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President Uranium and Olympic Dam Development

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Olympic Dam is a world class and superior resource

Strong nuclear demand growth prospects

Nuclear key to address climate change

Carbon price rewrites nuclear economics

China impact in the uranium industry





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20

40

60

80

100

120

140

160

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Olympic Dam: A world class resource

mt

Copper

kt

U3O

8

moz

Au

~1100

1050

1000

Sources: Company Annual Reports and press releases (as at 30-Sep-2007).

International Atomic Energy Agency

Note: Witwatersrand figure is BHP Billiton estimate and is approximate only

a)

Based on reported resource inventory .

0  
500  
1000  
1500  
2000  
2500  
The largest uranium  
deposit in the world  
4th  
largest copper  
deposit in the world  
0  
50  
100  
150  
200  
250  
5th largest gold  
deposit in the world

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Olympic Dam: A world class resource

Notes:

a)

100%

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Split  
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reflects  
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Tinto's  
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Oyu  
Tolgoi.  
Rio  
Tinto  
has  
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increase  
its  
ownership  
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Olympic Dam relative to Rio Tinto's undeveloped copper projects  
La Granja  
Resolution(a)  
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50  
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Contained copper equivalent mineralisation - Mt

Solid bubble = Existing production

Transparent bubble = Targeted annual production

Note: Bubble size reflects forecast annual copper capacity

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World Primary Energy Use  
(million tonnes of oil equivalent)

\* At a hypothetical world average growth rate of 1% p.a.

Source of data: 1965-2006: BP Statistical Review of World Energy; bntoe

= billion tonnes oil equivalent

1900-1965: Derived from Maddison, UK Select Committee on Economic Affairs.

400 bntoe

= 600 billion tonnes of hard coal

The world is well on its way to consuming as much energy in the  
next 25 years as it has consumed throughout modern history

OECD

FSU

Emerging

Markets

1900-2006

Total = 400 bntoe

2007-2030

Total = 300 bntoe\*

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Primary energy consumption is strongly correlated to economic development

Source: World Bank, Government Statistics for Taiwan, BP Statistical Review of World Energy (2007)

Primary energy use (tonnes of oil equiv/capita)

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GDP/Capita (Jan 2008 Constant US Dollars)  
China  
Germany  
India  
Japan  
Korea, Rep.  
United States  
Taiwan

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China's annual power output is growing at a rate equivalent to  
a major European country

426

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2000

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3000

3500

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2001

2002

2003

2004

2005

2006

2007

Power output added from previous year

UK's total

power

output

today

China's Growing Power Output (in billion kWh)

Energy Issues?

Power generation and distribution

Energy efficiency and intensity

Urban environment and transport

Emissions



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Notes:  
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Source:  
International  
Nuclear  
Safety

Centre  
at  
ANL,  
Aug-2005  
([www.insc.anl.gov/pwrmaps/world\\_map.pdf](http://www.insc.anl.gov/pwrmaps/world_map.pdf)).

b)  
Source:  
World  
Nuclear  
Association  
([www.world-nuclear.org/info.reactors.html](http://www.world-nuclear.org/info.reactors.html)),  
17-Oct-2007.

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Olympic Dam: Exposure to strong forecast nuclear  
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Under construction (reactors)  
33 reactors

(b)  
Proposed (reactors)  
> 222 reactors

(b)  
Planned (reactors)  
> 94 reactors

(b)  
Operational (power plants)  
439 reactors

(b)  
Existing operational power plants  
(a)

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Notes:  
a)  
Location  
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Source:  
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Existing operational power plants and future development of nuclear power reactors

(a),(b)





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Carbon price rewrites nuclear economics

Relative economics at no carbon cost

0

50

100

150

Nuclear

Coal

Gas

Relative economics @ \$30/t CO2

0

50

100

150

Nuclear

Coal

Gas

Relative economics @ \$50/ t CO2

0

50

100

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Nuclear

Coal

Gas

Sources: WNA, UIC/AUA, CERA, OECD/IEA, US DOE, UK govt, CRU group

Nuclear power is competitive with other generation technologies at current prices

At carbon cost of \$50/ t CO2, the carbon cost of coal fired generation is on par with the capital cost for nuclear

These are indicators for the western world. Developments in other industries, such as Alumina, have proven that the Chinese are capable of substantially decreasing both lead-time and capital cost on construction, significantly reducing the issue of the substantial capital cost of nuclear power

\$/MWh

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Capital cost

O&M cost

Fuel cost

Carbon cost

Decommissioning

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\*Including wind, biomass, oil, etc

\*\* Include power sector and non-power sector thermal coal use (excluding coking coal)

Source:NDRC power plant project database; Interviews; expert interviews; BHP Billiton;  
team analysis

Uranium

What if China goes nuclear?

