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**Uranium Energy Corp. (UEC) Rating: Buy** 

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## Uranium Price Deck Revision In-line With Spot Price Movement and Strong Market Fundamentals; Reiterate Buy; PT Higher

Stock Data			09/28/2021					
Price			\$3.06					
Exchange		NYS	E American					
Price Target			\$5.60					
52-Week High			\$3.77					
52-Week Low		İ	\$0.82					
Enterprise Valu	ie (M)		\$657					
Market Cap (M	)		\$714					
Public Market F	Float (M)		136.4					
Shares Outstar	nding (M)		233.2					
3 Month Avg V	İ	6,095,370						
Short Interest (	M)		22.49					
Balance Sheet Metrics								
Cash (M)			\$66.7					
Total Debt (M)		İ	\$10.1					
Total Cash/Sha	İ	\$0.29						
Cash (M): includes p	ries and pro fo	rma for 5/20/21						
1.0M share purchase								
EPS (\$) Diluted								
Full Year - Jul	2020A	2021E	2022E					
	(0.00)	(0.00)	0.00					

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EPS (\$) Diluted											
Full Year - Jul	2020A	2021E	2022E								
FY	(80.0)	(80.0)	0.03								
Revenue (\$M)											
Full Year - Jul	2020A	2021E	2022E								
FY	0.0	0.0	25.5								



Revising our uranium price deck based on recent market developments amid near-term catalysts. We update the price deck utilized across our uranium coverage universe to reflect a series of recent market moves. In addition, we attempt to account for improvements in underlying sector fundamentals. Looking ahead, we now utilize a uranium price of \$50 per pound (lb) for FY21, \$55/lb for FY22, \$60/lb for FY23 and \$65/lb for FY24 and beyond. These revisions compare favorably to our previous price estimate of \$50/lb, and seem justified as spot prices have seen a continuous upward trajectory.

Uranium price momentum driven by physical purchases. The Sprott Physical Uranium Trust Fund (SRUUF; not rated) (SPUT) is a closed-end fund focused on purchasing physical uranium on the open market. Notably, the fund initially began trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange on July 19, 2021, which appears to have spurred a frenzy of physical uranium purchases. We stress that uranium spot prices as of September 28, 2021, have increased roughly 41% YTD to about \$43/lb. Since its inception, SPUT maintains a total uranium holding of 29.1M lbs. In addition, the fund recently announced a \$300M at-the-market program that was ultimately up-sized to \$1.3B and provides strong support for ongoing uranium purchases. In short, we believe the uranium sector is beginning to exhibit its fundamental supply deficit, which is further exacerbated by purchases from the SPUT, at an expedited rate. We therefore believe that this strength in the market is likely to yield longer-term benefits and eventually play into broader global economics.

Supply and demand fundamentals remain the primary catalyst for long-term pricing. Looking ahead, we believe that uranium market key drivers going forward include the effects of underinvestment, a lack of global uranium supply, production curtailments related to COVID-19 disruptions, and an adoption of nuclear power in a carbon-neutral future. We stress that the primary supply deficit seen in the market has been present prior to the emergence of financial players such as SPUT. Longer-term, we anticipate meaningful impact on pricing. As an example, the European Parliament has recognized the role of nuclear energy in achieving its 2050 zero emissions climate goal. A variety of global initiatives, such as the adoption of nuclear energy as a green alternative, continue to play out. Simultaneously, domestic developments such as the recent establishment of a U.S. Uranium Reserve should provide direct benefits to U.S. producers.

We are reiterating our Buy recommendation while increasing our PT to \$5.60 from \$5.00. The increased PT is primarily a result of our aforementioned price deck revisions. Our valuation for UEC remains based on a DCF of future operations for the firm, utilizing our 7.5% discount rate. We then add an in situ value of \$95.0M for UEC's Reno Creek assets, \$41.5M for Alto Parana's resources, and an additional \$40.0M for Paraguay and UEC's other exploration stage assets. We continue to believe that these figures remain inline with similar projects throughout our coverage universe to which we assign equal geopolitical risk factors.

**Near-term catalysts.** Looking ahead, we view the trend of more investors entering the market, such as through the creation of SPUT, in conjunction with a deficit of supply, as meaningful catalysts to support higher uranium prices in both the near- and long-term. In our opinion, UEC remains well positioned to capitalize on higher uranium prices that could potentially warrant production decisions at one or more of its properties, and also support the company's physical uranium purchasing initiative. We highlight that UEC's Burke Hollow property already has all four major required permits for uranium extraction, while its Hobson processing plant maintains an annual processing capacity of 2.0Mlbs of uranium. In conclusion, we believe physical purchases under SPUT have served as the initial spark in igniting positive market movements that are likely to be further fueled by the underlying supply deficit amid future demand projections.

