

# **ENERGY FUELS INC.**

# **Accretive Divestiture of Non-Core Uranium Assets**

### **EVENT**

Energy Fuels announced a transaction with International Consolidated Uranium (CUR-TSXv, Not Covered) whereby UUUU will divest several of its non-core past-producing and development stage uranium assets in Utah and Colorado to CUR for total consideration of ~\$26 MM in cash and shares.

### **BOTTOM LINE**

**Modest Positive** – We previously ascribed zero value to the non-core uranium assets UUUU is selling to CUR for ~\$26 MM. While this transaction is immediately accretive to our numbers on Energy Fuels, it is of insufficient size at this stage to "move the needle" on our target price.

### **FOCUS POINTS**

- Transaction Details Consolidated Uranium is acquiring 100% of the past-producing Tony M, Daneros, and Rim uranium mines in Utah and the Sage Plain property and eight DOE Leases in Colorado from Energy Fuels. CUR is paying UUUU \$2.0 MM in cash upfront, 19.9% of CUR's outstanding shares (~C\$19.0 MM at the time of the deal announcement), C\$6.0 MM in deferred cash, and a milestone payment of C\$5.0 MM in cash upon the commencement of commercial production at the Utah assets.
- White Mesa Toll Milling Agreement As part of the transaction, Energy Fuels will also provide toll-milling services to Consolidated Uranium, for a fee, on all ore mined from Tony M, Daneros, and/or Rim in the future.
- Maintaining Buy Rating and Target Incorporating the CUR transaction increases our UUUU NAVPS to \$4.22 from \$4.07. We continue to rate the stock a Buy with a target price of \$6.25/C\$8.00/share.

### Recommendation: BUY

Symbol/Exchange: UUUU-NYSE/EFR-TSX
Sector: Metals & Mining

All dollar values in US\$ unless otherwise noted.

 Current price:
 \$5.04/C\$6.31

 One-year target:
 \$6.25/C\$8.00

 Return to Target:
 24.0%

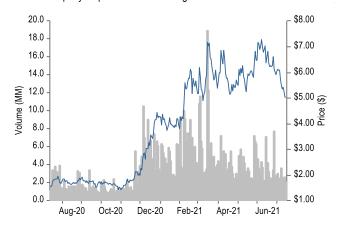
 Cash and Equivalents:
 \$42.7 MM

### **Financial summary**

Shares O/S (MM)	146.8	52-week ran	\$1.38-\$7.83	
Market cap (MM\$)	\$739.9	30D avg. vo	3,535	
Market float (MM\$)	\$727.9	Fiscal year-end		31-Dec
Calendar Year	2018A	2019A	2020A	2021E
Uranium Production* (K lb)	493	130	197	35
Uranium Sales (K lb)	650	N/A	N/A	N/A
Realized U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Price (\$/lb)	\$32.20	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cash Operating Costs (\$/lb)	\$22.69	N/A	N/A	N/A
Basic EPS, dil., adj.	(\$0.30)	(\$0.40)	(\$0.23)	(\$0.32)
Dividends per share	-	-	-	-
CFPS (before W/C)	(\$0.05)	(\$0.21)	(\$0.21)	(\$0.24)
Free CFPS	(\$0.35)	(\$0.21)	(\$0.22)	(\$0.25)

\*includes U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>e from Alternate Feed circuit

Source: Company Reports and Cantor Fitzgerald Estimates



**Company profile:** Energy Fuels is an integrated uranium, vanadium, and REE mining company focusing on production and development exclusively in the U.S.

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### INTERNATIONAL CONSOLIDATED URANIUM DEAL

Energy Fuels announced a transaction with International Consolidated Uranium whereby UUUU will divest several of its non-core past-producing and development stage uranium assets in Utah and Colorado to CUR for total consideration of ~\$26 MM in cash and shares. Consolidated Uranium is acquiring 100% of the past-producing Tony M, Daneros, and Rim underground uranium mines in Utah and the Sage Plain property and eight DOE Leases in Colorado from Energy Fuels. CUR is paying UUUU \$2.0 MM in cash upfront, 19.9% of CUR's outstanding shares (~C\$19.0 MM at the time of the announcement), C\$6.0 MM in deferred cash, and a milestone payment of C\$5.0 MM in cash upon the commencement of commercial production.

