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## Uranium Weekly: Uranium Continues to Ignore Equity Rally

**The Ux Consulting's (UxC) weekly spot price indicator slipped again this week to US\$29.10/lb (down \$0.40/lb).** Since the start of the year, the spot price has dropped ~3%, and from its peak of US\$34/lb last May, the spot price is down ~14.5%. Spot market volume for January totalled 4.2Mlbs, according to UxC, in line with the previous five-year average volume for the month.

**Uranium equities had large moves last week and into Monday — the Horizons Global Uranium Index ETF climbed 10% on Monday alone and several uranium equities, including Cameco, saw their share prices jump 15-20%.** Given the lack of fundamental news in the uranium market, we would point to retail investors jumping on the potential for a uranium short squeeze as a possible driver behind the moves in the equity markets. The r/uraniumsqueeze forum on Reddit (which was created on Monday) already has ~500 members. But we also suspect that a short covering rally in uranium equities could have been catalyzed by the short-squeeze in other assets (e.g. GameStop), as institutions covered positions to fund losses elsewhere.

**We expect that producers will be active in the spot market in 2021, given the ongoing production suspension at Cigar Lake and the echo effect on 2021 production resulting from Kazatomprom's production curtailments in 2020.** That being said, we note that Kazatomprom has maintained its 2021 production guidance at 22,500-22,800 tU (on a 100% basis), which is an increase from 2020 production of 19,477 tU. 2021 production guidance is consistent with the company's strategy to flex down planned production volumes by 20% for 2018 through 2022 (versus planned production levels under Subsoil Use Agreements). Without the flex-down, production was expected to be approximately 28,000 tU (100% basis) in 2021, according to Subsoil Use Agreements.

**In our view, supply/demand fundamentals in the uranium market have improved significantly, with COVID-19-related supply curtailments pushing the market into a supply deficit.** In addition, a number of trade policy issues that have hung over the market for several years have been resolved, thereby reducing trade-related friction for utilities with respect to uranium purchases. Although anecdotal evidence suggests that utilities are increasingly turning to the term market, they are not doing so in sufficient numbers or purchased volumes to put upward pressure on term pricing yet. We believe that the missing piece of the puzzle for a sustained upward move in the uranium term price remains the resumption of a term contracting cycle.

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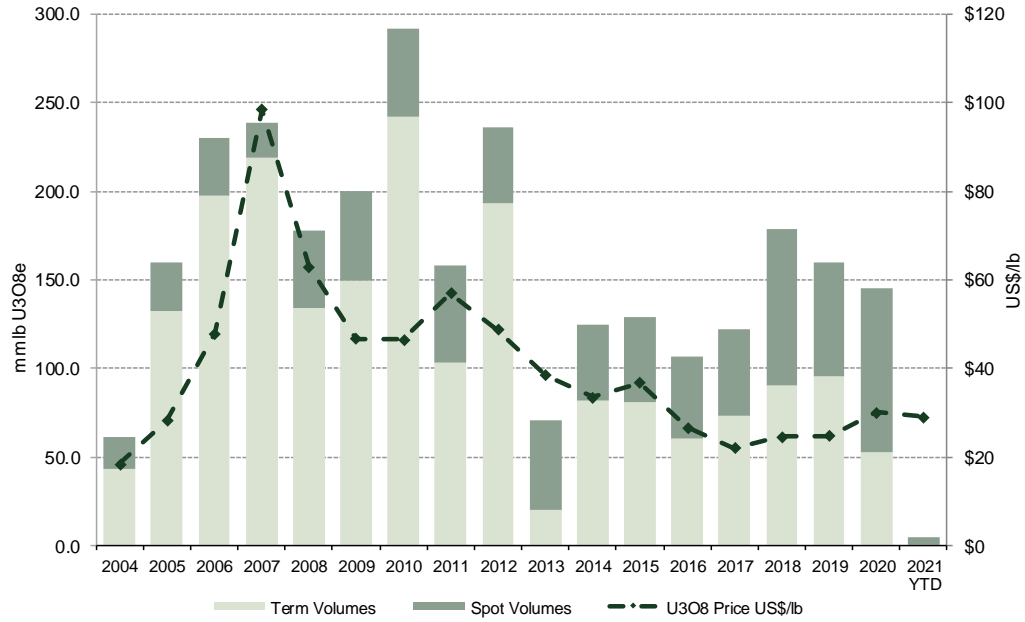


