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Kazatomprom 2Q19 Operations and Trading Update

JSC National Atomic Company "Kazatomprom" ("Kazatomprom", "KAP" or "the Company") announces the following operations and trading update for the second quarter and half-year ended 30 June 2019.

This update provides a summary of recent developments in the uranium industry, provisional information related to the Company's key second quarter and half-year operating and trading results, and updated 2019 guidance. The information contained in this Operations and Trading Update may be subject to change.

Market Developments

Near-term uncertainty associated with the US Section 232 investigation continued to weigh heavily on the uranium market throughout the second quarter. On April 14, the US Department of Commerce confidentially submitted to President Trump the results of its investigation as to whether US uranium imports represent a threat to the national security of the United States, as defined under section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. On July 12, the President announced his conclusion, which was to take no trade actions in the uranium market at this time. A full analysis of the entire US nuclear fuel supply chain is now underway, with the newly formed United States Nuclear Fuel Working Group looking beyond domestic supply. However, the nuclear industry's primary concerns related to possible near-term trade actions, have been moderated, reducing the degree of uncertainty for both producers and utilities.

A change in the African uranium mining landscape was the primary commercial developments on the supply side during the second quarter. The Namibian Competition Commission conditionally approved Rio Tinto's sale of Rössing Uranium Limited and its controlling stake in the Rössing uranium mine in Namibia, to China National Uranium Corporation.

On the demand front, utilities in Japan were presented with a new challenge when the Japanese Nuclear Regulation Authority denied utilities' requests to extend the deadline to complete the construction of emergency facility upgrades at their reactors. Utilities that are unable to fulfill the requirements on time would have to shut down plants until the work is completed, which could include the nine Japanese reactors currently in operation.

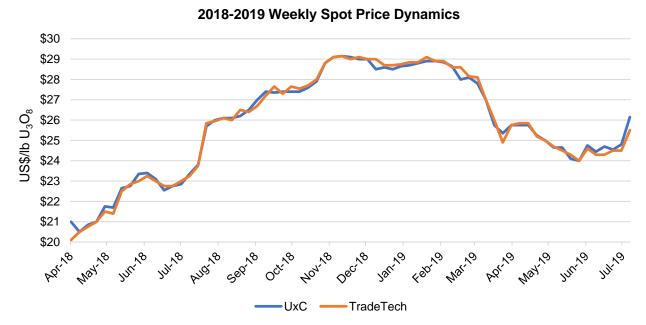
In May, following an earlier public referendum in Taiwan that indicated support for nuclear power, the Taiwanese government reversed previous legislation that had called for the phase-out of nuclear by 2025. Similarly, France formally delayed it's previous plans to cut nuclear's share of electricity generation from about 72% to 50% by 2025. The French government's climate and energy package, with a goal of carbon neutrality by 2050, pushes the targeted potential reductions in nuclear out by at least a decade, to 2035.

In the US, the Deputy Secretary of Energy indicated the US Department of Energy is working to help extend the licenses for the existing reactor fleet to eighty years. The extensions would support the view of the International Energy Agency, which indicated that prolonging the lifespan of existing reactors is crucial for reducing carbon emissions and boosting energy security.

Spot Market

After a sharp decline at the end of the first quarter, the spot price stabilized between US\$25.00 and US\$26.00 per pound U_3O_8 through April, after which it continued drifting to a low of US\$24.00 per pound in June. The flat second quarter price was largely related to the uncertain market environment amid possible US trade actions, with the price weakening as sellers began competing amid limited buyer activity.

According to third-party market data, spot volumes transacted during the first half of 2019 were higher than average, but 15% lower than the first half of last year. About 29 million pounds U_3O_8 were transacted with an average weekly spot price of US\$26.47 per pound U_3O_8 , compared to about 34 million pounds U_3O_8 and an average weekly spot price of US\$22.14 per pound U_3O_8 in the first half of 2018.



