



## **Uranium Development & Exploration**

The Athabasca Basin, Northern Saskatchewan

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The disclosure of a scientific or technical nature within this presentation, including the disclosure of mineral resources, mineral reserves, as well as the results of the Wheeler PFS and Waterbury PEA, was reviewed and approved by David Bronkhorst, P.Eng., who is a Qualified Person in accordance with the requirements of NI 43-101.

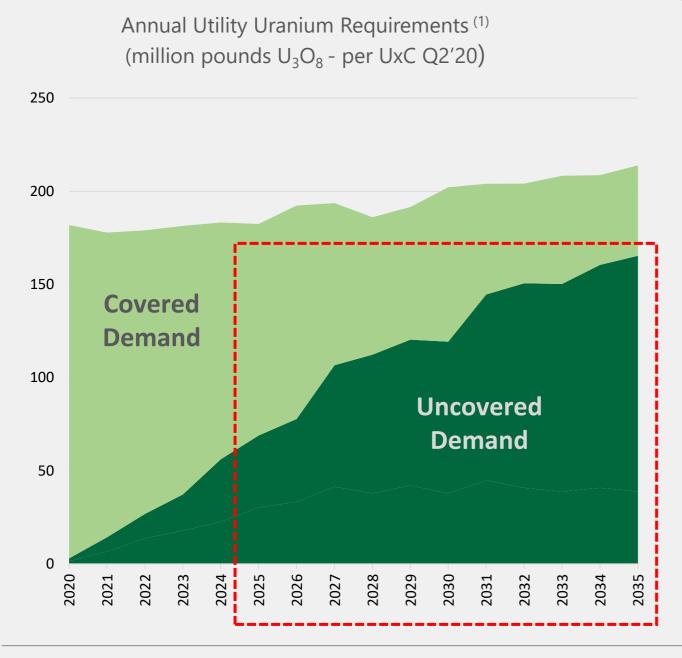
#### **Technical Reports**

- For further details regarding the Wheeler River project, please refer to the Company's press release dated September 24, 2018 and the technical report titled "Prefeasibility Study for the Wheeler River Uranium Project, Saskatchewan, Canada" with an effective date of September 24, 2018 ("Wheeler PFS").
- For further details regarding the Waterbury Lake project, please refer to the Company's press release dated November 17, 2020 and the technical report *titled "Preliminary Economic Assessment for the The Heldeth Túé (J Zone)* Deposit, Waterbury Lake Property, Northern Saskatchewan, Canada" with an effective date of October 30, 2020 ("Waterbury PEA"). The PEA is a preliminary analysis of the potential viability of the Project's mineral resources, and should not be considered the same as a Pre-Feasibility Study, as various factors are preliminary in nature. There is no certainty that the results from the PEA will be realized. Mineral resources are not mineral reserves and do not have demonstrated economic viability. Scheduled tonnes and grade do not represent an estimate of mineral reserves.

For a description of the data verification, assay procedures and the quality assurance program and quality control measures applied by Denison, please see Denison's Annual Information Form dated March 13, 2020. Copies of the foregoing are available on Denison's website and under its profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and on EDGAR at www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml.



## The Uranium Investment Thesis: Fundamentals are improving, leading to a positive new uranium cycle



#### **Key Market Themes:**

- Long-term contracts from the previous uranium bull cycle have acted as a lifeline to high-cost mines – this is coming to an end, with **significant uncovered utility requirements emerging** at a time that Denison is targeting to enter production
- 2. Demand story is positive and improving requirements now exceed pre-Fukushima levels
- 3. Significant curtailment decisions have been made by largest uranium producers
- 4. Response to COVID-19 has put additional pressure on supply. Further curtailments have accelerated drawdown of secondary supplies
- 5. Given sustained low prices, project pipeline may be inadequate to deliver new production in time to replace mines that are dropping off
- 6. Long-standing trade issues which have distracted the market have been clarified – Section 232 investigation; subsequent report by the Nuclear Fuel Working Group, Russian Suspension Agreement

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#### Diversified Athabasca Basin Asset Base with Superior Development Leverage

#### **Strategic Asset Portfolio:**

- 90% interest in Flagship Wheeler River project
  - Development stage project
  - Largest undeveloped uranium project in the infrastructure rich eastern Athabasca Basin
  - Environmental Assessment ("EA") initiated\*
- 22.5% interest in McClean Lake Uranium Mill
  - +12% of global uranium production
  - Excess licensed capacity
- 66.90% interest in Waterbury Lake project
  - PEA<sup>(1)</sup> for **Tthe Heldeth Túe<sup>\*</sup> ("THT")** deposit (formerly J Zone) highlights potential for future development portfolio
- Additional leverage to the uranium price
  - McClean Lake, Midwest, and Waterbury Lake all in close proximity to McClean mill
  - +250,000 hectares of exploration ground
- Well funded (~CAD\$29M<sup>(2)</sup> in cash), plus internal sources of cash flow from Uranium Participation Corp. (TSX-U) & Closed Mines operations

