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### Metals & Minerals

## **Uranium Weekly - Trans-Caspian Shipping Route a Work in Progress**

The Ux Consulting (UxC) weekly spot price indicator published earlier this week increased to US\$48.50/lb, up US\$1.75/lb, or +3.7% over last week. Since mid-May, the spot uranium price has been trading in a tight range between \$45-\$50/lb.

A significant proportion of Kazatomprom's products are exported on a primary route through Russia to the Port of St. Petersburg. The company is monitoring the growing list of sanctions on Russia and the potential impact they could have on the transportation of products through Russian territory. To date, Kazatomprom noted that there are no issues or restrictions on its activities related to the supply of its products to customers worldwide. Kazatomprom shipped its Q2/22 volumes via St. Petersburg without any disruptions or logistical/insurance-related issues. A Trans-Caspian route, which has been successfully used as an alternative route since 2018, helps to mitigate the risk of the primary route being unavailable. Kazatomprom has sought to reinforce a number of transit agreements with the authorities along the Trans-Caspian route; the company has received approval to ship 3,500 tons of uranium and has applied for an increase in order to accommodate potential total shipments by Kazatomprom and its joint venture partners in excess of that quota.

Cameco continues to delay shipment of its share of Inkai production and has received no deliveries from Inkai's 2022 production. Although the work on enabling shipping via the Trans-Caspian route continues, management indicated that there is no confirmed date as to when the first shipment will proceed via this route. Cameco would typically receive ~4 million pounds/year from Inkai. Management indicated that it is hopeful in getting the necessary regulatory approvals and resolving the contractual issues within the next several weeks to allow the transport of uranium via the Trans-Caspian route. However, management also noted that the nuclear industry should recognize that this is yet another example of the fragility of the nuclear fuel supply chain.

Before Russia's invasion of Ukraine, increasing price volatility, tightening supply in the spot market, and an increasing recognition that long-term supply is under threat were already contributing to nuclear utilities becoming more concerned about security of supply across the fuel supply chain. We expect uranium prices to see upward pressure over the medium term as utilities proceed with the difficult process of de-risking and repositioning their nuclear fuel supply chains away from Russian supply in what is already a tightly supplied market. In addition, we believe that Russia's actions have highlighted energy security, particularly in Europe, further bolstering the case for nuclear power.

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**Exhibit 1. The Trans-Caspian Uranium Transportation Route** 

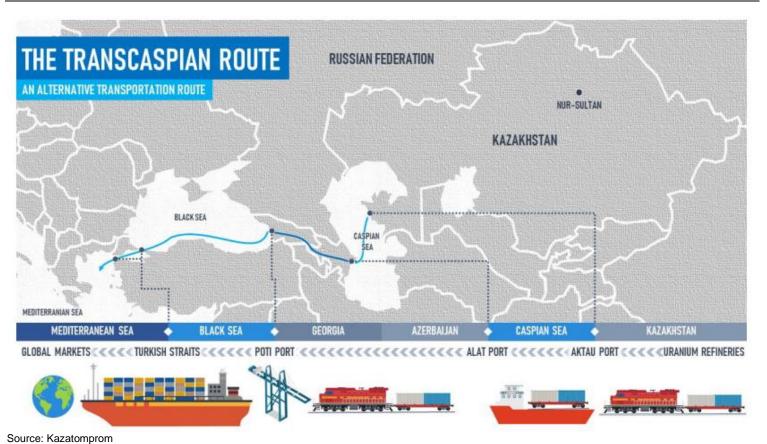


Exhibit 2. Uranium Comparable Table – EV/lb U₃O<sub>8</sub>

				Corporate Resources <sup>1</sup>					
		3-Aug-22	•			Global		EV/Res	
		Share	EV	2P	M+I	Resources	EV/2P	EV/M&I	EV/AII
	Ticker	Price (C\$)	(US\$mm)	(Mlbs)	(Mlbs)	(Mlbs)	(US\$/lb)	(US\$/lb)	(US\$/lb)
Cameco Corp.	CCO	31.71	9,737.6	471.2	457.1	612.0	20.67	21.30	15.91
Denison Mines Corp.	DML	1.53	915.0	98.6	161.0	183.0	9.28	5.68	5.00
Fission Uranium Corp.	FCU	0.74	365.3	-	102.4	135.2	n/a	3.57	2.70
Laramide Resources Ltd.	LAM	0.52	82.3	-	36.0	102.7	n/a	2.29	0.80
NexGen Energy Ltd.	NXE	5.33	1,968.7	234.1	256.7	337.4	8.41	7.67	5.83
Peninsula Energy Ltd.	PEN	0.17	121.9	-	15.8	53.6	n/a	7.71	2.27
Paladin Energy, Ltd.	PDN	0.67	1,536.2	62.9	96.1	176.7	24.44	15.99	8.69
UEX Corp.	UEX	0.49	200.1	-	110.1	146.2	n/a	1.82	1.37
Uranium Energy Corp.	UEC	5.27	1,171.4	-	116.4	149.6	n/a	10.06	7.83
Ur-Energy Corp.	URE	1.52	239.4	-	20.7	27.3	n/a	11.57	8.77
Median							14.97	7.69	5.42
Average							15.70	8.77	5.92

