



## Uranium Development & Exploration

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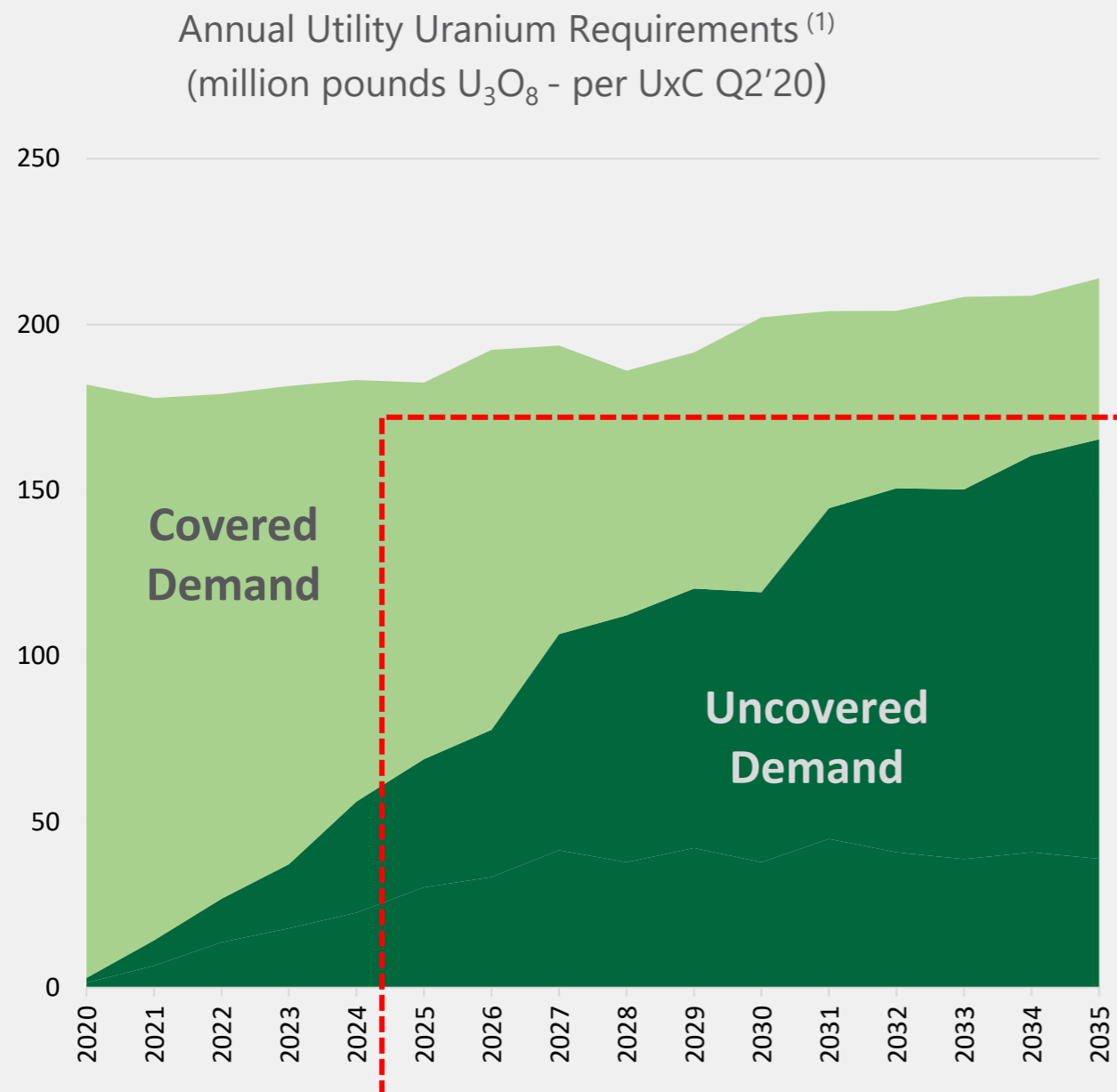
## Technical Reports

- 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 Tthe 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 or 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.**

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# The Uranium Investment Thesis:

## Fundamentals are improving, leading to a positive new uranium cycle



### Key Market Themes:

1. 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

# 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 Tùe' ("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



**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; (3) See Denison's news release from March 20, 2020 for details.



### \*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTES ON COVID-19 IMPACTS\*\*\*

\* 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>(3)</sup>

22.5% Denison owned McClean Lake uranium mill

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



# 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%)

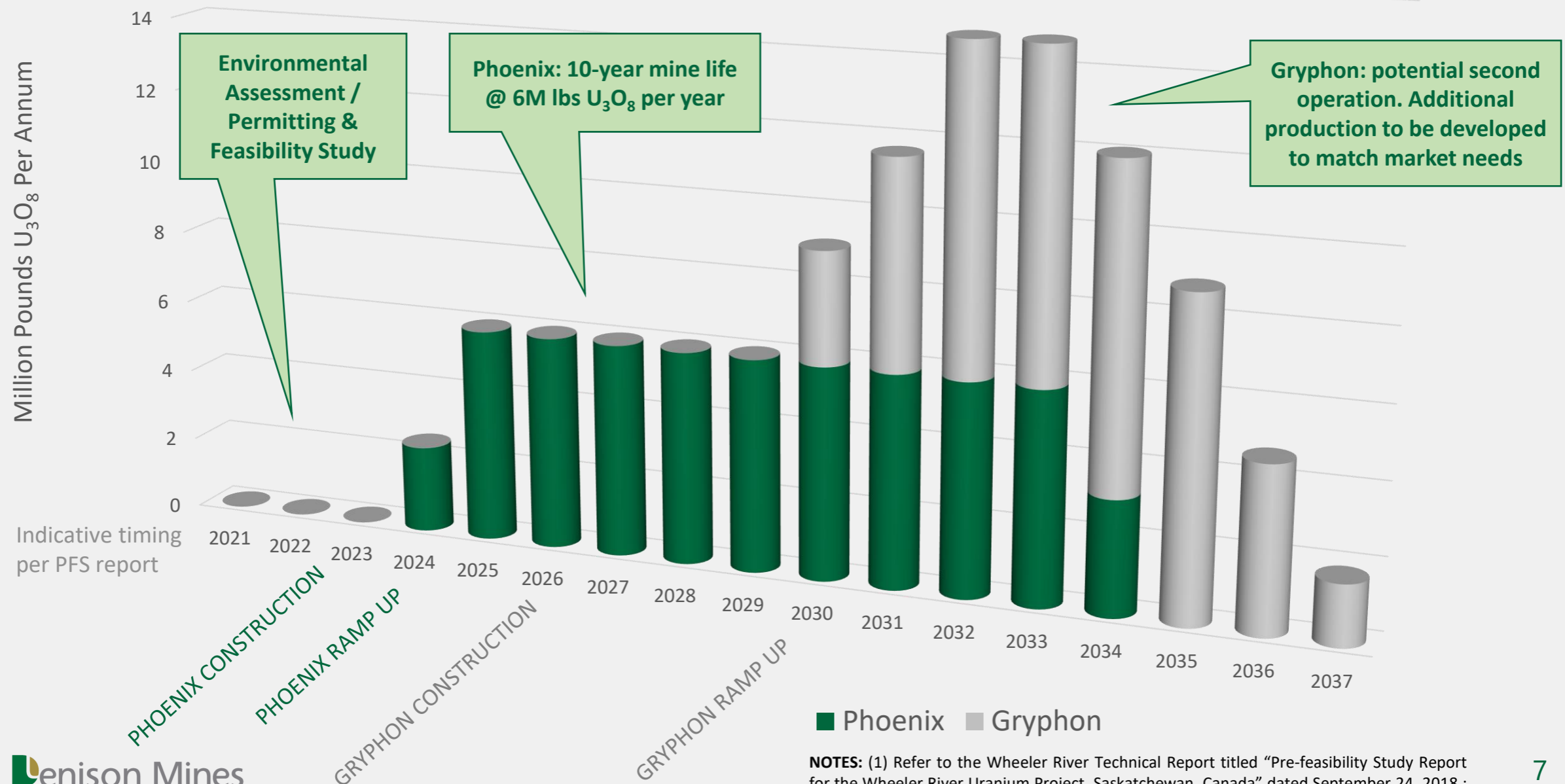


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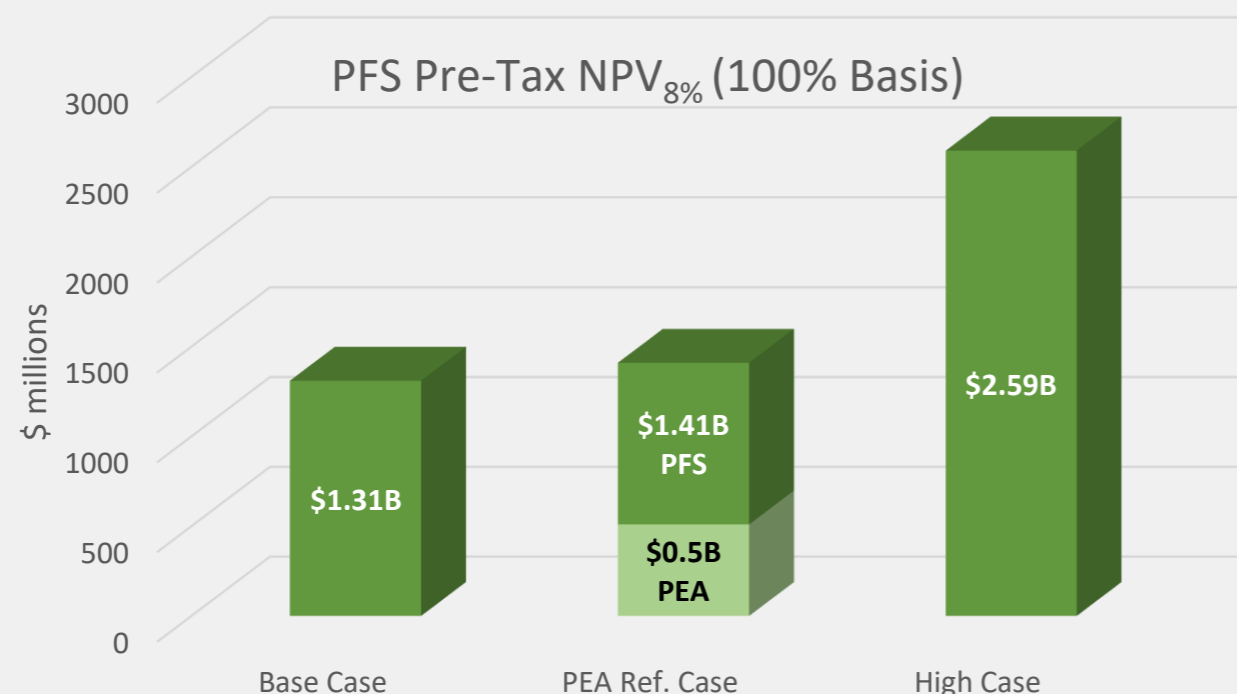
## Wheeler River PFS: Staged development plan with combined 14-year mine life<sup>(1)</sup>

**\*\*\*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>



## 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)	<b>\$1.31 billion</b>	<b>\$1.41 billion</b>	<b>\$2.59 billion</b>
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<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> to US\$45/lb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
- Stated in “constant” 2018 dollars

##### • Gryphon Operation:

- US\$50/lb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> 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<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
- PFS equivalent represents **+275% of pre-tax project NPV from PEA**

## Phoenix De-Risking:

Combining the world's lowest-cost uranium mining method with the world's highest-grade undeveloped uranium deposit