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**NOTES:** (1) See Denison's news release dated Nov. 17, 2020; The PEA is a preliminary analysis and should not be considered the same as a Pre-Feasibility or Feasibility Study, see Cautionary Statements slide for details; (2) Estimated at the end of October 2020, see Denison's news release dated Nov. 5, 2020



\* Given recent social, financial and market disruptions, Denison suspended certain activities at Wheeler River, including the Environmental Assessment program, which is on the critical path to achieving the project development schedule outlined in the PFS. On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Denison announced its decision to restart the EA, effective January 2021. However, uncertainty associated with the temporary suspension remains and the Company is not yet able to estimate the impact to the project development schedule outlined in the PFS, and users are cautioned that the estimates provided therein regarding the start of pre-production activities in 2021 and first production in 2024 should not be relied upon.<sup>(1)</sup>

#### +250,000 Hectares of Prospective Exploration & Development Ground Focused in the Infrastructure Rich Eastern Athabasca Basin



Highway / Haul Road

**Power Grid** 

# Flagship Wheeler River Development Project<sup>(1)</sup>

#### 90% Denison Owned (10% JCU):

- Host to two high-grade uranium deposits
- NI 43-101 compliant Pre-Feasibility Study ("PFS") considers staged development plan
- **Phoenix** estimated to potentially have lowest costs of any undeveloped uranium deposit
  - In-Situ Recovery ("ISR") mining method
  - On-site processing to finished yellow cake
  - Commencement of EA in 2019
  - All-in costs of US\$8.90/lb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
  - Operating costs of US\$3.33/lb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
- Gryphon contributes additional low-cost pounds
  - Conventional underground mining approach
  - Assumes toll-milling at McClean Lake mill
  - All-in cost of US\$22.82/lb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
  - Operating costs of US\$11.70/lb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
- Combined **109.4M** lbs U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> Probable Reserves
- Combined **14** year mine life
- Initial CAPEX (Phoenix) of **\$322.5M** (100%)

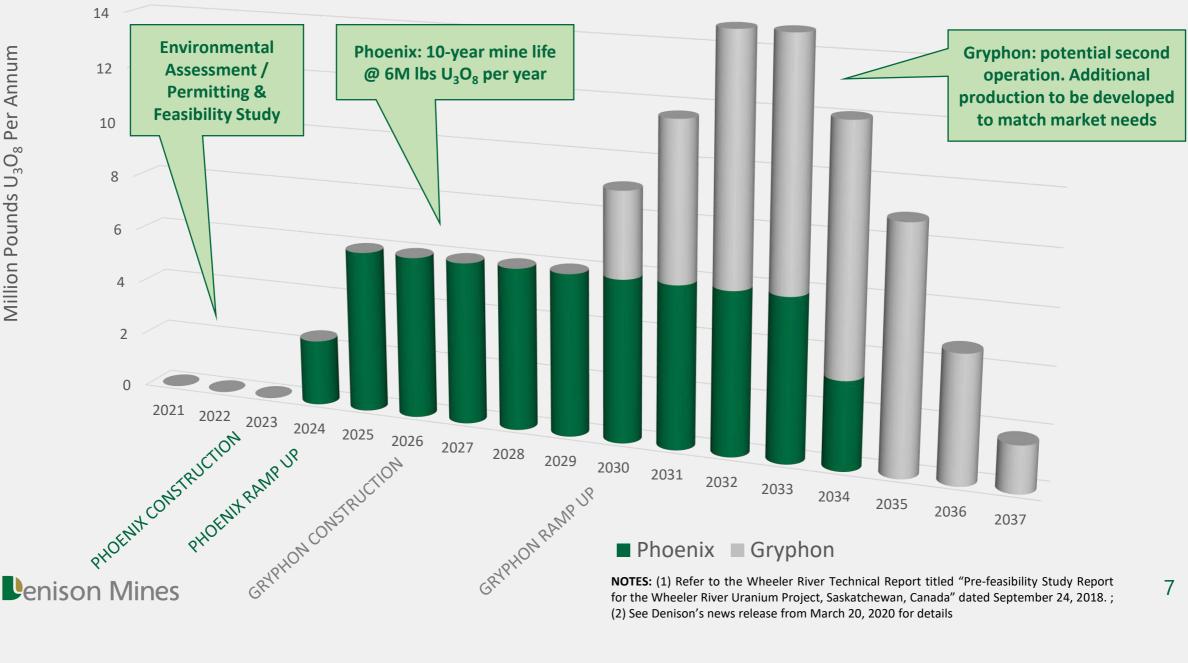
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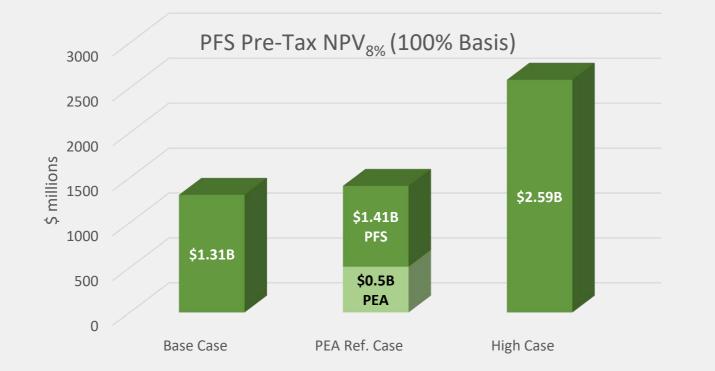
#### Wheeler River PFS: Staged development plan with combined 14-year mine life<sup>(1)</sup>