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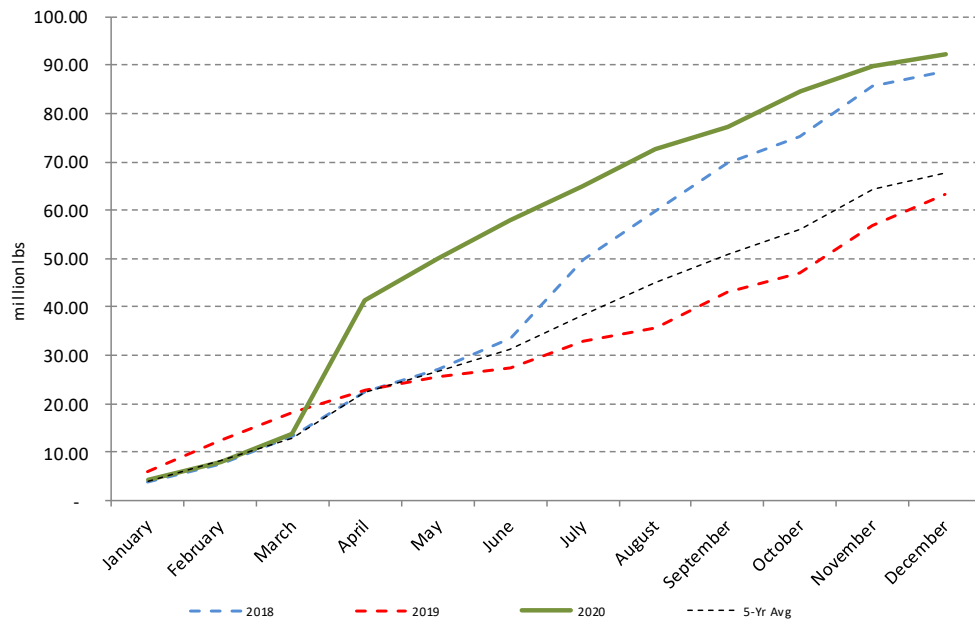
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**Exhibit 1. Spot and Term Volumes**



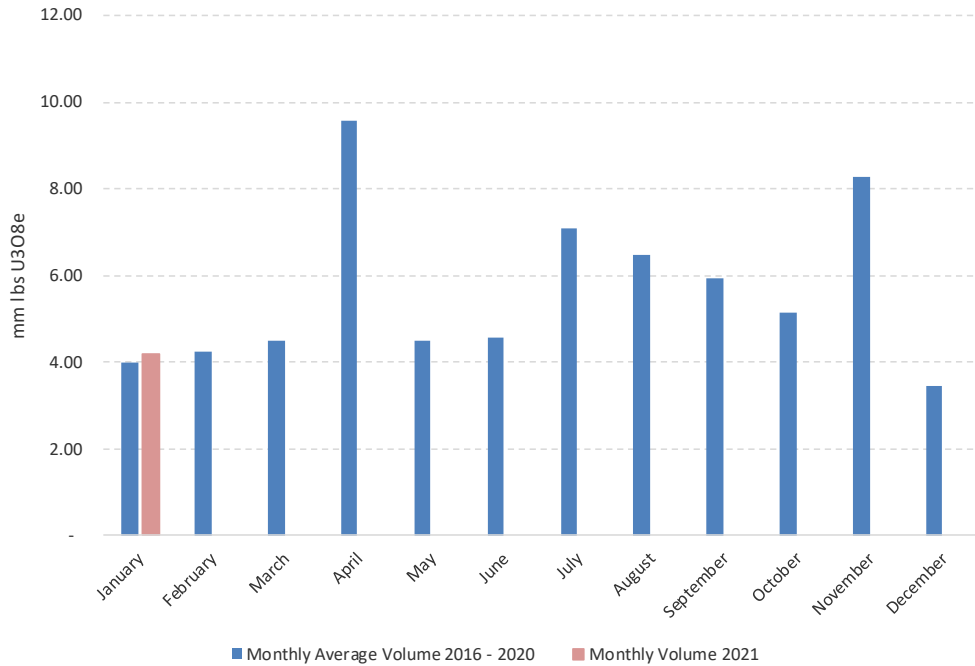
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**Exhibit 2. Historical vs. 2020 Cumulative Monthly Spot Volumes**