ISR field testing at Wheeler River  
Phoenix Deposit, Summer 2019

## Phoenix De-Risking: "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**

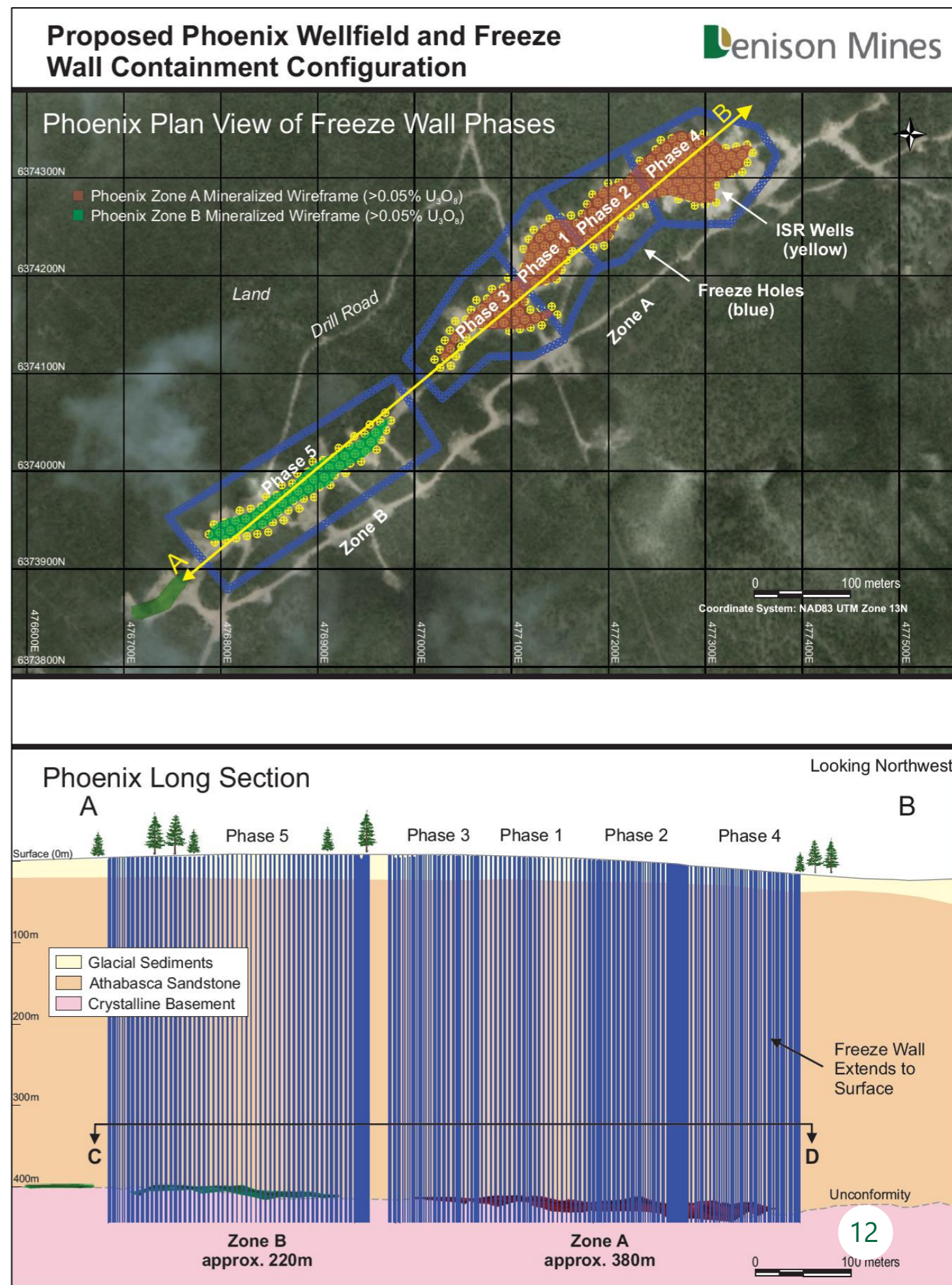
- **Comprehensive hydrogeologic model:**  
Developed, using 2019 ISR Field Test data
- **Calibrated:** models compared to actual 2019 Field Test data, such that the "head" changes resulting from simulations in the models were similar to observed changes in the actual field tests
- **Parameters:** 18 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 **"Proof of Concept"** for application of ISR to Phoenix with respect to potential extraction and injection rates



