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FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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## **ABOUT THIS ANNUAL INFORMATION FORM**

In this annual information form (“AIF”), except as otherwise required by the context, reference to the “**Corporation**” or “**NexGen**” means, collectively, NexGen Energy Ltd. and its subsidiaries. All information contained in this AIF is at December 31, 2024, being the date of the Corporation’s most recently completed financial year, unless otherwise stated.

This AIF has been prepared in accordance with Canadian securities laws and contains information regarding NexGen’s history, business, mineral reserves and resources, the regulatory environment in which NexGen conducts business, the risks that NexGen faces as well as other important information for NexGen’s shareholders.

This AIF incorporates by reference NexGen’s management discussion and analysis (“MD&A”) for the year ended December 31, 2024 and accompanying audited consolidated financial statements which are available under the Corporation’s profile on SEDAR+ ([www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca)) and on EDGAR ([www.sec.gov/edgar](http://www.sec.gov/edgar)) as an exhibit to the Corporation’s Form 40-F.

### **Financial Information**

Unless otherwise specified in this AIF, all references to “dollars” or to “\$” or to “C\$” are to Canadian dollars, all references to “US dollars” or to “US\$” are to United States of America dollars, and all references to A\$ or AUD\$ are to Australian dollars. Financial information is derived from consolidated financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Information and Statements**

This AIF contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and “forward-looking information” within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities legislation. Forward-looking information and statements include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to planned exploration and development activities, budgets, the interpretation of drill results and other geological information, mineral reserve and resource estimates (to the extent they involve estimates of the mineralization that will be encountered if a Project is developed), requirements for additional capital, capital costs, operating costs, cash flow estimates, production estimates, the future price of uranium and similar statements relating to the economic viability of a project, including the Rook I Project, or other statements that are not statements of fact.

Generally, forward-looking information and statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “plans”, “expects”, “is expected”, “budget”, “scheduled”, “estimates”, “forecasts”, “intends”, “anticipates”, or “believes”, or the negative connotation thereof or variations of such words and phrases or state that certain actions, events or results “may”, “could”, “would”, “might” or “will be taken”, “occur” or “be achieved” or the negative connotation thereof.

Forward-looking information and statements are based on NexGen’s current expectations, beliefs, assumptions, estimates and forecasts about its business and the industry and markets in which it operates, which could prove to be significantly incorrect. Forward-looking information and statements are made based upon numerous assumptions, including, among others; that the results of planned exploration and development activities will be as anticipated and on time; the price of uranium; the cost of planned exploration and development activities; that as plans continue to be refined for the development of the Rook I Project, there will be no changes in project parameters that would materially adversely affect the Project; that financing will be available if and when needed and on reasonable terms; that third-party contractors, equipment, supplies and governmental and other approvals required to conduct NexGen’s planned exploration and development activities will be available on reasonable terms and in a timely manner; that there will be no revocation of adverse amendments to or delays in granting government approvals; that general business, economic, competitive, social, and political conditions will not change in a material adverse manner; the assumptions underlying the Corporation’s mineral reserve and resource estimates; assumptions made in the interpretation of drill results and other geological information; the ability to achieve production on the Rook I Project; and other estimates, assumptions, and forecasts including the Updated Cost Estimate and Updated Economic Analysis. Although the assumptions made by the Corporation in providing forward-looking information or making forward-looking statements were considered reasonable by management at the time they were made, there can be no assurance that such assumptions will prove to be accurate.

Forward-looking information and statements also involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors, which may cause actual results, performances and achievements of NexGen to differ materially from any projections of results, performances and achievements of NexGen expressed or implied by such forward-looking information or statements, including, among others, negative operating cash flow and dependence on third-party financing, uncertainty of additional financing, the risk that pending assay results will not confirm previously announced preliminary results, the imprecision of mineral reserve and resource estimates, the price and the appeal of alternate sources of energy, sustained low uranium prices, aboriginal title and consultation issues, exploration and development risks, risks related to business readiness and transitioning to an operating mine, climate change, uninsurable risks, reliance upon key management and other personnel, risks related to title to its properties, information security and cyber threats, failure to manage conflicts of interest, failure to obtain or maintain required permits and licences, changes in laws, regulations and policy, competition for resources, political and regulatory risks, general inflationary pressures, industry and economic factors that may affect the business, and other factors discussed or referred to in this AIF under “Risk Factors”.

Although the Corporation has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking information or statement or implied by forward-looking information or statements, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended.