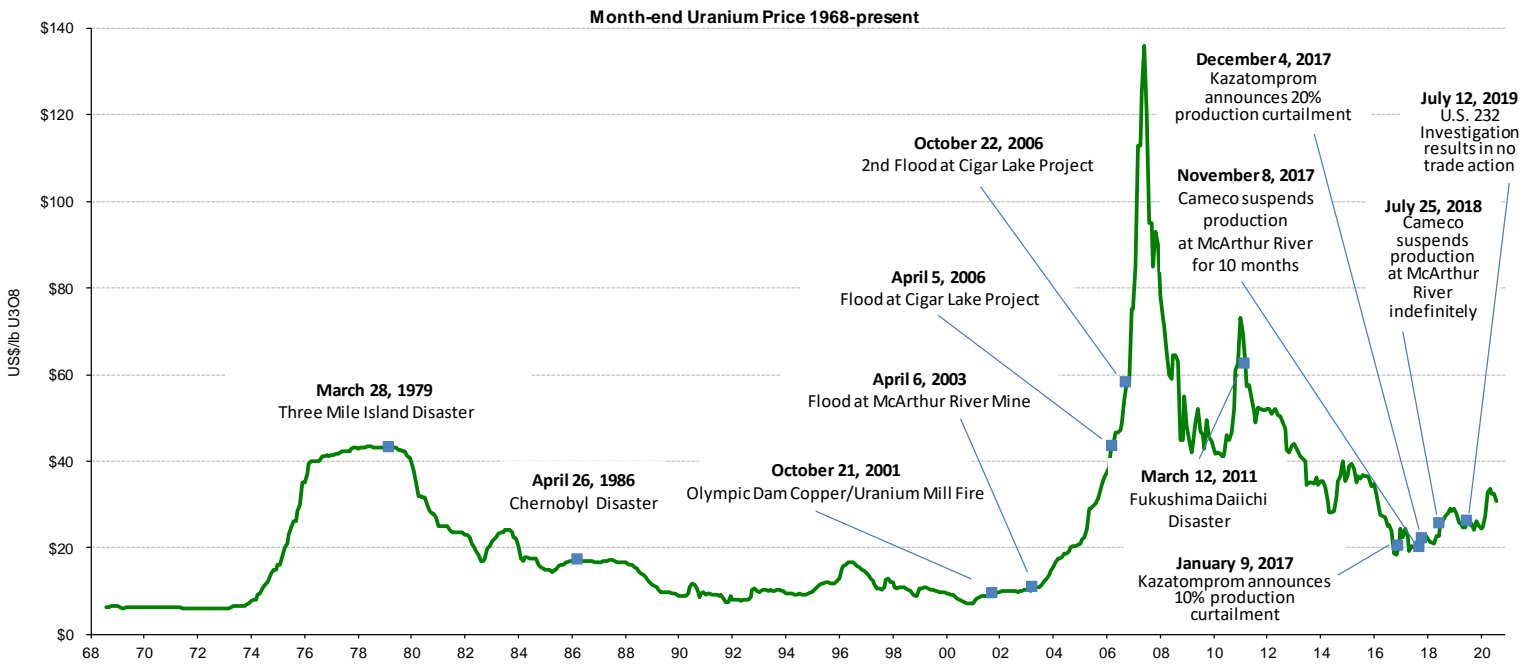
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**Exhibit 3. Monthly Average Spot Volumes**



Source: UxC

**Exhibit 4. Historical Spot Price and Market-affecting Events (US\$/lb)**



Source: UxC, companies, TD Securities Inc.

