

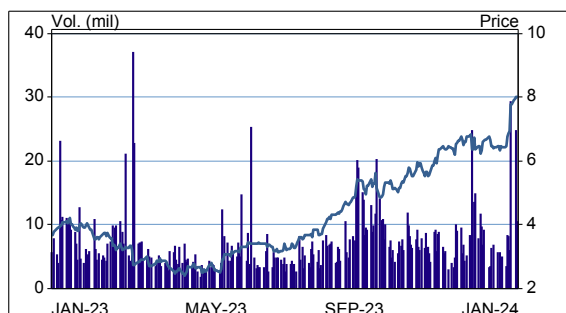
Uranium Energy Corp. (UEC)
Rating: Buy

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Restart of Uranium Production at Christensen Ranch; Continued Surge of Uranium Spot Pricing; Reiterate Buy; PT Higher

Stock Data		01/17/2024	
Price		\$8.00	
Price Target		\$9.75	
52-Week High		\$8.29	
52-Week Low		\$2.30	
Enterprise Value (M)		\$3,021.0	
Market Cap (M)		\$3,114	
Shares Outstanding (M)		391.4	
3 Month Avg Volume		8,056,148	
Short Interest (M)		37.13	
Balance Sheet Metrics			
Cash (M)		\$93.2	
Total Debt (M)		\$0.0	
Total Cash/Share		\$0.24	
Cash (M): Includes inventories.			
EPS (\$) Diluted			
Full Year - Jul	2022A	2023A	2024E
FY	0.02	(0.01)	0.05
Revenue (\$M)			
Full Year - Jul	2022A	2023A	2024E
FY	23.2	164.4	134.0

2022 Annual: Revenue assumed from uranium inventory sales



Board of Directors approves restarting uranium production. On January 16, Uranium Energy Corp. (UEC) announced that first production from the Christensen Ranch In-Situ Recovery (ISR) operation in Wyoming is expected in August of this year. Notably, product from the site is expected to be processed at UEC's Irigaray Central Processing Plant (CPP). Based on UEC's longstanding commitment to being 100% unhedged, we expect the produced uranium to be sold at the prevailing spot market price, which has been surging due to producers facing a variety of challenges across the globe. Management also mentioned that initiatives are being taken to resume production at its South Texas Hub and Spoke platform, where the Hobson CPP is already fully licensed and permitted for 4M pounds (lbs) of uranium per year. In our view, UEC has a lot of potential for cash flow exceeding present expectations. This effect is likely to be quite pronounced once both central processing plants are up and running, especially if uranium prices either stay at current elevated levels or continue their recent climb.

Global uranium suppliers continue to face challenges. Kazatomprom (KAP.IL; not rated), a company that was responsible for 23% of the world's uranium supply in 2022, recently reported its expectation to miss production targets for the next two years. This was based on a sulfuric acid shortage, an important component of uranium extraction. Importantly, KAP is not the only company to revise its guidance, as Cameco (CCJ; not rated) reduced forecasts during that time as well. We also stress that entire countries are having a negative effect on the global supply chain. As an example, 2023 saw Kazakhstan and Niger face various logistical issues that hindered production. Longer-term, we believe that the persistent need for uranium should ultimately create a significant opportunity for producers over the next two years while major suppliers face continued headwinds. We believe that this offers a real opportunity for UEC to take market share as the firm begins to ramp up its production profile.

We raise our price target on UEC to \$9.75 from \$8.25. This increased valuation is attributable to higher prices for UEC's asset base given an increase in our valuation for the resources in our model. Our valuation for UEC remains primarily based on a DCF of future operations for the company. We continue to utilize our unchanged and increasingly conservative looking discount rate of 7.5%. We then add our revised in-situ value of \$849.0M for Roughrider, \$180.0M for UEC's Reno Creek assets and \$180.0M for Alto Paraná. Notably, we now model a conservative value for UEC's M&I resources of \$15/lb (prior: \$12/lb), and an additional \$12/lb (prior: \$10/lb) for Inferred resources of U.S. and Canada-based assets, as well as an estimated value for the firm's shares in Anfield (AEC.V; not rated) based on current market prices. In our view, these figures may eventually even prove to be conservative when analyzing recent market multiples amid the consistent demand growth for U.S.-based uranium that has been confirmed by recent M&A.

Near-term catalysts. We note that UEC's management plans to grow its Irigaray CPP up to a licensed capacity of 4Mlbs of uranium (present: 2.5Mlbs). In our view, this should ultimately allow for meaningful future growth across the area. We reiterate that a variety of initiatives are being taken to restart production at the South Texas Hub & Spoke platform, which are likely to further accelerate growth for the company thanks to the Hobson CPP. We also note that the company currently has 866,000lbs of inventory on hand, which was acquired at an average cost of \$49/lb, and that the company expects to purchase 1.3Mlbs of uranium at an average cost of \$46/lb. Finally, we reiterate our view that UEC seems to have an opportunity for higher than expected profitability if uranium prices continue to thrive.

Risks. (1) Uranium price risk; (2) Operating and technical risk; (3) Political risk; and (4) Financial risk.

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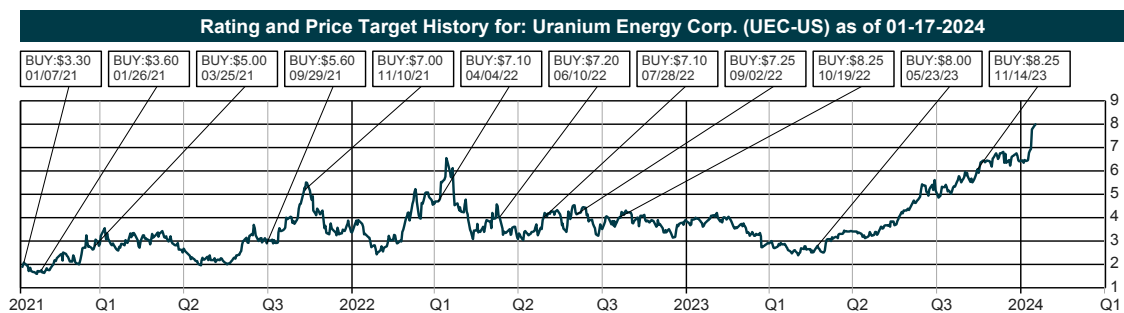
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