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### **Investment Case for Yellow Cake**

### Macro-economic Context

- Steady demand growth driven by nuclear reactor build program, mainly in the developing regions (non-OECD)
- Extended period of low uranium prices has curtailed investment in future uranium supply
- Uranium producers have made significant supply cuts

Higher prices will be needed to incentivise new production

#### **Yellow Cake**

- Strategy of buying and holding physical  $U_3O_8$
- No operating risks associated with development, permitting, mining, processing or logistics
- Access to uranium at the spot price under a ten-year option agreement with the world's largest uranium producer Kazatomprom
- Low cost structure



Pure exposure to the uranium spot price



## **The Nuclear Fuel Value Chain**

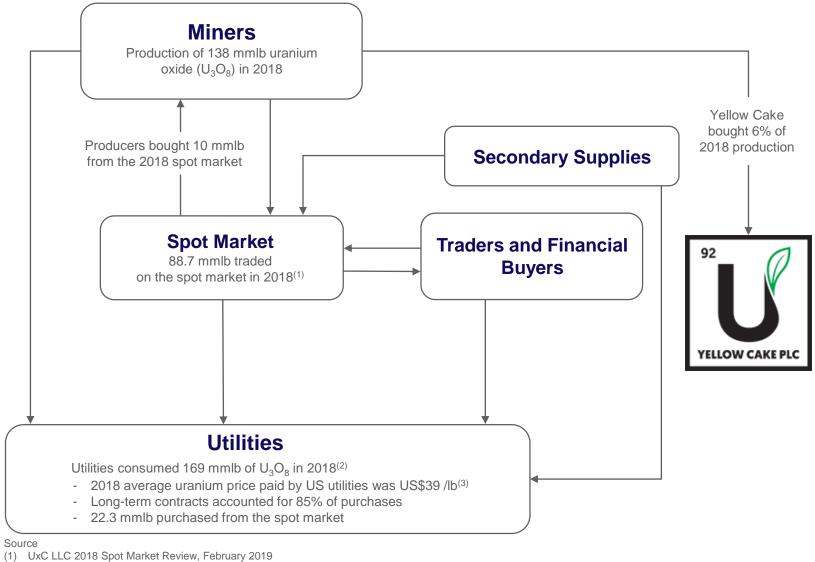
Mining	<ul> <li>Kazakhstan produces 41% of world supply, Canada 13%, and Australia 12%<sup>(1)</sup></li> <li>Mining methods;         <ul> <li>In-situ leaching</li> <li>Open pit and underground mining</li> </ul> </li> <li>Mines produce uranium oxide concentrate U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub></li> </ul>
Conversion	<ul> <li>Physical U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> converted from powder form into natural uranium hexafloride gas (UF<sub>6</sub>)</li> <li>Operating commercial conversion plants located USA, Canada, France, Russia and China</li> </ul>
Enrichment	<ul> <li>Reactors need enriched uranium fuel</li> <li>Commercial process for enrichment involves gaseous uranium (UF<sub>6</sub>) in centrifuges</li> <li>Uranium-235 isotope is raised from the natural level of 0.7% to about 3.5% to 5%</li> </ul>
Fuel Fabrication	<ul> <li>Enriched UF<sub>6</sub> is converted to uranium dioxide powder which is fabricated into fuel rods and then fuel rod bundles</li> <li>Fuel bundles are placed into nuclear reactors owned by utility companies</li> </ul>



### **The Uranium Market**

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(2) World Nuclear Association, World Nuclear Power Reactors & Uranium Requirements (August 2019)

(3) U.S. Energy Information Administration 2018 Uranium Marketing Annual Report (May 2019)

# Yellow Cake – Key Contracts Provide Strategic Advantage

Kazatomprom Framework Agreement

### Yellow Cake plc

#### **308 Services**

#### Kazatomprom

- The world's largest and lowest cost producer
- 10-year Framework Agreement gives the Company the right to purchase up to USD100 mm of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> each year from 2019 to 2027
- Purchase price based on the spot price
- The Company can also source uranium from any other producers if advantageous