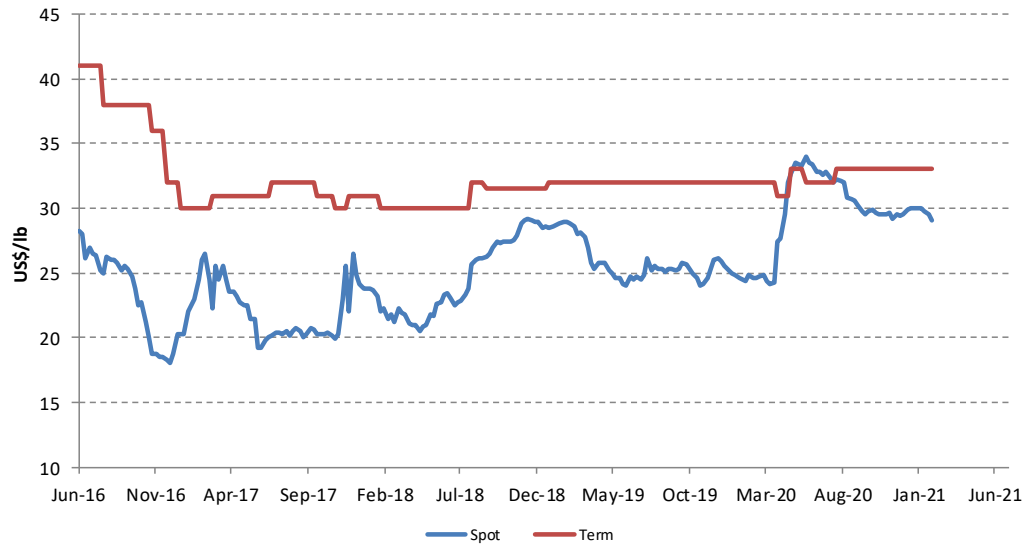


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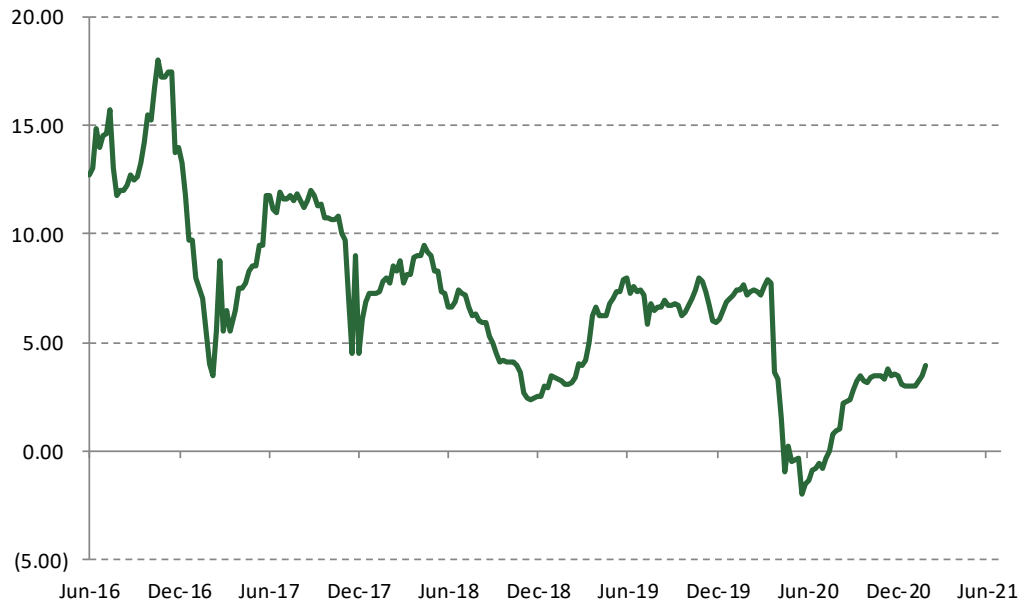
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**Exhibit 5. Spot and Term Uranium Prices (US\$/lb)**



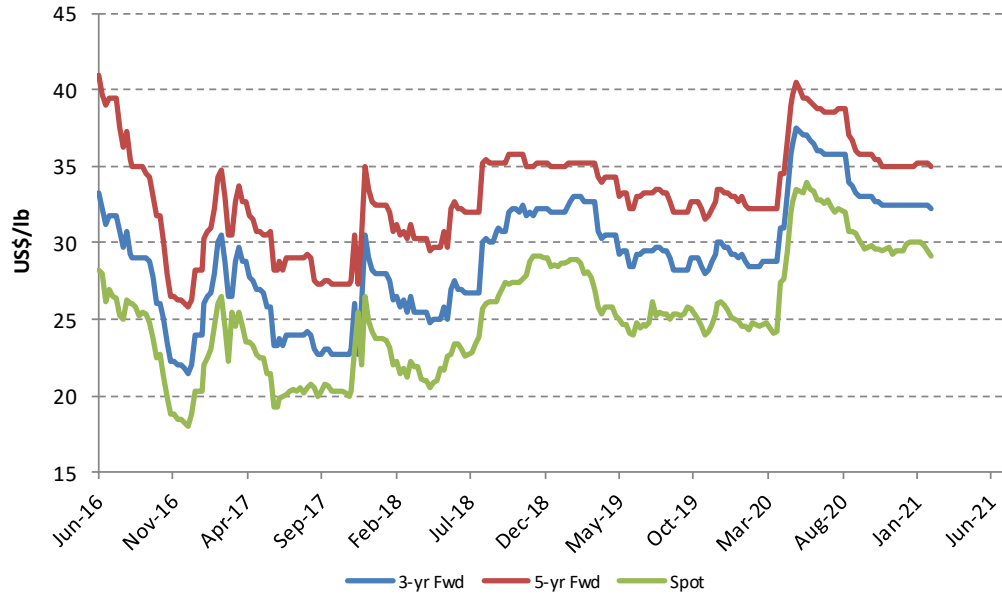
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**Exhibit 6. Uranium Term Price Premium to Spot (US\$/lb)**



