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Rating: Accumulate
Price Target: \$5.25

Price Target Metrics: DCF model with 7.5%

discount rate

Current Price:	\$4.02
Float:	69.8MM
Diluted Shares:	86.3MM
Short Interest:	10.9MM
Average Daily Volume:	582k
52 Week Range:	\$2.20 - \$7.48
Market Cap:	\$347MM
Cash and Investments:	\$17MM
Debt:	\$0MM
Enterprise Value:	\$330MM
Net Cash/Sh:	\$0.20

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ESTIMATES \$ (MMs except multiples & EPS)											
	2012	2012	2013	2013	2014	2014	2015				
	Prior	New	Prior	New	Prior	New					
Revenue											
FY	\$12.0	\$13.8E	\$70.8	57.0E	\$78.8	\$80.5E	\$94.5E				
EBITDA (Adjusted)											
FY	\$(5.2)	\$(3.6)E	\$36.3	\$25.6E	\$41.6	\$43.4E	\$52.9E				
EPS											
FY	N/A\$	(0.41)E	N/A S	\$2.73E	N/A	\$3.17E	\$3.89E				

Uranium Energy Corp. (AMEX: UEC)

UEC reports earnings; Palangana to increase in size, raising PT to \$5.25

Summary: UEC reported fiscal 2012 second quarter results, and while production of U3O8 was slightly lower than the previous quarter the Palangana in-situ recovery (ISR) mine showed better long-term potential. In addition, the Goliad project is now fully permitted and we anticipate construction to commence on the larger wellfields during the next quarter. UEC has also made good exploration progress at multiple projects. From a high level, UEC is delivering on multiple levels of the business plan. We are adjusting our estimates based on a slightly lower price of U3O8 than previously forecast, extension of the Palangana mine life and a revised production timeline at Goliad. We are reiterating our Accumulate rating and increasing our price target to \$5.25 from \$4.45.

Highlights

Palangana production less than anticipated but mine life extended. In fiscal Q2 UEC produced 38,000 pounds of U3O8, down slightly in relative terms from 67,000 pounds the previous quarter. The lower amount was due to production area 1 requiring a number of wells to be re-drilled in the quarter. We do not believe this is representative of future production trends. Production area 2 is slated to commence production in March 2012, with production area 3 slated to come online in the fourth quarter of calendar 2012. Initial recovery test results for both production areas 2 and 3 have been positive.

We believe Palangana has a bright future. The company's newly identified production areas 4 and 5 are in the planning phase, with potential for production in the next couple of years. UEC is demonstrating excellent long-term potential for this project and we are encouraged by the progress to further lengthen our estimated mine life estimate for Palangana.

Goliad project permitted and ready for construction. As previously discussed, UEC has received all necessary permits to begin construction, which we anticipate to begin during the next quarter. We have revised the start-up phase for Goliad due to the slight time delay in construction, and will continue to monitor the situation as warranted. We continue to believe Goliad will become the "Flagship" production asset for UEC over the next year, allowing the company to get over 1.0 million pounds of production in the next two years.

Workman Creek project initial resource. UEC announced an initial NI-43-101 resource estimate for the Workman Creek project in Arizona. Workman Creek confirms an initial resource of over 5.5 million pounds of U3O8 in the inferred category.

Takeaways and Valuation. In the post Fukushima nuclear world, U3O8 prices have not recovered as quickly as we initially anticipated. As a result, we are lowering our assumed prices for 2012 and 2013 to \$58 and \$66, from \$64 and \$70 per pound, respectively. Based on obtaining all of the requisite permits for Goliad's construction we are lowering our discount rate used in our DCF valuation model to 7.5% from 8%. Once the Goliad project is operational and generating positive cash flow we believe the discount rate can be re-examined.

NAV estimate. Our analysis indicates the present value of cash flows expected to be generated by the company's projects is \$363.82 million. When factoring in the other assets of UEC and the historic U3O8 resources plus current cash on hand, we arrive at a NAV estimate of \$463.82 million or \$5.35 per share. We are reiterating our Accumulate rating and raising our price target to \$5.25 from \$4.45.

Company Description: Uranium Energy Corp. (UEC) is a production stage uranium company. As of July 31, 2010, it had interests in 50,253 acres of leased or staked mineral properties, consisting of claim blocks located in the States of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Wyoming. The assets of UEC include the fully licensed and permitted Hobson in-situ recovery (ISR) processing plant; the Palangana Uranium project, Goliad Project and Salvo project.

UEC DCF Model

	2012E	2013E	2014E	2015E	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E
(US\$ '000)								
Net Revenue	13,800	57,024	80,500	94,500	99,000	100,800	100,800	97,600
Total operating costs	5,500	16,381	20,050	23,100	26,501	27,700	27,700	27,500
Corporate costs	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Operating Income	(3,580)	25,040	42,788	52,338	52,937	53,332	53,332	50,624
Taxes	0	855	14,766	18,108	18,318	18,456	18,456	17,508
Total capital costs	10,000	500	500	13,000	500	500	500	500
Cash Flow	(12,633)	21,754	34,523	29,906	36,943	34,622	32,206	28,441
NPV @ 7.5%	\$363,826							
NPV / share (F.D.)	\$4.21							

Source: Company reports, Global Hunter Securities estimates

Uranium Energy Corp. (UEC) Disclosures

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NA - A rating is not assigned.

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	Research Co	overage	Investment	Investment Banking Clients*		
Rating	Count	% of Total	Count	% of Total	% of Rating	
					Category	
Buy (Buy, Speculative Buy or Accumulate)	128	77.10%	13	81.25%	10.16%	
Hold/Neutral/NA	35	21.10%	3	18.75%	8.82%	
Sell(Sell or Reduce)	3	1.80%	0	0.00%	0.00%	
Total	166	100%	16	100%	9.6%	

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