**Cameco Storage Contract** 

### Cameco – Blind River, Canada

- World's second largest uranium producer
- Yellow Cake's 9.62 mmlb of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> is held in a storage account at Cameco's regulated Port Hope/Blind River facility in Ontario, Canada
- Storage rates have been negotiated to achieve significant cost savings and support the Company's low cost operating structure

#### 308 Services Ltd.

- A uranium specialist company focused on the uranium commodity market
- 308 Services complements Yellow Cake's executive management with significant uranium expertise and market knowledge

# **Yellow Cake Operations Summary**

# Strategy: To buy and hold physical uranium and to deliver maximum exposure to expected resurgence in the uranium market

- IPO: July 2018
  - Raised US\$200 mm
  - Purchased 8.1 mmlb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> at US\$21.01 /lb
- August 2019
  - Purchased 350 klb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> at US\$23.30 /lb
- April 2019
  - Raised US\$33.9 mm
- June 2019
  - Purchased 1.175 mmlb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> at US\$25.88 /lb
- January 2020
  - Yellow Cake announces share buyback programme
- Current total holding of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> 9.62 mmlb acquired at an average price of US\$21.68 /lb



### **Yellow Cake Financial Summary**

#### 10% 3.00 .00 178 5% 2.50 38.2 2.55 Premium (Discount) to NAV .80 2.00 .20 .50 (5%) 9% 9% 1.00 (10%) 9% 8% 0.50 (15%) 7% 5% 5% (20%)AU918 Serre 00000 40418 0ec,18 Mar-19 APTINO Maying JUN-19 JU119 Sept 4% AUGTO Decrys 1211,19 1,00,19 3% YCA Premium (Discount) to NAV YCA Share Price

With the uranium spot price at \$24.85 /lb<sup>(2)</sup> and GBp / USD exchange rate of US\$1.31/GBp, Yellow Cake is trading at 5% discount to NAV



### Key Financials Yellow Cake AIM:YCA

Last Share Price	£2.
Market Cap (mm)	£1
Shares Out. (mm)	88
52 wk High	£2.
52 wk Low	£1.
NAV 9 December 2019	£2.

### **Major Shareholders**

Kopernik Global Investors				
Dolfin Financial (UK)				
Uranium Royalty Corporation				
Tribeca Investment Partners				
Putnam Investments				
TT International				
azValor Asset Management				
Legal & General Investment Management				
Extract Advisers (US)				

Source

 Net asset value per share is calculated assuming 88,215,716 ordinary shares in issue, a GBP/USD exchange rate of 1.31 on 9 January 2020 and cash and other net assets as at 30 September 2019
 UxC LLC price 6 January 2020

### Share Price and Premium (Discount) to NAV<sup>(1)</sup>

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# **1. URANIUM MARKET OVERVIEW**



### **Nuclear is a Key Element of Global Energy Supply**

- Least expensive non-carbon power option
- Lowest source of carbon emissions per MWh
- Reliable base load power
- Can be a key component in achieving the Paris Agreement targets
- Land required to produce electricity is lower than other non-carbon sources. For a 1,800 MW nuclear plant you need 4 km<sup>2</sup>, solar 56 km<sup>2</sup> and wind 437 km<sup>2</sup>



### **Current Demand**

The World Nuclear Association estimates a total of 175 mmlb of uranium is required to power today's fleet of 442 operating reactors<sup>(1)</sup>

### USA

96 reactors operating, producing 97,896 MWe

#### France

58 operating reactors, producing 63,130 MWe

#### China

47 operating reactors, producing 45,688 MWe

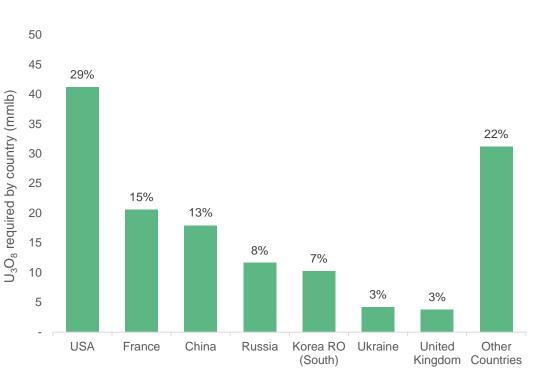
#### Russia

38 operating reactors, producing 29,203 MWe

#### South Korea

24 operating reactors, producing 23,231 MWe

### Uranium requirements percentage of world demand<sup>(1)</sup>





Source

### **Future Demand**

Global nuclear reactor fleet will continue to grow, especially in China, India and the Middle East