Long-term Market

In the long-term market, contracted volumes increased to nearly 40 million pounds U_3O_8 through the first half of 2019 (compared to about 14 million pounds over the same period in 2018). However, there continued to be a general lack of term contracts signed at fixed price terms, resulting in the continued stagnation of the long-term price at US\$32.00 per pound U_3O_8 .

		e months I June 30		Six months ended June 30		
(tU as U₃O₅ unless noted)	2018	2019	Change	2018	2019	Change
Production volume (100% basis) ²	5,387	5,506	2%	10,905	10,800	(1)%
Production volume (attributable basis) ³	2,861	3,163	11%	5,771	6,226	8%
Group sales volume ⁴	3,294	3,780	15%	5,579	5,425	(3)%
KAP sales volume (incl. in Group) 5	2,887	3,143	9%	5,167	4,608	(11)%
KAP average realized price (US\$/lb $U_3O_8)^{6^*}$	24.29	27.69	14%	23.79	27.43	15%
Average month-end spot price (US\$/lb $U_3O_8)^{7^*}$	22.13	24.43	10%	21.78	25.92	19%

Kazatomprom's 2019 Second Quarter and Half-Year Operational Results¹

¹ All values are preliminary.

² Production volume (100% basis): Amounts represent the entirety of production of an entity in which the Company has an interest; it therefore disregards the fact that some portion of that production may be attributable to the Group's joint venture partners or other third party shareholders. Actual drummed production volumes remain subject to converter adjustments and adjustments for in-process material. ³ Production volume (attributable basis): Amounts represent the portion of production of an entity in which the Company has an interest, which corresponds only to the size of such interest; it therefore excludes the remaining portion attributable to the joint venture partners or other third party shareholders. Actual drummed production volumes remain subject to converter adjustments and adjustments for in-process material.

⁴ Group sales volume: includes Kazatomprom's sales and those of its consolidated subsidiaries (companies that KAP controls by having (i) the power to direct their relevant activities that significantly affect their returns, (ii) exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with these entities, and (iii) the ability to use its power over these entities to affect the amount of the Group's returns. The existence and effect of substantive rights, including substantive potential voting rights, are considered when assessing whether KAP has power to control another entity).

⁵ KAP sales volume (incl. in Group): includes only the total external sales of KAP HQ and Trade House KazakAtom AG (THK). Intercompany transactions between KAP HQ and THK are not included.

⁶ KAP average realized price: the weighted average price per pound for the total external sales of KAP HQ and THK. The pricing of intercompany transactions between KAP HQ and THK are not included.

⁷ Source: UxC, TradeTech. Amounts provided represent the average of the uranium spot prices quoted at month end, and not the average of each weekly quoted spot price. Contract price terms generally refer to a month-end price.

* Note that the conversion of kgU to pounds U_3O_8 is 2.5998.

Production on a 100% basis in the second quarter and through the first half of 2019 was similar to the same periods in 2018. Production attributable to Kazatomprom was higher in 2019 due primarily to slightly higher 2019 production levels under subsoil use contracts (as expected and previously disclosed), and related to different production levels at various assets and the mix of ownership interest levels in each asset.

Group and KAP sales volumes were higher for the second quarter primarly due to the deferral of an expected delivery from the first quarter into the second quarter. Sales volumes through the first half of 2019 were lower than 2018, but in line with 2019 annual expectations. Sales volumes can vary substantially each quarter, and quarterly sales volumes vary year to year due to variable customer delivery requests and physical delivery activity.

Average sales prices were higher due to an increase in spot price in 2019 compared to the same periods in 2018, and the close correlation between the Company's contract portfolio and current uranium spot prices.

Kazatomprom's 2019 Guidance Update

(exchange rate 370 KZT/1 USD)	2019
Production volume (100% basis) (tU) ¹	22,750 - 22,800
Production volume (attributable basis) (tU) ²	13,000 – 13,500
Group sales volume (tU) ³	15,000 – 16,000
KAP sales volume (incl. in Group) (tU) ³	13,500 – 14,500
Revenue - consolidated (KZT billions) ⁴	485 – 505
Revenue from Group U_3O_8 sales (incl. in consolidated) (KZT billions) ⁴	392 - 408
C1 cash cost (attributable basis) (USD/lb)*	\$11.00 - \$12.00
All-in sustaining cash cost (attributable C1 + capital cost) (USD/lb)*	\$15.00 - \$16.00
Total capital expenditures (100% basis) (KZT billions) ⁵	80 – 90 (previously 85 – 95)

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² Production volume (attributable basis): Amounts represent the portion of production of an entity in which the Company has an interest, which corresponds only to the size of such interest; it excludes the remaining portion attributable to the JV partners or other third-party shareholders.