Uravan Mineral Belt

Rim Mine

Sage Plain Project

Doe Leases

Henry Mountains District

Tony M Mine

White Canyon District

Daneros Mine

All properties are 175 miles or less from the White Mesa Mill

Treaboo

Daneros

Blanding

White Mesa Mill

SR-12
Egnar

Tony M

Exhibit 1. Location of UUUU Projects Being Sold to CUR

# **BRIEF ASSET OVERVIEW**

The Tony M, Daneros, and Rim assets are permitted, past producing underground uranium mines that are currently being kept in various states of care-and-maintenance. Located in mining-friendly Utah, the three projects were toll-milled at Energy Fuel's White Mesa milling facility at various stages, intermittently over the last several decades. The projects could be put back into production in an environment of higher uranium prices and/or should sufficient long-term supply contracts be signed by International Consolidated Uranium. A brief overview of the assets is provided in Exhibit 2.

### TOLL MILLING AND OPERATING AGREEMENTS

As part of the transaction, Energy Fuels will also provide toll-milling services to International Consolidated Uranium, for a fee, on all ore mined from Tony M, Daneros, and/or Rim in the future. Energy Fuels will also provide ongoing services to maintain the Tony M, Daneros, and Rim assets in good standing, for



which it will be paid a fee from International Consolidated Uranium. Financial terms on the toll-milling and operating agreements were not provided.

**Exhibit 2. Historical Production / Historical Resource Overview** 

Tony M	Past Production:	1979-1984:	569 Klb @ 0.12% U3O8			
		2007-2008:	422 Klb @ 0.13% U3O8			
	Historical Resource:	Indicated:	8.13 MMlb @ 0.24% U3O8			
		Inferred:	2.75 MMlb @ 0.16% U3O8			
Daneros	Past Production:	2010-2013:	942 Klb @ 0.24% U3O8			
	Historical Resource:	Indicated:	0.14 MMlb @ 0.36% U3O8			
		Inferred:	0.05 MMlb @ 0.37% U3O8			
Rim	Past Production:	2008-2010:	unknown			
	Historical Resource:	Inferred:	0.33 MMlb @ 0.20% U3O8			
Source: Cantor Fitzgerald						

#### ACCRETION TO ENERGY FUELS' NET ASSET VALUE

We previously ascribed zero value to the non-core uranium assets UUUU is selling to CUR for total cash and share consideration of ~\$26 MM. Incorporating the asset divestiture increases our Energy Fuels NAVPS to \$4.22 from \$4.07 (Exhibit 3), and so while this transaction is immediately accretive to our numbers on UUUU, it is of insufficient size at this stage to "move the needle" on our target price. We note that Energy Fuels will retain exposure to Tony M, Daneros, and Rim via its 19.9% equity stake in International Consolidated Uranium, as well as its toll-milling agreement on all future production from the assets.

**Exhibit 3. Updated Energy Fuels NAVPS** 

Asset (\$)		Value (\$MM)	\$ Per Share	% of NAV
Nichols Ranch	7.5%			0%
Alta Mesa	7.5%			0%
La Sal Complex	\$2/lb V2O5	\$46.9	\$0.32	8%
REE Business	7.5%	\$269.6	\$1.84	44%
White Mesa Mill	rep. value	\$175.0	\$1.19	28%
<b>Total Mining Assets</b>		\$491.4	\$3.35	79%
Cash*, Securities, U3O8, V2O5 inventory		\$113.0	\$0.77	18%
CUR-TSXv Shares*		\$15.2	\$0.10	2%
Current Debt		\$0.0	\$0.00	0%
Long Term Debt		\$0.0	\$0.00	0%
Future Debt Financing		\$0.0	\$0.00	0%
Net Asset Value		\$619.7	\$4.22	100%
P/NAV			1.19x	
*Adjusted for pending CUR tra Source: Cantor Fitzgerald	nsaction			

### MAINTAINING BUY RATING AND TARGET

Our price target continues to be derived via a 1.5x NAVPS multiple on Energy Fuels' uranium, vanadium, and rare earth element (REE) businesses.



Incorporating the transaction announced this morning, we are now adding in the market value of Energy Fuels' forthcoming 19.9% equity stake in CUR, valued at \$0.10/UUUU share. We continue to rate Energy Fuels a Buy with a price target of \$6.25/C\$8.00/share.



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