China - 12 reactors under construction, 42 planned

India - 7 reactors under construction, 14 planned

Russia – 4 reactors under construction, 24 planned

**UAE** – 4 reactors under construction

	Operating Reactors <sup>(1)</sup>	Reactors Under Construction <sup>(1)</sup>	Planned Reactors <sup>(1)</sup>	Proposed Reactors <sup>(1)</sup>
World Nuclear Reactor Fleet	442	54	109	330
China Reactor Fleet	47	12	42	170



Source

# Supply – Uranium Price Chart

Uranium price is near record lows, and uranium remains one of few commodities not yet to have risen strongly since 2016



Historical Uranium Price<sup>(3)</sup>



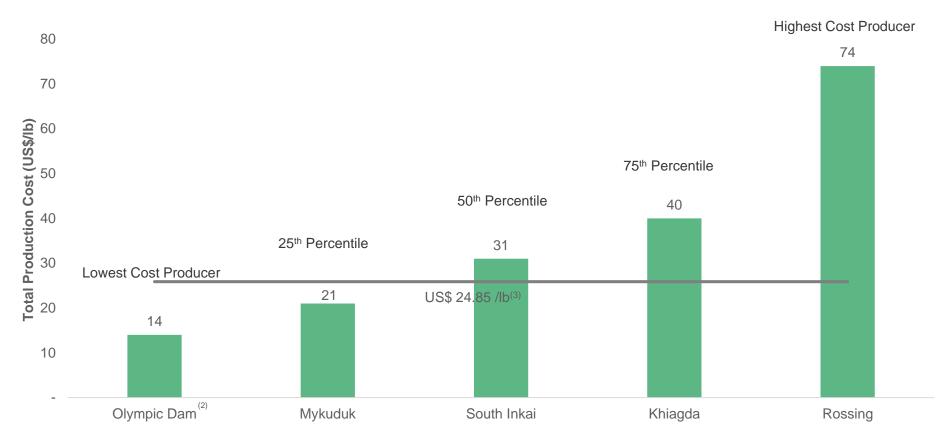
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Source (1) UxC LLC price 6 January 2020 Commodity price change as of 9 January 2020 (2)

CapIQ, Energy Fuels, Bloomberg, NUEXCO

## Supply – Majority of Current Supply Loss Making at Current Spot Price

2018 Estimated Total Production Costs<sup>(1)</sup> (US\$/Ib)





Source

(3)

(1) Company analysis based on SRK Consulting Global Operating Cost Curve for Primary Uranium Production, Section 232 Investigation of Uranium Imports dated 16 January 2018

(2) Low cost due to uranium being a by-product of copper production

UxC LLC price 6 January 2020

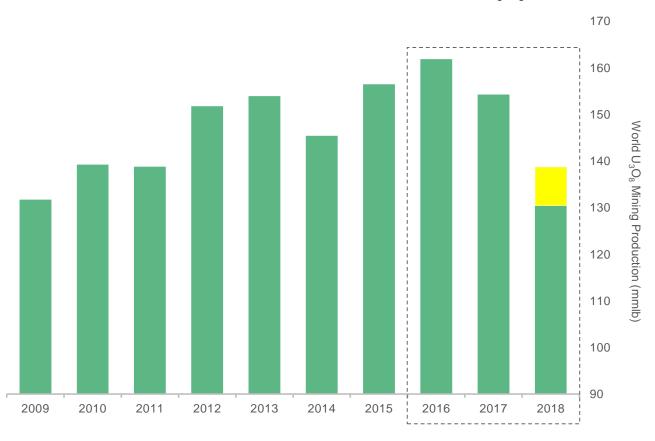
# **Global Supply Cuts and Yellow Cake Purchase**