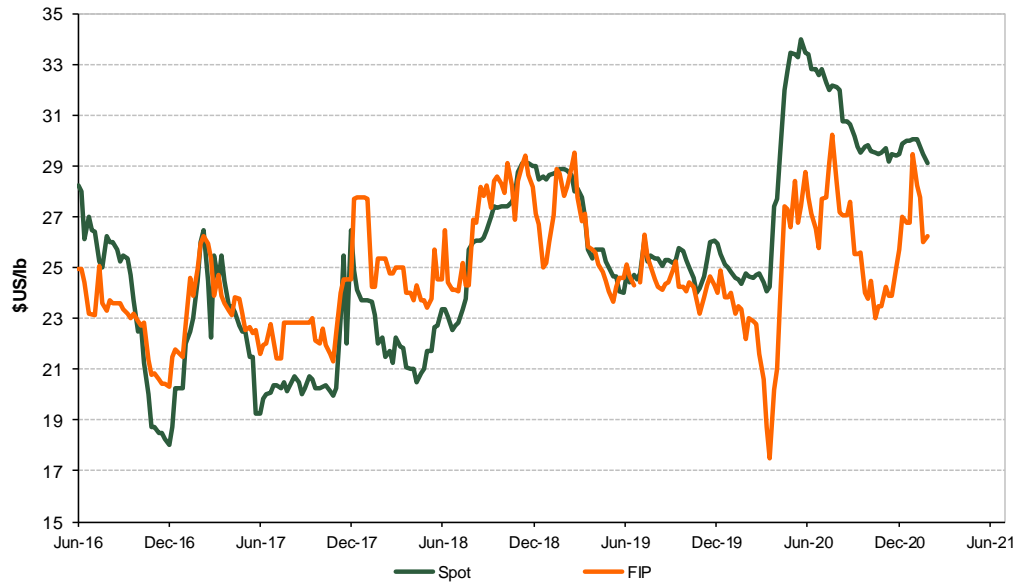
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**Exhibit 7. Uranium Prices — Spot, 3-year Forward and 5-year Forward**