³ KAP sales volume: includes only the total external sales of KAP HQ and THK. Intercompany transactions between KAP HQ and THK are not included.

⁴ Revenue expectations are based on uranium prices taken at a single point in time from third-party sources. A spot price of approximately US\$26/lb U_3O_8 was published in Q3, 2018 and used for 2019 revenue estimates. Revenue could therefore be impacted by how actual uranium prices vary from that assumption.

⁵ Total capital expenditures (100% basis): includes only capital expenditures of the mining entities.

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Kazatomprom's production expectations remain unchanged from previous guidance, consistent with the intention to flex down planned production volumes by 20% for 2018 through 2020 (versus consolidated planned production levels under Subsoil Use Agreements, which were increasing annually over that period). With the flex down, under the existing Subsoil Use Agreements, production is expected to total approximately 22,750 to 22,800 tU (100% basis) in 2019; without the reduction, production would have exceeded 28,500 tU (100% basis) in 2019.

Expectations for sales volumes and revenue also remain unchanged.

Guidance for C1 cash cost (attributable basis) and all-in sustaining cash cost (attributable C1 + capital cost) are unchanged. However, throughout the first half of the year, the KZT has been weaker against the US dollar than the 2019 budget assumption of 370 KZT/1 USD. As a result, both C1 and all-in sustaining cash costs have trended to the bottom of their expected ranges.

The expectation for total capital expenditures (100% basis) in 2019 has decreased, related to changes in the timing of spending for projects related to future expansion at some of the mining assets.

The Company continues to target an ongoing inventory level of approximately six to seven months of annual attributable production.

Conference Call Notification - 2019 Half-Year Operating and Financial Review (27 August 2019)

Kazatomprom has scheduled a conference call to discuss the full 2019 half-year operating and financial results, after they are released on Tuesday, 27 August, 2019. The call will begin at 17:00 (AST) / 12:00 (GMT) / 07:00 (EST). Following management remarks, an interactive English Q&A session will be held with investors (remarks in Russian with a simultaneous Russian translation of the Q&A available on a listen-only line).

Interested parties are invited to join the call using the following dial-in details. If calling from:

- Kazakhstan: +7 (8) 717 269 67 38
- United Kingdom: +44 (0) 80 0408 7373
- United States: +1 833 661 7897

To join the English call (participate in live Q&A), enter conference room number 813569, with PIN 5207 when prompted. To receive a reminder at the time of the call, participants may now pre-register for the <u>English</u> call at:

https://www.speakservecloud.com/register-for-call/1eaba28d-5b43-4b54-b0ea-0f14b1e3fbd5.

To join the call in Russian (listen-only Q&A), enter conference room number 357958, with PIN 6326. To receive a reminder at the time of the call, participants may now pre-register for the <u>Russian</u> call at:

https://www.speakservecloud.com/register-for-call/aca09126-16e6-4a1d-9750-191e3e4156d3

A live webcast of the conference call will be available from a link at <u>www.kazatomprom.kz</u> home page on the day of the call. A replay will be made available after the call.

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About Kazatomprom

Kazatomprom is the world's largest producer of uranium, with the company's attributable production representing approximately 23% of global primary uranium production in 2018. The Group benefits from the largest reserve base in the industry and operates, through its subsidiaries, JVs and Associates, 26 deposits grouped into 13 mining assets. All of the Company's mining operations are located in Kazakhstan and mined using ISR technology with a focus on maintaining industry-leading health, safety and environment standards.

Kazatomprom securities are listed on the London Stock Exchange and Astana International Exchange. As the national atomic company in the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Group's primary customers are operators of nuclear generation capacity, and the principal export markets for the Group's products are China, South and Eastern Asia, Europe and North America. The Group sells uranium and uranium products under long-term contracts, short-term contracts, as well as in the spot market, directly from its headquarters in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, and through its Switzerland-based trading subsidiary, Trade House KazakAtom AG (THK).

For more information, please see our newly updated website at http://www.kazatomprom.kz

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