Producers have started taking self-help measures

#### Commentary

- Supply side responses have been the major theme of the market since 2017
  - Cameco's shut down of Rabbit Lake, and suspension at McArthur River
  - Kazatomprom's announcement of a 20% production reduction for three years
  - Paladin suspension at Langer Heinrich in May 2018
- Yellow Cake purchased 8.4 mmlb of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> in 2018

### Production cuts seen since 2017<sup>(1)</sup> and Yellow Cake's 2018 purchase of 8.4 mmlb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>





# **Growing Mine Supply Gap**

Underinvestment in exploration and development is leading to a potential future supply gap. All three market scenarios (Lower / Reference / Upper) incorporated in latest WNA nuclear fuel market report show immediate global market supply deficit<sup>(1)</sup>

### Current Capacity Secondary Supply Under Development Planned Mines Prospective Mines — Demand - Reference — Demand - High - Demand - Low

Supply / Demand Imbalance (U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> mmlb)

Company estimate, analyst research

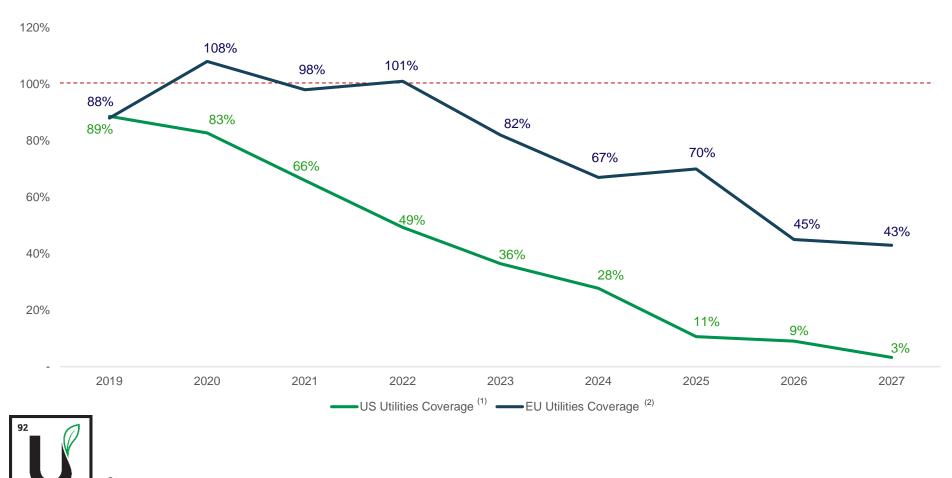
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(1) "The Nuclear Fuel Report - Global Scenarios for Demand and Supply Availability 2019-2040 (September 2019)"

### Long-Term Contracts Need to be Replaced

Contract covering has the potential to create a rapid tightening of the spot market



#### **Future Contracted Coverage Rates of US & European Utilities**

Source
(1) Euratom Supply Agency Annual Report 2018 (21 March 2019)
(2) U.S. Energy Information Administration 2018 Uranium Marketing Annual Report (May 2019)

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### **Current Uranium Market Dynamics**

- Section 232 speculation dominated 2019 activity
- The decision by the President of the United States of America to not implement any trade restrictions was welcomed
- However, the establishment of a Working Group has resulted in some extended uncertainty
- The effect of these developments is that the uranium price has drifted from US\$28.50 /lb at the start of 2019 to US\$24.85/lb<sup>(1)</sup> currently
- We expect market activity to increase once the working group completes its review
- Current forecasts for 2019 market demand was around 190 mmlb and primary production of 142 mmlb<sup>(2)</sup>. Forecasts for 2020 are yet to be confirmed



# Macro-Economic Context Provides Opportunistic Timing for Investment in Uranium

Confluence of current events leading to potentially dramatic resurgence in the uranium market and the uranium price

Uranium Price at Historic Lows Sustained low price environment

- More than half of global production has total costs above current spot price
- 2018 average uranium price paid by US utilities was US\$39 /lb<sup>(1)</sup>