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT**\*\*\* The Wheeler River PFS estimated pre-production activities to begin in 2021, assuming receipt of required regulatory approvals, with first production from the Phoenix deposit expected in 2024. Given recent social, financial and market disruptions, Denison suspended certain activities at Wheeler River, including the Environmental Assessment programs which is on the critical path to achieving the project development schedule outlined in the PFS. On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Denison announced its decision to restart the EA, effective January 2021. The temporary suspension of the EA process is expected to impact the project development schedule outlined in the PFS for Wheeler River. The Company is not yet able to estimate the impact to the project development schedule outlined in the PFS, and users are cautioned that the estimates provided therein regarding the start of pre-production activities in 2021 and first production in 2024 should not be relied upon.<sup>(2)</sup>



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## Wheeler River PFS: Uranium price assumptions, commercial strategy, and sensitivities



Assumptions / Results <sup>(1)</sup>	Base Case	PEA Ref. Case	High Case
Uranium selling price	As above	US\$44/lb U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	US\$65/lb U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>
Pre-tax NPV <sub>8%</sub> <sup>(2)</sup> (100% Basis)	\$1.31 billion	\$1.41 billion	\$2.59 billion
Pre-tax IRR <sup>(2)</sup>	38.7%	47.4%	67.4%
Pre-tax payback period <sup>(3)</sup>	~24 months	~ 15 months	~ 11 months

#### **Base Case Price Assumptions Reflect Commercial Strategy:**

- Phoenix Operation:
  - Low all-in cost per lb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> suggests contract "base-loading" not required
  - Uranium selling price based on UxC Spot price forecast (Q3'2018 UMO "Composite Midpoint" scenario)
  - ~US\$29/lb U $_{3}O_{8}$  to US\$45/lb U $_{3}O_{8}$
  - Stated in "constant" 2018 dollars

#### • Gryphon Operation:

- US50/lb U $_3O_8$  fixed price
- Market support expected to be trigger for development

