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#### **Uranium Provinces and Districts**

"On a worldwide basis most of the prominent uranium provinces are associated directly or indirectly with Precambrian terrane."

~Franz J. Dahlkamp





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### **Coles Hill Airborne Radiometric Response**



- 10 URANIUM ANOMALY IN COUNTS PER SECOND
- 15 THORIUM ANOMALY IN COUNTS PER SECOND 30 - POTASSIUM ANOMALY IN COUNTS PER SECOND
- 300 TOTAL COUNT ANOMALY IN COUNTS PER SECOND

#### ANOMALY RATING SYSTEM (GENERALIZED)

1st CATEGORY ANOMALY - U/Th RATIO > 15 corrected for Compton Scatter.





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# **Significant Resources**

- Marline and Union Carbide drilled 210
  holes to define the deposits
  - 182 rotary percussion
  - 74 diamond drill holes
- \$43million in expenditures (1982 US\$)
- 69,592 feet of drill core on site
  - 65,082 of historical
  - 4,510 ft of new
- 133,936 ft of percussion holes drilled
  - 124,799 ft of historical
  - 9,137 ft of new
- Current resource Canadian National Instrument (NI) 43-101 completed in 2009





# **World Class Deposits**

- Two delineated ore bodies; North and South
- Combined current resource of 119 million lbs U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
  - 0.06% average grade at 0.025% cutoff
- Higher grade zones near surface
  - 0.22% zones on surface create many options for development
- Potential for resource expansion along strike, laterally and at depth
- Close to roads, rail, gas pipeline, electricity and skilled labor



# North Coles Hill Deposit

North

# South Coles Hill Deposit

Site Office

use rent , at

**Core Shed** 

COMPAN NO HOLES G NO 03 INTER N/N/N <u>S-603 Box#27:</u> Depth 265' to 274' Average  $U_{\rm 3}0_{\rm 8}$  in this ten feet of core is ~0.679% with a high of 1.72% at 271'



### **Current Total Resource Base: Measured and Indicated**

• Resource study prepared by Behre Dolbear, PAC and Marshall Miller June 30, 2008

Cutoff %U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	MM Tons	Average Grade %U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	MM Pounds %U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>
0.100	7.03	0.216	30.4
0.075	25.4	0.119	60.4
0.025	98.7	0.060	119.0

• Higher grade zones provide numerous options for development



Coles Hill has a high-grade core that could allow development flexibility depending on the uranium price environment

High grade core of 0.1% (in red) surrounded by lower grade halo (0.025%)



Plan View of deposit from merged block model, 0.1 wt% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> Grade Shell



#### **World Class Deposit**

Aldonsky District (Russia) Cigar Lake (Athabasca) Itataia (Brazil) Imouraren (Niger) Severinskoye (Ukraine) Kiggavik-Sisson Schultz (NWT) ).06% grade Coles Hill (Virginia) Yeelirrie (Australia) Trekkopje (Namibia) Kharasan (Kazakhstan) Jabiluka (Australia) Budenovskoye (Kazakhstan) West Mynkuduk (Kazakhstan) Michelin (Labrador) Dornod (Mongolia) South Inkai (Kazakhstan) Valencia (Namibia) Kintyre (Australia) Valhalla/Skal (Australia) Skull Creek (Colorado) 0 100 200 300 400 500 600 Estimated Uranium Resource (mm lbs U3O8)

#### Undeveloped Deposits by Size

#### High-Grade Undeveloped Deposits

Deposit	Location	Grade	Mine Method	Estimated Resource
- ·		% U3O8		(mm lbs)
Budenovskoye	Khazakhstan	n/a	ISL	78
West Mynkuduk	Khazakhstan	n/a	ISL	68
Cigar Lake	Athabasca	20.67%	UG	226
Millenium	Athabasca	3.77%	OP	38
Shea Creek	Athabasca	2.15%	UG	28
Midwest	Athabasca	2.00%	OP	43
Jabiluka	Australia	0.52%	OP	84
Four Mile West	Australia	0.37%	ISL	32
Skull Creek	Colorado	0.30%	UG	44
Kiggavik-Sisson Schultz	NWT	0.24%	OP	148
Roca Honda	New Mexico	0.20%-0.23%	UG	32
Kintyre	Australia	0.20%-0.40%	OP	53
Coles Hill (high-grade core)	Virginia	0.22%	OP/UG	30

Source: Ux Consulting Company, LLC and Virginia Uranium

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- "There are sufficient resources to support a uranium mining industry in Pittsylvania County with enough to meet the fuel needs of Virginia's current generation" (p. 101)
- "Virginia should assess the potential value of and regulatory needs for uranium production in Pittsylvania County." (p.169)



See www.governor.virginia.gov/TempContent/2007 VA Energy Plan-Full Document.pdf



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# **Virginia's Uranium Studies**

- 1981: Virginia General Assembly approved House Joint Resolution No. 324 Requesting Virginia Coal & Energy Commission ("CEC") to evaluate uranium
- 1983: Uranium Administrative Group ("UAG") established in SB-155 that finds that a preliminary study

"...has not identified any environmental or public health concern that could preclude uranium development in Virginia."

- 1984: Recommendation by 16 of 18 (89%) UAG members *"We conclude that the moratorium on uranium development can be lifted..."*
- 2008: CEC creates uranium mining sub-committee to evaluate uranium development again
- 2009: CEC expected to engage National Academy of Sciences ("NAS") for evaluation study
- 2011: NAS study results expected



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### Virginia's Nuclear Heritage

- Dominion Resource's four nuclear power plants providing 35% of Virginia's electricity supply needing about 1.6 MM lbs of U<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> annually(\*)
  - Surry-1 (816 MWe; built December 1972)
  - Surry-2 (815 MWe; built May 1973)
  - North Anna-1 (925 MWe; built June 1978)
  - North Anna-2 (917 MWe; built December 1980)
- New nuclear power plant for North Anna-3 proposed
  - Early site permit obtained from US NRC on 11/20/2007
  - **Combined Operating License** 
    - Submitted 2007 •
    - Issuance targeted for 2011 ٠
- Strong AREVA nuclear infrastructure
  - Commercial nuclear fuel production facility
  - Engineering and services
  - Heavy equipment manufacturing partnership with Northrop Grumman
- Strong naval nuclear infrastructure
  - Babcock & Wilcox naval nuclear fuel facility
  - Northrop Grumman naval shipbuilding and maintenance facilities
  - Largest naval base in the world
    - Shipbuilding since 1767 ٠
    - Home base to five nuclear powered aircraft carriers ٠
    - Commissioned latest aircraft carrier in 2009 .







NORTHROP GRUMMAN



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(\*) per 2007 Virginia Energy Plan



#### <u>Notes</u>

1. Total Purchases and US Origin from: http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/nuclear/umar/table2.pdf

2. US Uranium Mine Production from: http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/nuclear/dupr/umine.pdf

"The potential to mine Virginia uranium is therefore strategically important and warrants careful analysis" - Virginia Energy Plan (p.42)



# Uranium Resources in Virginia World-Class Deposit

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