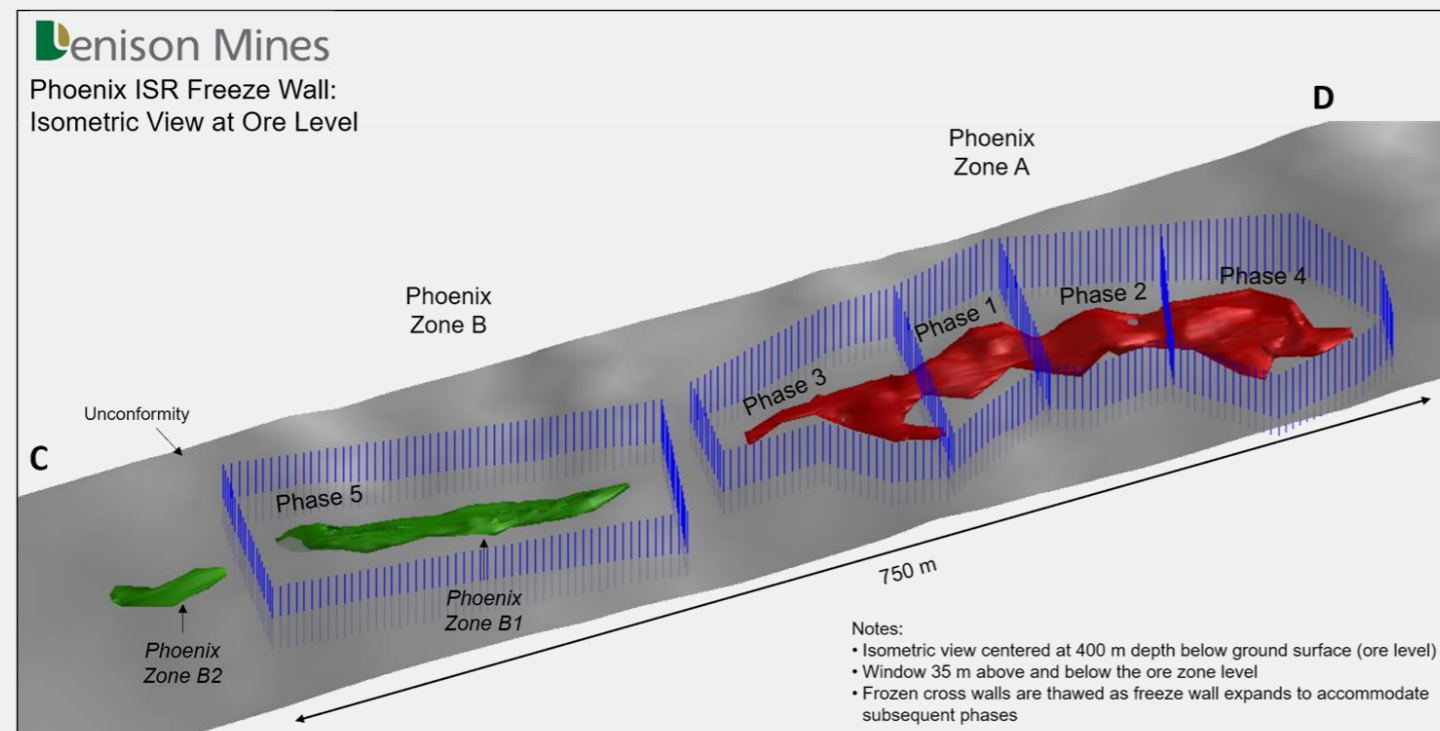
## Phoenix De-Risking: Conventional freeze wall design adopted for Phoenix ISR to replace novel freeze cap / dome design

**Post-PFS trade-off study supports decision  
to adopt freeze wall design to provide  
hydrogeologic containment<sup>(1)</sup>**

- Parallel vertical cased holes drilled from surface and anchored into impermeable basement rock surrounding the Phoenix deposit
- Circulation of low-temperature brine solution through cased pipes will freeze groundwater in sandstone surrounding the deposit
- 10-metre-thick freeze wall, together with basement rocks will encompass Phoenix vertically from surface to basement rock underlying the deposit
- Design supported by hydrogeologic and ground freeze modelling
- ✓ **Eliminates common environmental concerns with ISR mining and facilitates controlled reclamation**