There can be no assurance that forward-looking information and statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated, estimated or intended. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements or information. The forward-looking statements and information contained in this AIF are made as of the date of this AIF and, accordingly, are subject to change after such date. The Corporation undertakes no obligation to update or reissue forward-looking information or statements as a result of new information or events except as required by applicable securities laws.

#### **Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors**

This AIF has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the securities laws in effect in Canada, which differ materially from the requirements of United States securities laws applicable to U.S. companies. Information concerning NexGen’s mineral properties has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Canadian securities laws, which differ in material respects from the requirements of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) applicable to domestic United States issuers. Accordingly, the disclosure in this AIF regarding the Corporation’s mineral properties is not comparable to the disclosure of United States issuers subject to the SEC’s mining disclosure requirements.

#### **Technical Disclosure**

All scientific and technical information in this AIF has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Kevin Small, P.Eng., Senior Vice President, Engineering and Operations, and Mr. Jason Craven, P.Geo., Vice President, Exploration for NexGen. Mr. Small approved the scientific and technical information related to operational matters contained in this AIF and Mr. Craven approved the scientific and technical information related to exploration matters contained in this AIF. Each of Mr. Small and Mr. Craven is a qualified person for the purposes of National Instrument 43-101 Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects (“NI 43-101”). Mr. Craven has verified the sampling, analytical, and test data underlying the information or opinions contained herein by reviewing original data certificates and monitoring all of the data collection protocols.

For details of the Rook I Project, including the key assumptions, parameters and methods used to estimate the updated feasibility study (the “Feasibility Study”) please refer to the technical report entitled Arrow Deposit, Rook I Project, Saskatchewan, NI 43-101 Technical Report on Feasibility Study dated March 10, 2021 (the “Rook I FS Technical Report”). The Rook I FS Technical Report is filed under the Corporation’s profile on SEDAR+ ([www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca)) and EDGAR ([www.sec.gov/edgar](http://www.sec.gov/edgar)) but shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this AIF.

## **ABOUT NEXGEN**

NexGen Energy Ltd. is engaged in uranium development and exploration. The Corporation's head office is located at Suite 3150-1021 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 0C3 and its registered office is located at 25th Floor, 700 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V7Y 1B3. NexGen's website address is <https://www.nexgenenergy.ca>

NexGen was incorporated on March 8, 2011 under the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia) (the "BCBCA") as "Clermont Capital Inc." and changed its name to "NexGen Energy Ltd." on April 19, 2013.

The Corporation's common shares (the "Shares") trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") and the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") under the symbol "NXE", and on the Australian Securities Exchange (the "ASX") in the form of Chess Depository Instruments ("CDIs") under the symbol "NXG".

NexGen is a reporting issuer in all provinces and territories of Canada. The Shares are also registered under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and NexGen files periodic reports with the SEC. NexGen was admitted to the official list of the ASX as an "ASX Foreign Exempt Listing".

### **NexGen's Corporate Structure**

NexGen does not have any material subsidiaries.

## **GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS**

### **Overview**

NexGen is a British Columbia corporation with a focus on developing into production the 100% owned Rook I Project (the "Rook I Project") located in the southwestern Athabasca Basin of Saskatchewan, Canada. NexGen has a highly experienced team of uranium industry professionals with a successful track record in the discovery of uranium deposits and in the development of projects from discovery to production. NexGen also owns a portfolio of highly prospective uranium properties in the southwestern Athabasca Basin of Saskatchewan, Canada.

The Rook I Project hosts the Arrow Deposit, which was discovered in February 2014. The Arrow Deposit has: Measured Mineral Resources of 2.18 million tonnes ("Mt") at an average grade of 4.35% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> containing 210 million pounds (Mlb) of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>; Indicated Mineral Resources of 1.57 Mt at an average grade of 1.36% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> containing 47 Mlb of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>; for a total of 3.75 Mt grading 3.10% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> containing 257 Mlb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>. The Probable Mineral Reserves were estimated at 240 Mlb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> contained in 4.6Mt grading 2.37% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>. Details of all such resources and reserves can be found in the Rook I FS Technical Report.

NexGen's land package consists of the SW1, SW2 and SW3 properties. The Rook I Project is located within the broader Rook I property. The Rook I property consists of thirty-two (32) contiguous mineral claims totaling 35,065 hectares, and comprises a portion of SW2. The Corporation has intersected numerous other mineralized zones on trend from the Arrow Deposit along the Patterson Corridor on SW2, which are subject to further exploration before economic potential can be assessed.