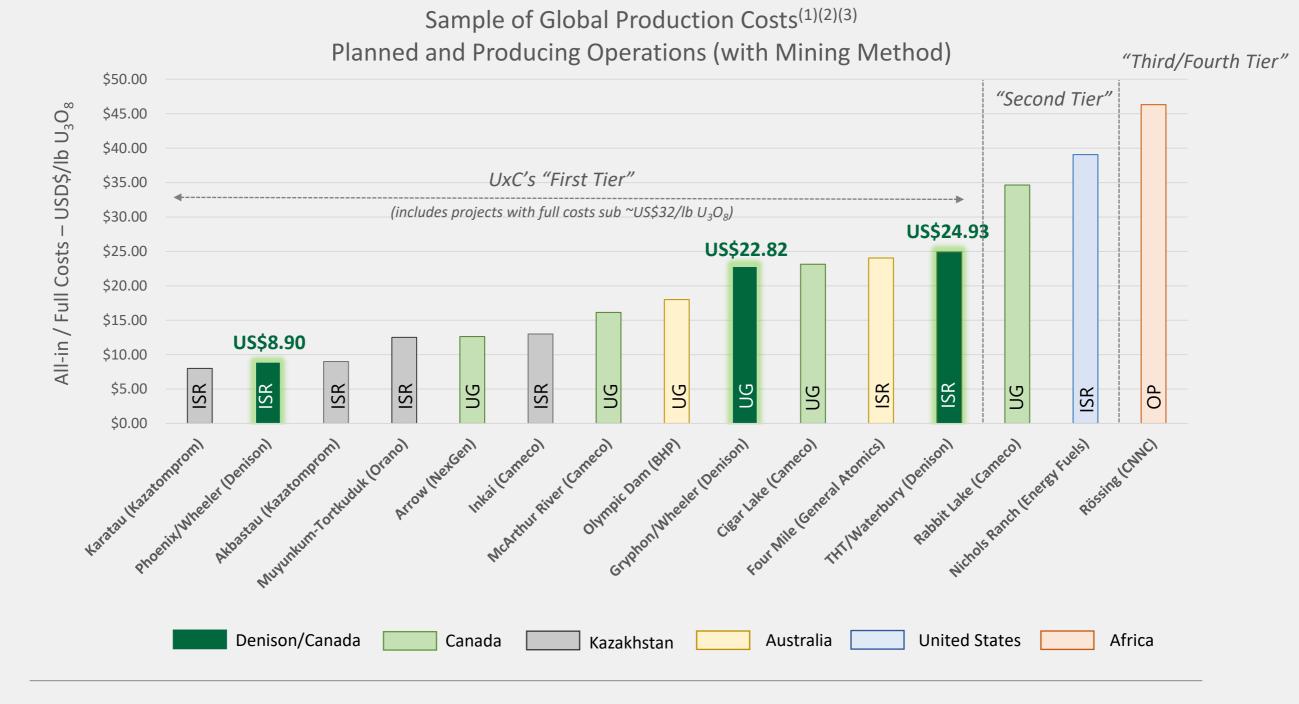
#### **Comparison to 2016 Preliminary Economic Assessment ("PEA"):**

- 2016 PEA provided pre-tax project NPV<sub>8%</sub> of \$513 million at fixed uranium price of US\$44/lb  $U_3O_8$
- PFS equivalent represents +275% of pre-tax project NPV from PEA

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#### Denison's Development Portfolio: Multiple projects positioned amongst the lowest all-in cost assets of UxC's First Tier



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**NOTES:** (1) Chart data, including all-in costs and UxC's categorization of production cost "tiers", have been derived from UxC's estimates of Worldwide Production Costs from the Uranium Production Cost Study dated August 2019; (2) For Phoenix and Gryphon, refer to the Wheeler River Technical Report titled "Pre-feasibility Study Report for the Wheeler River Uranium Project, Saskatchewan, Canada" dated September 24, 2018. (3) for Tthe Heldeth Túé (Waterbury), refer to the Waterbury Lake Technical Report titled "Preliminary Economic Assessment for the Tthe Heldeth Túé (J Zone) Deposit, Waterbury Lake Property, Northern Saskatchewan, Canada" dated October 30, 2020.

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#### "Proof of Concept" Achieved for Application of ISR Mining Method at Phoenix<sup>(1)</sup>

Petrotek Corporation – independent specialist with unique expertise in subsurface fluid flows and ISR projects

- **Comprehensive hydrogeologic model:** Developed, using 2019 ISR Field Test data
- **Calibrated:** models compared to actual 2019 Field Test data, such that the "head" changes resulting from simulations in the models were similar to observed changes in the actual field tests
- **Parameters:** 18 extraction / recovery wells and 33 injection wells modelled across Test Area 1 and Test Area 2, nearly balanced operational flow; 180-day simulation was completed with approximately 80% of the injected fluids estimated to be captured during the simulation period
- Report Conclusions: modelling provided <u>"Proof of Concept"</u> for application of ISR to Phoenix with respect to potential extraction and injection rates

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## Capital Structure & Corporate Information

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Market Summary <sup>(1)</sup>			
Exchanges	TSX: DML, NYSE American: DNN		
Shares Outstanding	679.0 M		
Share Units	7.7 M		
Options	15.1 M		
Fully Diluted Shares	701.8 M		
Market Cap – DML @ C\$0.96/share <sup>(2)</sup>	CAD \$652 M		
Daily Trading Volume – DML <sup>(3)</sup>	2.2M Shares		
Market Cap – DNN @ US\$0.75/share <sup>(2)</sup>	USD \$509 M		
Daily Trading Volume – DNN <sup>(3)</sup>	2.7M Shares		

#### **Management & Directors**

- David Cates (President & CEO, Director)
- Mac McDonald (Exec. VP & CFO)
- Dave Bronkhorst (VP Operations)
- Tim Gabruch (VP Commercial)
- Amanda Willett (VP Legal)
- Catherine Stefan (Non-Executive Chair)
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**NOTES:** (1) Share capital information as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020; (2) Based on shares outstanding above and DML/DNN share prices as of January 19th, 2021; (3) Average daily trading volume over previous 3 months as of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021