Structural Demand Developments  The US Energy Information Administration ("EIA") forecasts a 29% increase in nuclear power by 2030<sup>(1)</sup>

- Nuclear power a growing source of energy
  - 442 reactors operating globally, 54 under construction, 109 planned and 330 proposed projects<sup>(2)</sup>

Structural Supply Developments

- New projects' incentive price well above the current spot price, which will impact future supply
- Significant supply side discipline emerging from major producers



## Yellow Cake – Investment Highlights

Direct Investment in Uranium

Strong Board & Management, with Dedicated Advisers

Strategy Supports Emerging Supply Side Discipline

Strategic Relationship with Kazatomprom

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- No exposure to risks associated with exploration, development, mining or processing
- Upside exposure to a uranium price not capped by long-term contracts
- Listed on London Stock Exchange investors can buy and sell shares in Yellow Cake, providing liquidity to uranium
- Low cost structure, minimal leakage
- Board of directors includes experienced team committed to ensuring high standards of corporate governance
- Yellow Cake's executive management, supported by 308 Services which has employees and consultants with considerable experience in the uranium market
- Yellow Cake purchases and holds physical U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
- In 2018 Yellow Cake purchased an equivalent to approximately 6% of 2018 annual production
- Kazatomprom Framework Agreement enables the company to purchase uranium on an undisturbed price basis
- The Company can acquire additional US\$100 mm of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> per year, for nine years

# Strong, Independent and Experienced Board and Executive **Management Team**

### Yellow Cake Executive Team



#### Andre Liebenberg – CEO, Yellow Cake plc Previously CFO of QKR, a Qatar backed mining fund

- Former roles at BHP: Acting President Energy Coal: CFO Energy Coal; Head of Group Investor Relations and Chief Financial Officer, **Diamonds and Specialty Products**
- Formerly held investment banking roles with UBS in London and Standard Bank in Johannesburg



#### Carole Whittall - CFO, Yellow Cake plc

- Formerly Vice President, Head of M&A, CSR and government relations at Arcelor Mittal Mining
- Previously held commercial and business development roles with **Rio Tinto**
- Prior investment banking roles with JP Morgan and Standard Bank



#### Andrew Krelle – VP Investor Relations

- Eight years' experience in mining and finance
- Previously, Investor Relations and Research at 121 Group, Hong Kong
- Geologist roles with BHP, U&D Mining and Moreton Resources

### Yellow Cake Independent Non-Executive Directors



#### The Lord St John of Bletso, Chairman

- Cross-bench peer; member Select Committee on Communications, Vice Chairman of All Party Parliamentary South Africa Group
- Currently non-executive director of Albion Ventures LLP, Chairman of the Governing Board of Certification International and Chairman of Strand Hanson
- Previously: Chairman of Spiritel: non-executive director of Regal Petroleum, Sharp Interpak and Pecaso Group; served on advisory boards of Infinity SDC, Chayton Capital and Ariya Capital

#### **Alexander Downer**

- Served as the Australian High Commissioner to the UK, a post which he held since 2014
- Following retirement from politics in 2008, appointed Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General on Cyprus
- Longest serving Minister for Foreign Affairs in Australian history
- Leader of the Opposition in the Australian Parliament 1994 -1995

#### Alan Rule

- CFO of Galaxy Resources, Australia's largest lithium producer
- Formerly CFO and director of Sundance Resources and CFO of Paladin Enerav
- Previously a director of Mount Gibson, Western Metals and St Barbara Mines

#### Sofia Bianchi

- Founding Partner of Atlante Capital Partners, and previously Head of Special Situations at BlueCrest Capital Management
- Formerly Deputy Managing Director of Standard Bank Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund and Senior Executive at EBRD
- Previously a non-executive director with Kenmare Resources

#### Alexandra Nethercott-Parkes

- Client Director of Langham Hall Fund Management (Jersey) Limited
- Previously Assistant Vice President Deutsche Bank within the corporate services division in Jersey.
- Principal Person with the Jersey Financial Services Commission
- BA (Hons) in Psychology with Economics, and is an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries.