1,532

2,054

1,532

2,054

12%

4%

26%

33%

GW Installed

% Nuclear

Traditional China 2030 electricity  
demand

Nuclear China electricity demand 2030

what if

42

17

150

88

Ktpa U308

Case B, rapid move

away from energy

intensity

Case A, low gains in

energy efficiency

337

676

251

346

426

262

400

680

Case B, rapid move

away from energy

intensity

Case A, low gains in

energy efficiency

262

555

1,281

251

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426

182

75

Coal

Hydro

Gas

Other

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Impact of carbon emissions

Global green house gas emissions growth and abatement requirements (GT CO<sub>2</sub> e\*)

4.8

6.7

38.5

2005

China  
2.8  
US  
0.9  
EU  
8.6  
RoW  
45.3  
59.3  
2030  
23\*\*  
Abatement  
requirement  
2030 including  
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RoW  
EU  
US  
China  
+155%  
21.5  
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Total  
emissions,  
including  
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Celsius  
Source:  
WRI;  
IEA;

Team  
analysis  
41  
China  
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US  
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EU  
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RoW  
Growth 2005-2030  
100% = 21 GT  
DSM  
2.4  
Other\*\*  
1.5  
China Nuclear  
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from China in 2030  
(+36% Higher than  
2005 level)  
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China has been predictable in re-writing capital intensity and delivery

60-66 Months US\$3000-

US\$5000/t installed

capacity

40 Months, Greenfields

US\$1000-  
1300/t installed capacity Detailed  
engineering through commissioning  
Copper smelters  
40 Months +  
400kt/yr alumina refinery  
construction time 10 months  
Kaiman  
alumina  
40 Months +  
400kt/yr alumina refinery  
construction time 14 months  
Jinbei  
Alumina  
40 Months +  
800kt/yr alumina refinery  
construction time 10 months  
East Hope  
Alumina  
40 Months +  
10x 300mw power stations and  
3500kt/yr alumina refinery  
construction time 10 months  
Alumina refinery  
Shangdong  
province  
Western Benchmark  
China

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Greenfields  
Olympic Dam well positioned to meet energy demand  
Expand open pit add  
Greenfield concentrator  
and hydrometallurgy  
circuits and expand

smelter capacity  
Further expansion of  
open pit, build new  
concentrator and  
hydrometallurgy circuit  
Sell excess concentrate  
Stages  
CONCEPTUAL  
Output  
Cu  
(ktpa)  
U<sub>3</sub>O  
8  
(ktpa)  
Au  
(kozpa)  
540  
14  
600  
730  
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800  
Further growth  
opportunities  
Add Hydrometallurgy  
circuit  
350  
9  
400  
Brownfields  
Optimise current  
configuration  
Develop open pit  
production build  
Greenfield concentrator  
sell excess concentrate  
Current  
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+3Mtpa  
+2Mtpa  
Mining  
Concentrating &

Hydrometallurgy

Smelting

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Notes: Unless specified all capacities are in tonnes of ore.

Actual timing of Underground phase out is not yet determined

+2Mtpa (100ktpa con)

+20Mtpa (250ktpa con)

1.1

1

2

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10Mtpa

9Mtpa

0Mtpa

+20Mtpa

+20Mtpa

+20Mtpa

+20Mtpa

20Mtpa

72Mtpa

52Mtpa

10Mtpa

(500ktpa con)

+20Mtpa (800ktpa con)

+20Mtpa (800ktpa con)



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Mining investment cycle: Escondida  
case study

Low price cycles

High price cycles

Discovery

Discovery

0.60

1.10

1.60

2.10

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3.10

3.60

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200,000

400,000

600,000

800,000

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1,200,000

1,400,000

1,600,000

Grassroots

Exploration

Resource

Definition

Feasibility

& Financing

Construction

Operation and

additional growth

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The world at night