<sup>1:</sup> Resources are shown inclusive of reserves; M&I+I includes historical resource estimates. Source: Company Reports; TD Securities; Capital IQ



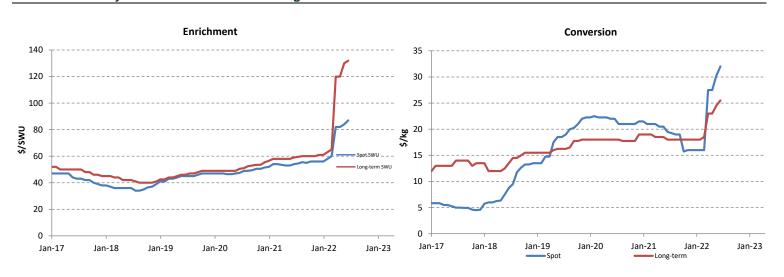
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Exhibit 3. Weekly Spot and Term Uranium Prices (US\$/lb)



Source: UxC; TD Securities estimates

**Exhibit 4. Monthly SWU and Conversion Pricing** 





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Exhibit 5. Sprott Physical Uranium Trust – Growth in Uranium Holdings Since July 2021

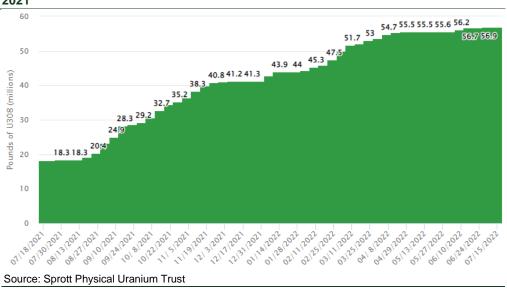
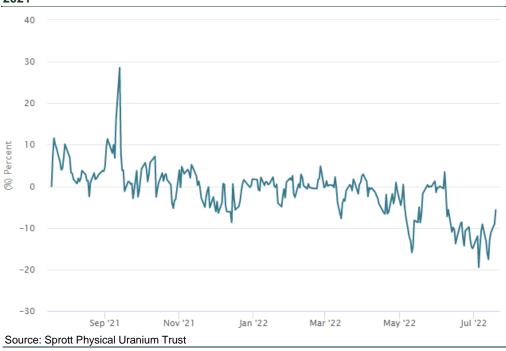


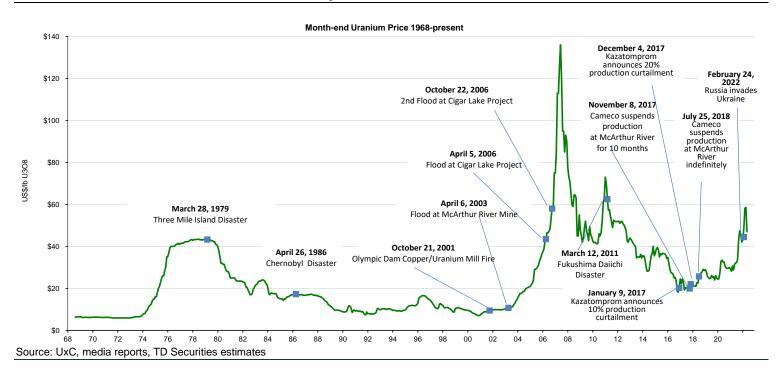
Exhibit 6. Sprott Physical Uranium Trust – Premium/Discount to NAV Since July 2021



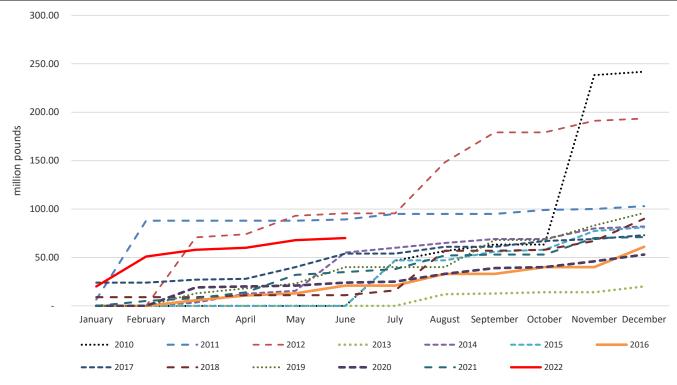


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### Exhibit 7. Uranium Price Since 1968 and Event Catalysts



