cash cost components are identified in the above inventory, production and sales table.

The cost of sales includes ad valorem and severance taxes related to the extraction of uranium, all costs of wellfield, plant and site operations including the related depreciation and amortization of capitalized assets, reclamation and mineral property costs, plus product distribution costs. These costs are also used to value inventory and the resulting inventoried cost per pound is compared to the estimated sales prices based on the contracts or spot sales anticipated for the distribution of the product. Any costs in excess of the calculated market value are charged to cost of sales.

### **Continuing Guidance for 2018**

At the end of the first quarter of 2018, the average spot price of  $U_3O_8$ , as reported by Ux Consulting Company, LLC and TradeTech, LLC, was approximately \$21.05 per pound. Market fundamentals have not changed sufficiently to warrant the accelerated development of MU2. We anticipate completing the third planned header house in MU2 in early May 2018, which will allow us to meet our projected production level of 250,000 to 300,000 pounds drummed for the year.

Through March 31, 2018, we sold 370,000 pounds of  $U_3O_8$  under term contracts at an average price of approximately \$52.50 per pound and 10,000 pounds of  $U_3O_8$  under a spot sale for \$23.75 per pound. We purchased 370,000 pounds at an average cost of \$25.00 per pound. The remaining 10,000 pounds were delivered from our produced inventory. We have one final term contract sale for 100,000 pounds at \$37.90 scheduled to take place in early June 2018 for which we have a  $U_3O_8$  purchase contract for 90,000 pounds at \$22.25 per pound.

We expect to bring the third MU2 header house on line in Q2 2018 and the production target for that same period is between 85,000 and 95,000 pounds  $U_3O_8$  dried and drummed. Full year 2018 guidance, similar to 2017, estimates production of between 250,000 and 300,000 pounds, but our production rate may be adjusted based on operational matters and other indicators in the market.

As at May 2, 2018, our unrestricted cash position was \$6.3 million.

### **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 more than two million pounds from Lost Creek since the commencement of operations. Applications are under review by various agencies to incorporate our LC East project area into the Lost Creek permits, and we have begun to submit applications for permits and licenses to construct and operate at our Shirley Basin Project. 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 American 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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