

# **Ur-Energy Announces Decision to Build Out Shirley Basin Mine**

**LITTLETON, CO / ACCESSWIRE / March 13, 2024 /Ur-Energy Inc.** (NYSE American:URG)(TSX:URE) (the "Company" or "Ur-Energy") is pleased to announce the decision to build out our wholly owned, fully permitted and licensed Shirley Basin Project in Carbon County, Wyoming.

This decision was based on our growing uranium sales contract book, a strong uranium market price, and an expectation of growing demand for uranium as nations increasingly move toward clean nuclear power.

John Cash, the Company's CEO and Chairman of the Board, stated, "The decision to build out our Shirley Basin Project is a major milestone for our Company as it will nearly double our annual permitted mine production capacity to 2.2 million pounds while diversifying our supply. The build out will also solidify our position as the dominant producer in the Great Divide Basin and Shirley Basin Districts of Wyoming. We look forward to bringing in situ mining technology back to its birthplace in Shirley Basin where it was pioneered beginning in 1963. The Shirley Basin Uranium District has a long, proud history and we are excited to bring the jobs back while responsibly operating."

The satellite plant will be designed with a flow rate of up to 6,000 gallons per minute and capacity to produce up to 1.0 million pounds of  $\rm U_3O_8$  per year. Ur-Energy's permits and license allow for the construction of the elution, precipitation and drying circuits should it become economically advantageous. No amendments to the existing permits or licenses would be required.

The satellite plant will be a relatively low-cost facility consisting of ion exchange, wastewater and groundwater restoration circuits. The ion exchange resin at Shirley Basin will be loaded with uranium from the mine and shipped to the Company's operating Lost Creek ISR Facility for processing before being recycled back into operations at Shirley Basin. This satellite approach will help minimize initial facility capital costs to approximately \$24.4 million and pre-operational wellfield development costs to \$16.3 million. Sustaining capital expenditures over the life of the project are estimated to be \$9.2 million. Operating expenditures before taxes and royalties are estimated to be \$24.40 per pound. The royalty burden is minimal and is estimated to be \$0.05 per pound U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>. A detailed economic analysis can be found in the Technical Report Summary "Shirley Basin ISR Uranium Project, Carbon County, Wyoming, USA" as amended, March 11, 2024, that was filed with the Company's 10-K/A Annual Report for 2023, March 12, 2024.

The estimated time to finalize designs, order materials and construct the satellite plant and initial wellfield is approximately 24 months. Work has already been initiated on long-lead items and, as a result, the ion exchange vessels have been designed and ordered as our

Board approved their purchase.

The mineral resource at Shirley Basin is spread across three planned mine units including two mine units within the FAB Trend and one within Area 5 with resources defined as follows:

## Shirley Basin Project - Resource Summary (December 31, 2023)

	MEASURED			INDICATED		
RESOURCE AREA	AVG GRADE % eU <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	SHORT TONS (X 1000)	POUNDS U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (X 1000)	AVG GRADE % eU <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	SHORT TONS (X 1000)	POUNDS U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> (X 1000)
FAB TREND	0.280	1,172	6,574	0.119	456	1,081
AREA 5	0.243	195	947	0.115	93	214
TOTAL	0.275	1,367	7,521	0.118	549	1,295
MEASURED & INDICATED				0.230	1,915	8,816

#### Notes:

- 1. Sum of Measured and Indicated tons and pounds may not add to the reported total due to rounding.
- 2. Based on grade cutoff of 0.020 % eUO<sub>8</sub> and a grade x thickness (GT) cutoff of 0.25 GT.
- 3. Mineral processing tests have been conducted historically and by the Company and indicate that recovery should be at or about 80%, which is consistent with industry standards.
- 4. Measured and Indicated mineral resources as defined in S-K 1300.
- 5. All reported resources occur below the historical, pre-mining static water table.
- 6. Average grades are calculated as weighted averages.
- 7. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.
- 8. The point of reference for resources is in situ at the project.

The Company acquired Pathfinder Mines Corporation, which holds the Shirley Basin Project, from AREVA NC Inc., now Orano, in 2013. The Shirley Basin Project was previously mined using underground, in situ, and open pit methods. Over 28 million pounds of uranium was recovered from the project and an estimated 51 million pounds was recovered from the Shirley Basin District.

Qualified Persons at WWC have reviewed and approved the technical disclosure contained in this news release.

Cautionary statement: The Shirley Basin Technical Report Summary is preliminary in

nature. Mineral resources that are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. The estimated mineral recovery used in the report is based on Company personnel and industry experience at similar facilities, including the Company's Lost Creek ISR facility. There can be no assurance that recovery at this level will be achieved.

## **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 2.8 million pounds U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> 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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