Risks. (1) Uranium price risk; (2) operating and technical risk; (3) political risk; and (4) financial risk.

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All figures in USD\$ unless otherwise noted	1																							
						2021E		2022E		2023E		2024E		2025E		2026E		2027E		2028E		2029E		2030E
Uranium price per lb					\$	50	\$	55	\$	60	\$	65	\$	65	\$	65	\$	65	\$	65	\$	65	\$	65
Palangana Production ('000s p	oounds)					-		350		340		200		50		-		-		-		-		-
Total Revenue ('000s)					\$	-	\$	19,250	\$	20,400	\$	13,000	\$	3,250	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
	oounds)				\$	-	\$	150	_	600		600	_	600	_	600	_	600	_	600	_	600	_	600
Total Revenue ('000s)					Þ	_	÷	8,250	\$	36,000	\$	39,000	\$	39,000	\$	39,000	\$	39,000	\$	39,000	\$	39,000	\$	39,000
Burke Hollow Production ('000s)	oounds)					-		-		450		1,200		1,550		1,550		1,550		1,550		1,550		1,550
Total Revenue ('000s)					\$	-	\$	-	\$	27,000	\$	78,000	\$	100,750	\$	100,750	\$	100,750	\$	100,750	\$	100,750	\$	100,750
Gross Revenue					\$	-	\$	27,500	\$	83,400	\$	130,000	\$	143,000	\$	139,750	\$	139,750	\$	139,750	\$	139,750	\$	139,750
10% Royalty Palangana ('000s)					\$	-	\$	1,350	\$	2,040	\$	1,300	\$	325	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
8.25% Royalty Goliad ('000s)					\$	-	\$	681	\$	2,970	\$	3,218	\$	3,218	\$	3,218	\$	3,218	\$	3,218	\$	3,218	\$	3,218
Net Sales ('000s)					\$	-	\$	25,469	\$	78,390	\$	125,483	\$	139,458	\$	136,533	\$	136,533	\$	136,533	\$	136,533	\$	136,533
Operating cost per lb					\$	-	\$	18		16			\$	16			\$	16		16		16		16
Total Operating Costs ('000s)					\$	-	\$	9,000	\$	22,240	\$	32,000	\$	35,200	\$	34,400	\$	34,400	\$	34,400	\$	34,400	\$	34,400
Operating Income ('000s)					\$		\$	16,469	\$	56,150	\$	93,483	\$	104,258	\$	102,133	\$	102,133	\$	102,133	\$	102,133	\$	102,133
CapEx ('000s)					\$	(500)		(5,000)		(3,000)				(1,000)		(1,000)	\$	(1,000)		(1,000)		(1,000)		(1,000)
Taxes ('000s)	35.0%				\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(18,070)	\$	(35,396)	\$	(35,396)	\$	(35,396)	\$	(35,396)	\$	(35,396)
							No	te: We assu	ıme	tax loss car	ryfo	rwards for F	Y22	2-25										<u> </u>
<b>Total Operating Cash Flow</b>					\$	(500)	\$	11,469	\$	53,150	\$	92,483	\$	85,187	\$	65,736	\$	65,736	\$	65,736	\$	65,736	\$	65,736
Discount Rate		7.5%																						
PV of Operating Cash Flows ('000s)					\$	(500)	\$	10,669	\$	45,992	\$	74,445	\$	63,788	\$	45,789	\$	42,594	\$	39,623	\$	36,858	\$	34,287
NPV	\$	393,546	\$	1.69	per:	share																		
Plus Non-Texas Projects	\$	610,400	\$	2.62								0.79	USE	D/CAD excho	ange	rate as of	9/28	3/21						
Plus Paraguay Assets	\$	40,000	\$	0.17	per:	share									-	-								
Plus Cash and Purchased Inventories	\$	66,885	\$	0.29			as c	of 4/30/21;	pro j	forma for 1	.0M	share parti	cipa	ition in 5/20	)/21	UROY boug	ht o	leal.						
Plus Reno Creek/North Reno Creek	\$	95,000	\$	0.41	per	share																		
Plus Alto Parana Resources	\$	41,500	\$	0.18	per:	share																		
Plus Uranium Royalty Corp. (UROY; Buy)	\$	64,350	\$	0.28	per:	share	15.0	ОМ сотто	n sh	ares at \$4.2	9 p	er share as o	of 9/	/28/21										
Minus Debt		(10,125)		(0.04)	per:	share	as c	of 4/30/21																
Total Current Value	\$	1,301,556																						
Common Shares Outstanding		233,248	as of t	6/7/21																				
Project NAV Per Share	\$	5.58																						
NPV/Share (Rounded to \$0.10/share)	\$	5.60																						
UEC Stock Price	\$	3.06	as of s	9/28/21																				
Source: HC Wainwright & Co. estimates.																								

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		Railig	Frice rarget		Cap					
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