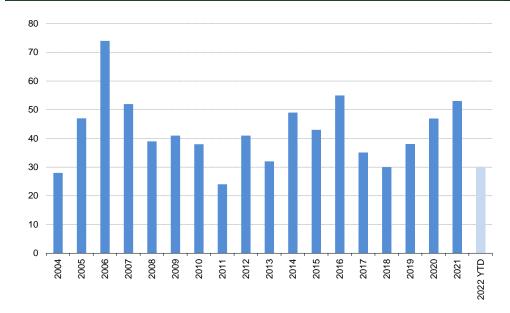
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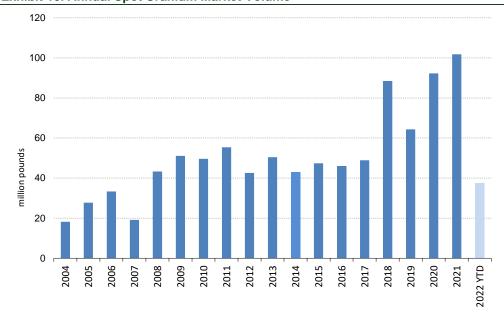
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### **Exhibit 9. Annual Number of Term Contracts Signed**



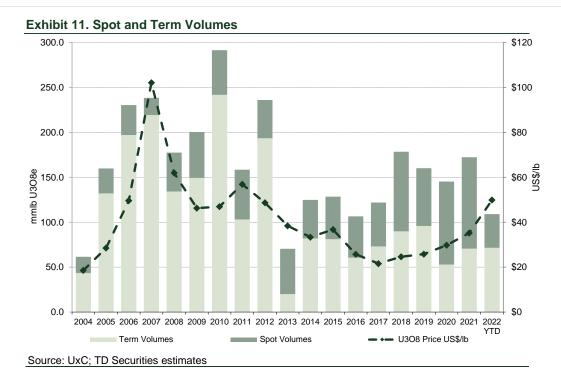
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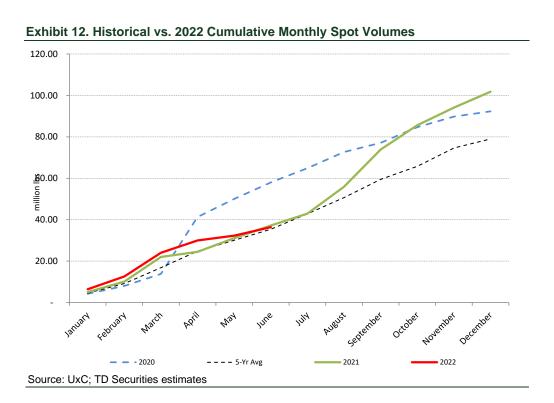
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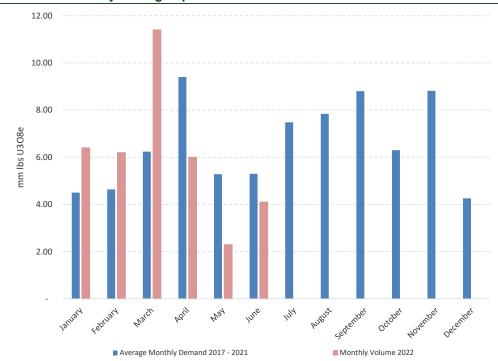






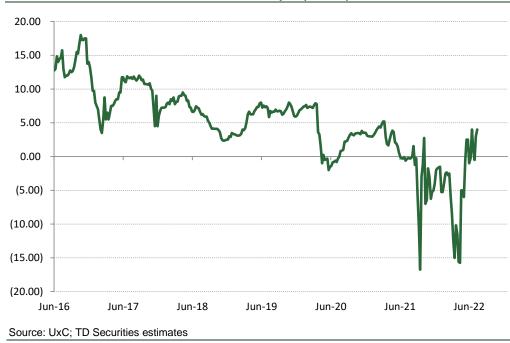
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Exhibit 14. Uranium Term Price Premium to Spot (US\$/lb)

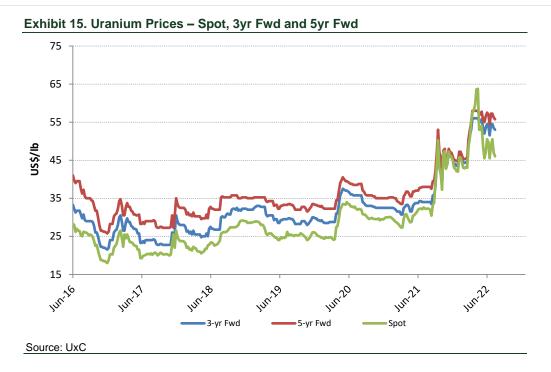


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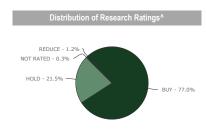
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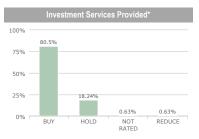
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