# Phoenix De-Risking: Freeze wall design shows potential for significant advantages<sup>(1)(2)</sup>



**Table 1. Freeze Wall Phased Mining Approach**

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5	Total
Reserves (% of total)*	36%	26%	14%	15%	9%	100%
Expected Life (months)	43	31	17	19	11	121



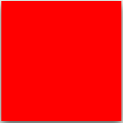

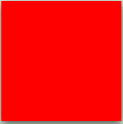
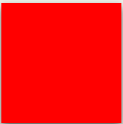


\*Note: These amounts are estimates and projections only and do not include Phoenix Zone B2 reserves of 133,000 lbs U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>. The aggregate reserves, and many of the assumptions and qualifications related thereto, as well as the mine plan associated with the declared reserves are set forth in the Wheeler River PFS.

**Table 2. Freeze Wall Holes Drilled Per Phase**

	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4	Phase 5	Total
Expected (# of holes)	57	41	54	52	118	322
Expected Meterage	24,500	17,600	23,200	22,400	50,700	138,400

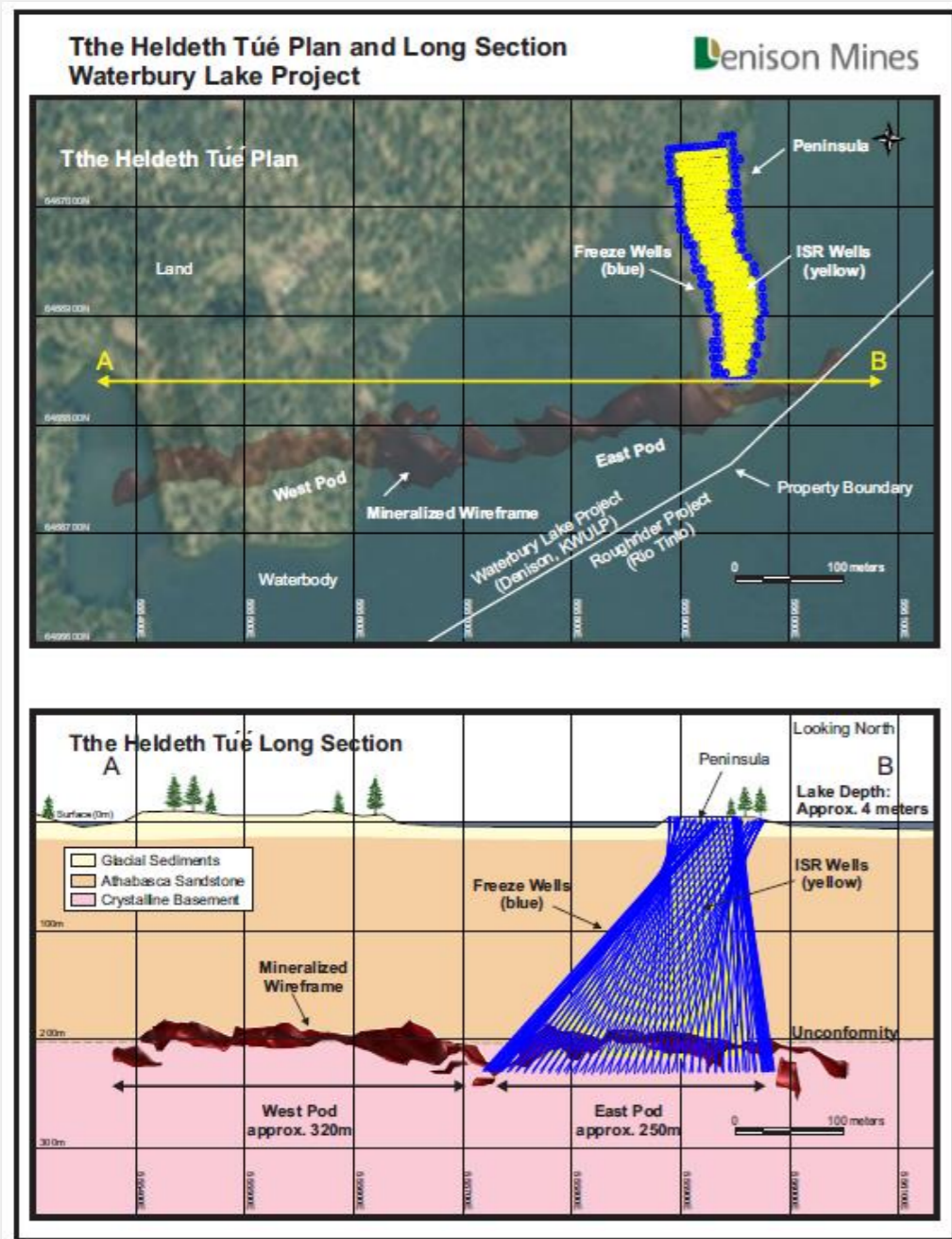
- ✓ **Enhanced environmental design**
  - Full hydraulic containment of ISR well field to surface
  - Defined area for reclamation
- ✓ **Lower technical complexity and operational risk**
  - Existing diamond drilling methods
  - Reduction of intersection of freeze holes and ISR wells<sup>(1)</sup>
- ✓ **Expected reduction in initial capital**
  - Lower cost drilling
  - Phased mining approach
- ✓ **Strengthened project sustainability**
  - Diamond drilling widely employed in northern Sask.
  - Ability to leverage existing skilled workforce
  - Drilling over life of mine