## **History**

### **Year Ended December 31, 2022**

#### Project Development

During the year, the Corporation continued to advance the Front End Engineering and Design (“FEED”) programs for the Rook I Project.

#### Permitting, Regulatory and Engagement

##### *Impact Benefit Agreement with Clearwater River Dene Nation*

On April 25, 2022, the Corporation announced the signing of an impact benefit agreement (“IBA” or “Benefit Agreement”) with the Clearwater River Dene Nation (the “CRDN”) which related to the environmental, cultural, economic, employment and other benefits to be provided to the CRDN by the Corporation in respect of the Rook I Project, and confirmed the consent and support of the CRDN for the Rook I Project.

##### *Submission of the Rook I Project Environmental Impact Study*

On June 21, 2022, the Corporation announced that it completed the submission of its draft Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) to the Saskatchewan Ministry of the Environment (“ENV”) and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (“CNSC”). The EIS submission included letters of support for the Rook I Project from each of the CRDN, the Birch Narrows Dene Nation (the “BNDN”), and the Buffalo River Dene Nation (the “BRDN”), which all have also endorsed the Rook I Project through the execution of Benefit Agreements with NexGen.

The submission of the draft EIS followed the Provincial and Federal EA processes that commenced in April 2019 following regulatory acceptance of NexGen’s Project Description. On July 12, 2022, the CNSC announced their acceptance of the draft EIS which followed a 30-day period during which the CNSC conducted a conformance review of the EIS submission. Completion of the CNSC conformance marked the formal commencement of the 90-day Federal technical and public EIS review period.

ENV technical review of the draft EIS advanced in parallel to the CNSC review with all technical review comments from the ENV received by NexGen on September 22, 2022. On December 1, 2022, the Corporation announced the receipt of Federal technical and public review comments.

#### Exploration

On July 28, 2022, the Corporation announced the results of its 2021 regional exploration drilling program at the Rook I property, including intersections of mineralization in AR-21-268 (Below Arrow) and RK-21-140 (Camp East). On the same date, NexGen also announced the commencement of the 2022 exploration drill program focused on regional exploration targets at the Rook I property and an extensive geophysical program over high priority areas (SW1, SW2, and SW3 properties) of NexGen’s mineral tenure in the southwest Athabasca Basin, Saskatchewan.

#### Corporate

##### *Up-listing to the New York Stock Exchange*

On March 4, 2022, the Shares were up-listed from the NYSE American and commenced trading on the NYSE under the symbol “NXE”.

##### *Sustainability Report*

On November 3, 2022, the Corporation announced the publication of its second Sustainability Report highlighting its progress, initiatives, and commitments in the areas of health, safety, environmental, social and governance management for the calendar year 2021, establishing the groundwork for the Corporation to prepare its next Sustainability Report in accordance with Global Reporting Initiative (“GRI”) standards.

## *COVID-19 Pandemic*

The Corporation's operations and ability to raise funds were not significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Corporation implemented proper COVID-19 protocols at each of its locations that are in line with the respective regional health authorities COVID-19 guidelines.

## **Year Ended December 31, 2023**

### Project Development

In June 2023, the Corporation commenced the 2023 Site Infrastructure and Confirmation Program ("SI&CP") under Provincial approvals received from the ENV. The SI&CP focus was to expand and upgrade existing infrastructure at the Rook I property that supports regional exploration activity as well as to conduct exploration activities in support of continued engineering data confirmation for the Rook I Project.

During the year, NexGen further advanced the FEED for the Rook I Project, while continuing to progress the Rook I Project through the critical path detailed engineering and procurement phases.

### Permitting, Regulatory and Engagement

On June 15, 2023, NexGen announced the signing of an industry-leading IBA with the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan Northern Region 2 ("MN-S NR2") and the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (the "MN-S") covering all phases of the Rook I Project. The IBA defines the environmental, cultural, economic, training, employment, business opportunities, and other benefits to be provided to the MN-S NR2 and MN-S by NexGen and to confirm the consent and support of the MN-S NR2 and MN-S for the Rook I Project.

The signing of the IBA with the MN-S NR2 and MN-S followed the signing of Benefit Agreements with each of the CRDN, the BNDN, and the BRDN. These four Nations collectively represent the First Nation and Métis communities for which the ENV assigned procedural aspects of the Duty to Consult for the Rook I Project to NexGen, and which were identified by NexGen as the primary Indigenous Nations for consultation in consideration of the Federal requirements of the CNSC.