Source: UxC

**Exhibit 8. Fund Implied Price (FIP) and Spot Price**



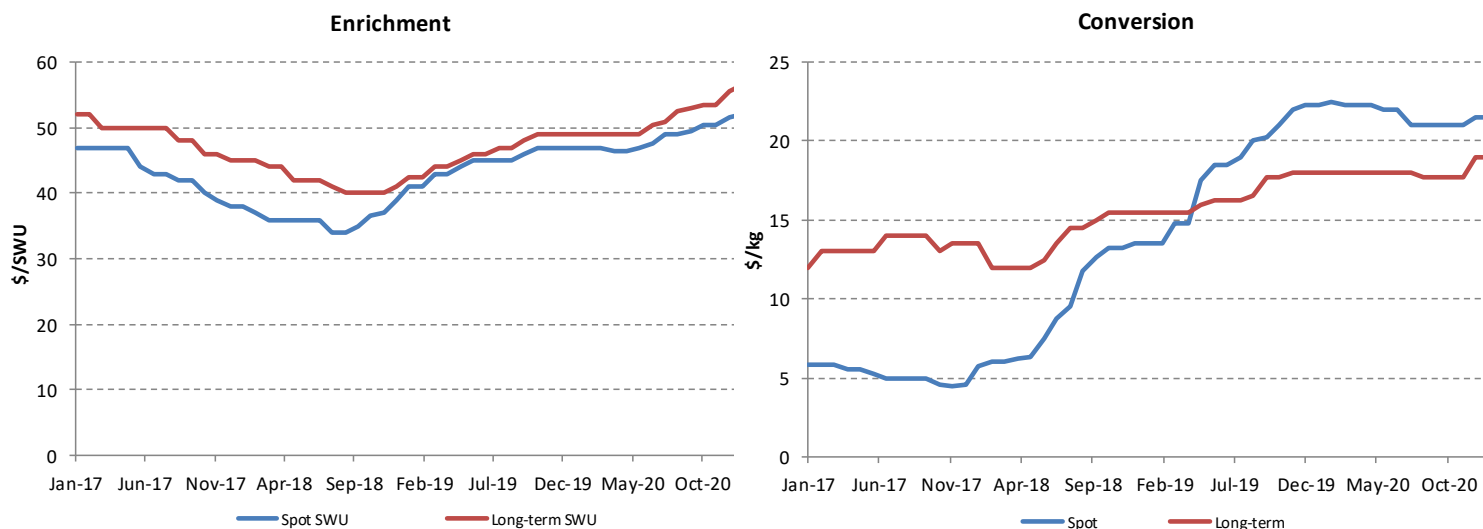
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## Exhibit 9. Monthly SWU and Conversion Pricing



Source: UxC

## Exhibit 10. TD Securities Uranium Supply/Demand Model

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E
<b>Mine Supply - Western World (Mlb U3O8)</b>									
Total Mine Supply - Western World	100	83	85	75	76	74	78	72	68
Net Eastern Mine Supply (lbs U3O8)	54	54	55	44	52	53	60	66	72
<b>Total World Mine Supply (Mlb U3O8)</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>141</b>
YoY % change	-7.6%	-10.2%	1.7%	-15.2%	7.9%	-1.4%	9.0%	-0.2%	2.1%
<b>Secondary Supply</b>									
Global underfeeding and tails re-enrichment*	19	18	18	16	16	15	15	14	14
Mixed Oxide Fuel (MOX)*	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	7	8
US government sales (DOE Proposed)*	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Additional Russian secondary supply*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Secondary Supply (Mlb)</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>
Secondary supply as % of global reactor demand	16%	14%	15%	13%	12%	12%	12%	11%	11%
<b>Mobilization of Commercial Inventory</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Total Supply</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>Total World Demand</b>									
Total World Nuclear Generating Capacity (MWe) *	358,819	368,571	372,978	374,420	384,508	385,211	389,242	394,906	398,885
Uranium requirements per MWe	472	472	472	472	472	472	472	472	472
Uranium demand (mmlb)	169	174	176	177	181	182	184	186	188
First Core Requirement (2 year lead)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total World Demand (Mlb U3O8)</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>188</b>
YoY % change	1.7%	2.7%	1.2%	0.4%	2.7%	0.2%	1.0%	1.5%	1.0%
<b>Supply / Demand Balance (Mlb)</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>-27</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-20</b>	<b>-19</b>
<b>Spot Uranium Price (US\$/lb U3O8)</b>	<b>\$22.12</b>	<b>\$24.82</b>	<b>\$25.94</b>	<b>\$29.49</b>	<b>\$32.00</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>\$38.00</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>

\* Source: World Nuclear Association - Nuclear Fuel Report 2019-2040 Reference Case

Note - TD LT price assumption starts in 2025; a flat US\$45/lb price is assumed for 2025 and beyond.

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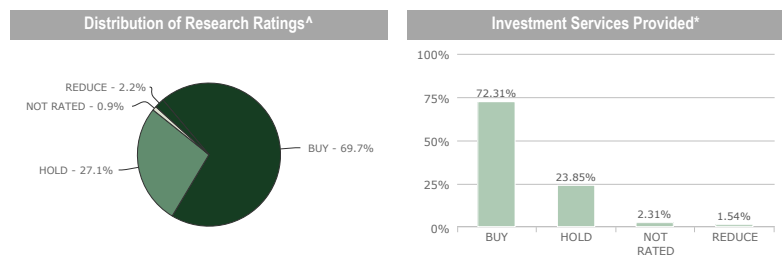
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