## Phoenix De-Risking: Significant progress de-risking primary technical risks from PFS<sup>(1)</sup>

Nature of Risk	Post PFS Assessment	Mitigation Steps Completed in 2019-2020	Current Assessment
Well field containment (PFS freeze dome design)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freeze containment trade-off study (2020) leading to selection of conventional freeze wall design (diamond drilling), eliminating need for complex / costly directional drilling;</li> <li>Environmental and operational benefits associated with full containment of IRS mining operation, and elimination of risk associated with IRS wells intersecting horizontal freeze wells from previously planned “dome”</li> </ul>	
Well field permeability (High permeability zones; 70-80% of the contained uranium)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019 &amp; 2020 ISR field tests</li> <li>Established baseline permeability through field hydrogeological (pump and injection) testing and permeameter testing</li> <li>Validated effectiveness of permeability enhancement tools, well spacing, well designs and injection pressures</li> <li>Resulted in “Proof of Concept” conclusion with hydrogeologic model</li> </ul>	
Well field permeability (Low permeability zones; 20-30% of the contained uranium)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019 &amp; 2020 ISR field tests</li> <li>Established baseline permeability through field hydrogeological (pump and injection) testing and permeameter testing</li> <li>Additional testing / mitigation planned to better define leachability in low permeability zones and optimal mitigation approaches</li> </ul>	
Leaching kinetics (UBS head grade)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing metallurgical test program – including various leach tests (at various temperatures and with various lixiviant compositions), plus specialized core leach tests</li> </ul>	
Leaching kinetics (UBS recovery)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing metallurgical test program – resulting in improved understanding of fluid pathways gained through completion of specialized core leach tests and permeameter field tests.</li> </ul>	