On August 21, 2023, NexGen announced the completion of the Provincial EA technical review process and submission of the Final Provincial EIS to the ENV. The ENV subsequently announced the commencement of the 30-day public review period for the Final Provincial EIS on September 2, 2023, which concluded on October 3, 2023. On November 9, 2023, NexGen announced that it received Ministerial Environmental Assessment approval under *The Environmental Assessment Act* of Saskatchewan to proceed with the development of the Rook I Project.

In parallel to the Provincial EA process, on September 5, 2023, NexGen submitted responses to the Federal information requests received on the draft EIS through the Federal EA review process completed in Q4 2022.

On November 9, 2023, NexGen announced receipt of Ministerial EA approval under *The Environmental Assessment Act* of Saskatchewan to proceed with the development of the Rook I Project.

The CNSC conducted a completeness check of NexGen's responses to the Federal information requests on the Draft EIS, and on November 14, 2023 deemed NexGen's submission complete and confirmed commencement of technical review by the Federal-Indigenous Review Team.

### Exploration

On October 12, 2023, the Corporation completed its 2023 regional exploration drilling program on the SW1 and SW2 properties. The program consisted of 22,114.4 meters ("m") focused on prospective targets for uranium mineralization along with an extensive geophysical program over high priority areas for drill target generation (SW1, SW2, and SW3 properties) of NexGen's mineral tenure in the southwest Athabasca Basin, Saskatchewan.

## Corporate

On January 6, 2023, NexGen established an at-the-market equity program (the “ATM Program”) pursuant to the terms of an equity distribution agreement dated January 6, 2023 (the “January Sales Agreement”) among the Corporation, Virtu ITG Canada Corp., as Canadian agent, and Virtu Americas, LLC, as U.S. agent (together, the “Agents”), which allowed it to issue up to \$250 million of Shares to the public, from time to time, at its discretion, on the TSX and/or the NYSE, and/or any other marketplace for the Shares in Canada or the United States or as otherwise agreed between the Agents and the Corporation. The ATM Program is designed to provide NexGen with additional financing flexibility which may be used in conjunction with other funding sources.

On January 31, 2023, NexGen appointed Mr. Ivan Mullany to the Board.

On April 26, 2023, the Corporation announced the publication of its 2022 Sustainability Report highlighting the specific programs, initiatives, and organizational frameworks that NexGen has created or expanded upon to demonstrate the continued seamless integration of sustainability throughout the Corporation.

On May 1, 2023, NexGen announced it received significant initial interest from prospective financial institutions, including commercial lenders and export credit agencies, for providing project financing for the Rook I Project. The Corporation received non-binding expressions of interest totaling over US\$1 billion in available debt for the Rook I Project, subject to acceptable financing terms and conditions as well as satisfactory due diligence (including environmental and social reviews) and the entering into of definitive documentation.

On August 29, 2023, the Corporation announced the appointment of Benjamin Salter as Chief Financial Officer and Tracy Primeau as Special Advisor.

On September 22, 2023, NexGen announced the closing of a private placement (the “2023 Private Placement”) of US\$110 million in aggregate principal amount of 9.0% unsecured convertible debentures (the “2023 Debentures”) with Queen’s Road Capital Investment Ltd. (“QRC”) and Washington H Soul Pattinson and Company Limited (“WHSP”). The Corporation paid a 3% establishment fee of \$4,443 (US\$3,300) to the investors through the issuance of 634,615 Shares.

In connection with the 2023 Private Placement, the Corporation entered into an amended and restated investor rights agreement with QRC and an investor rights agreement with WHSP, each containing voting alignment, standstill, and transfer restriction covenants that will apply (subject to certain exceptions) unless and until there is a change of control of the Corporation. Copies of the investor rights agreements are available under the Corporation’s profile on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

On September 28, 2023, QRC elected to convert into Shares the US\$15 million aggregate principal amount of 7.5% unsecured convertible debentures issued by the Corporation in 2020, that were due to mature on May 27, 2025 (the “2020 Debentures”). The Corporation issued 8,663,461 Shares relating to the conversion of the principal and 19,522 Shares relating to the accrued and unpaid interest up to the date of conversion for the 2020 Debentures.

