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# **ENERGY FUELS INC.**

# **Rare Earth Business Continues to Advance**

#### **EVENT**

Energy Fuels signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with private company Nanoscale Powders (NSP) for the development of a new technology to potentially produce rare earth element (REE) metals on a commercial scale.

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

**Modest Positive** – This is an important milestone for Energy Fuels' REE business unit. Producing REE metals is the intermediate step that comes after the production of separated REE oxides and before the manufacturing of neodymium iron boron (NdFeB) magnets used in electric vehicles (EVs) and wind turbines.

#### **FOCUS POINTS**

- MOU Details Under the MOU, Energy Fuels will provide funding of up to \$10 MM over the next three years, after which point it will control the exclusive rights to Nanoscale's tech as it relates to REE metal manufacturing. Should the project/technology prove unsuccessful at the commercial scale, UUUU has the right to cease funding at various decision points over the next three years prior to spending the full \$10 MM and completing its 100% earn-in.
- Nanoscale Powders Tech NSP holds several patents on a process it has developed that produces REE metals from REE oxides via molten sodium reduction of anhydrous REE chloride materials. This technology has zero carbon emissions and is expected to be less expensive than conventional REE metal producing methods.
- Maintaining Buy Rating and Target We continue to value Energy Fuels' REE business unit at \$270 MM. We maintain our Buy rating and \$8.75/C\$11.00/share price target.

# Recommendation:

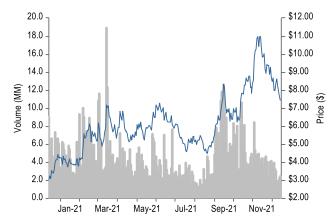
Symbol/Exchange: Sector:	UUUU-NYSE/EFR-TSX Metals & Mining			
All dollar values in US\$ unless otherwise noted.				
Current price:	\$7.43/C\$9.56			
One-year target:	\$8.75/C\$11.00			
Return to Target:	17.8%			
Cash and Equivalents:	\$100.2 MM			

#### **Financial Summary:**

Shares O/S (MM)	155.6	52-week range		\$3.07-\$11.39
Market cap (MM\$)	\$1,156.3	30D avg. vol. (000)		4,827
Market float (MM\$)	\$1,137.4	Fiscal year-e	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)	(\$0.23)
Dividends per share	-	-	-	-
CFPS (before W/C)	(\$0.05)	(\$0.21)	(\$0.21)	(\$0.17)
Free CFPS	(\$0.35)	(\$0.21)	(\$0.22)	(\$0.43)

\*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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### SIGNS MOU WITH NANOSCALE POWDERS

This morning, Energy Fuels announced the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with private Boston-based Nanoscale Powders for the development of a new technology to potentially produce rare earth element metals, specifically neodymium-praseodymium (NdPr), on a commercial scale. This is an important milestone for Energy Fuels' REE business unit. Producing REE metals is the intermediate step that comes after the production of separated REE oxides and before the manufacturing of NdFeB magnets used in EVs and wind turbines. As a reminder, the Company is currently producing a high-purity mixed rare earth carbonate, which is sold to Neo Performance Materials (NEO-TSX, Not Covered) and processed at its Silmet separation facility in Estonia. Energy Fuels is advancing a plan to add a solvent extraction (SX) circuit at its 100%-owned White Mesa mill facility in Utah, that would potentially produce separated REE oxides at a commercial scale on-site in the next several years.

# **MOU DETAILS**

Under the MOU with Nanoscale, Energy Fuels will provide funding of up to \$10 MM over the next three years, after which point it will control the exclusive rights to NSP's tech as it relates to REE metal manufacturing. Should the project/technology prove unsuccessful at the commercial scale, UUUU has the right to cease funding at various decision points over the next three years prior to spending the full \$10 MM and completing its 100% earn-in. Under that scenario, Energy Fuels would hold a percentage of the technology proportional to its amount contributed, subject to a buy-back at the option of NSP. The MOU outlines a phased development plan to ultimately scale up the technology and REE metal production to the rate of 1,000 tonnes of one or more REE metals per year. The capital outlays to be provided by Energy Fuels under the MOU are outlined in Exhibit 1 below.

#### **Exhibit 1. MOU Payment Details**

- 1. US\$250,000 within five (5) business days after execution of the MOU;
- US\$250,000 within five (5) business days after execution and delivery of the Definitive Agreements;
   US\$1 million within five (5) business days after execution and delivery of the Definitive Agreements
- to be applied to the Project's 2022 budget and work plan; and
  4. Energy Fuels will fund all future approved annual budgets as may be required for commercialization of the Project, up to a maximum additional expenditure of US\$8.5 million over three (3) years, totaling US\$10 million for the Project.

Source: Energy Fuels

# NANOSCALE POWDERS TECH

NSP holds two patents and one pending patent application on a process it has developed that produces REE metals from REE oxides via molten sodium reduction of anhydrous REE chloride materials. This technology has zero carbon emissions and is expected to be less expensive than conventional REE metal producing methods. NSP's patented technology has been proven to produce REE metals on a kilogram batch scale basis. UUUU's investment is intended to advance NSP's technology toward 1) the continuous, pilot-scale production of 10 kg/h of NdPr metal that meets specifications for NdFeB magnets, 2) the construction of a batch reactor capable of producing key minor magnet metals (specifically dysprosium and terbium), 3) the demonstration of samarium-cobalt alloy production. The strategic, up to \$10 MM project venture, will be directed by Energy Fuels with technical support from other firms as required.



Asset (\$)		Value (\$MM)	\$ Per Share	% of NAV
Nichols Ranch	7.5%	\$99.1	\$0.64	11%
Alta Mesa	7.5%	\$140.0	\$0.90	15%
La Sal Complex	\$2/lb V2O5	\$46.9	\$0.30	5%
REE Business	7.5%	\$269.6	\$1.73	29%
White Mesa Mill	rep. value	\$175.0	\$1.12	19%
Total Mining Assets		\$730.5	\$4.69	79%
Cash, U3O8, V2O5 inventory		\$170.3	\$1.09	19%
CUR-TSXv Shares		\$19.5	\$0.13	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		\$920.3	\$5.91	100%
P/NAV			1.26x	
Source: Cantor Fitzgerald				

#### Exhibit 2. Updated Energy Fuels NAVPS

# MAINTAINING BUY RATING AND TARGET

The MOU with NSP is an important and cost-effective "next step" in the development and de-risking of Energy Fuels' REE business unit. That said, UUUU must still demonstrate its ability to economically produce separated REE oxides on-site at White Mesa, and NSP's REE metal production technology is unproven at the commercial scale. We are therefore maintaining our \$270 MM valuation on Energy Fuels' REE business at present. Based on an unchanged target multiple of 1.5x NAVPS, we maintain our Buy rating and \$8.75/C\$11.00/share price target on the Company.



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