## Waterbury Lake:

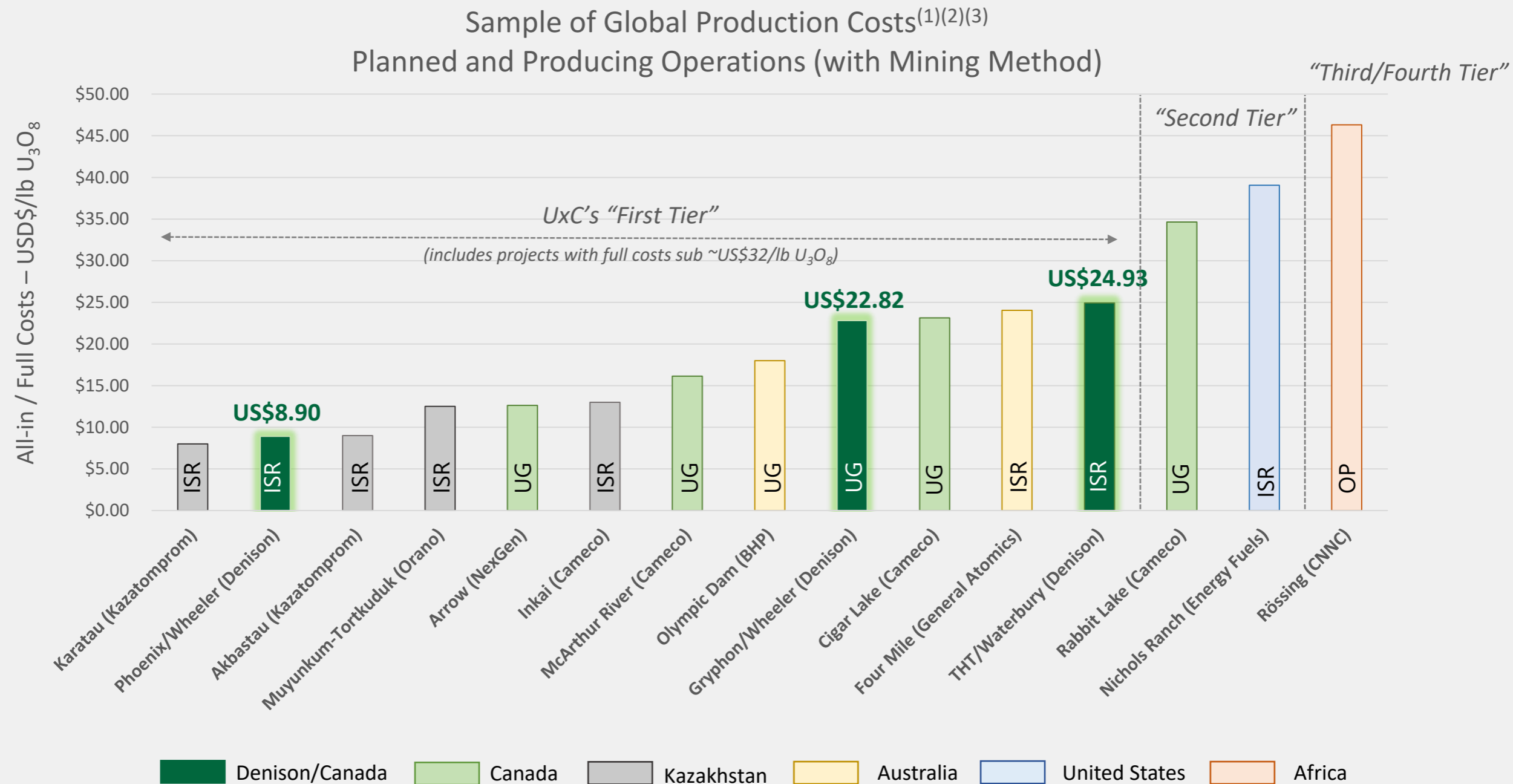
PEA demonstrates potential for ISR to transform portfolio projects<sup>(1)</sup>



### Tthe Heldeth Túé (formerly J Zone) Deposit:

- Independent NI 43-101 PEA prepared by Engcomp (Saskatoon)
- Selection of **ISR mining method** + **freeze wall** containment
  - Core samples collected for permeametry analyses validate the potential amenability of ISR mining to the THT deposit
  - Metallurgical tests confirm UBS head grade of 7g/l achievable
- **9.7M lbs  $U_3O_8$**  recoverable over a 6-year production period
- Uranium Bearing Solution ('UBS') transported by truck on existing roads to **McClean Lake Mill (22.5% Denison)** for processing
- Minimal site infrastructure (Points North Landing 10km away)
- Engaged with Ya'thi Néné Lands and Resources Office led to name change for 'J Zone' deposit to **Tthe Heldeth Túé** ("THT")
- **Highly successful results** for a small uranium deposit – demonstrating significant potential for ISR beyond Phoenix:
  - ✓ *Initial Capital Costs: \$112 million*
  - ✓ *Base case: Pre-tax NPV of \$177M; Pre-tax IRR of 39.1%*
  - ✓ *All in Costs: CAD\$33.16 (USD\$24.93) per lb  $U_3O_8$*

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



# Capital Structure & Corporate Information



## 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

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