On December 5, 2023 IsoEnergy Limited (“IsoEnergy”) and Consolidated Uranium Inc. (“CUR”) completed a merger (the “Merger”), whereby IsoEnergy acquired all of the issued and outstanding common shares of CUR (the “CUR Shares”). CUR shareholders received 0.500 common shares of IsoEnergy (each whole share, an “IsoEnergy Share”) for each CUR Share held. Following completion of the Merger, the IsoEnergy Shares continued to trade on the TSXV.

In connection with the Merger, on October 19, 2023, IsoEnergy closed a private placement of 8,134,500 subscription receipts at an issuance price of \$4.50 (“Iso Subscription Receipts”). Each Iso Subscription Receipt entitled the holder thereof to receive, for no additional consideration and without further action on part of the holder thereof, on or about the date the Merger is completed, one IsoEnergy Share. NexGen participated in the private placement by purchasing 3,333,350 Iso Subscription Receipts at an issuance price of \$4.50 per subscription, totalling \$15 million. On December 5, 2023, the 3,333,350 Iso Subscription Receipts held by NexGen were converted into 3,333,350 IsoEnergy Shares in connection with the Merger.

Upon completion of the Merger, NexGen’s ownership in IsoEnergy decreased from 48.7% immediately prior to the transaction to 34.0% as of December 5, 2023, resulting in NexGen’s loss of control as defined by IFRS and subsequent deconsolidation of IsoEnergy. Commencing December 5, 2023, NexGen’s investment in IsoEnergy is accounted for using the equity method.



On December 11, 2023, NexGen announced that it updated its ATM Program in accordance with the terms and conditions of an equity distribution agreement dated December 11, 2023 (the “December Sales Agreement”) among the Corporation and the Agents, which allowed it to issue up to \$500 million of Shares to the public, from time to time, at its discretion, on the TSX and/or the NYSE, and/or any other marketplace for the Shares in Canada or the United States or as otherwise agreed between the Agents and the Corporation. Concurrent with entering into the December Sales Agreement, the January Sales Agreement was terminated. The December Sales Agreement will be effective until the earlier of the sale of all of the Shares issuable pursuant to the ATM Program and December 11, 2025, unless terminated prior to such date. Prior to the termination of the January Sales Agreement, the Corporation issued 24,724,125 Shares under the ATM Program at an average price of \$7.36 per share for gross proceeds of \$182.1 million.

## **Year Ended December 31, 2024**

### Project Development

NexGen further advanced critical path procurement activities for the Rook I Project as well as the FEED and critical path detailed engineering.

On August 1, 2024, the Corporation announced an update to certain cost estimates (the “Updated Cost Estimate”) included in the Rook I FS Technical Report to reflect the advancement of Project engineering from 18% complete at the time of the technical report, to approximately 45% complete, within an accuracy range of +/- 10%.

The Updated Cost Estimate for pre-production capital costs (“CAPEX”) is \$2.2 billion (US\$1.58 billion), with an average annual operating cost (“OPEX”) over Life of Mine (“LOM”) of \$13.86/lb (US\$9.98/lb) U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, reflecting inflationary adjustments, the significant advancement of engineering and procurement, optimized constructability, and enhanced environmental performance (using an exchange rate of CAD \$1.00 = US \$0.72). Updated sustaining capital costs are estimated at \$785 million (average of ~\$70 million per year over LOM), inclusive of closure costs of approximately \$70 million.

### Permitting, Regulatory and Engagement

On February 12, 2024, NexGen received the results of the CNSC technical review of NexGen’s responses to Federal information requests received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (the Federal “EIS”) through the Federal Environmental Assessment (the Federal “EA”) review process. On May 21, 2024, the Corporation submitted responses to the remaining information requests from the CNSC February 12, 2024 correspondence, along with a revised Federal EIS. The CNSC concluded their completeness check of NexGen’s May 21, 2024 submission on June 21, 2024.

On November 19, 2024, the CNSC confirmed that the completion of the Federal technical review of NexGen’s May 21, 2024 submission, that the Corporation’s responses to all information requests received through the Federal technical review process had been accepted, and that the information provided by the Corporation fully addresses the regulatory requirements for the Federal EA.

On January 28, 2025, the CNSC announced their acceptance of the Federal Final EIS. The next and final step in the Federal approval process is scheduling a Commission hearing date for the Rook I Project, subject to which the CNSC will render an approval decision on the Rook I Project.

### Exploration

On March 11, 2024, the Corporation announced the discovery of new intense uranium mineralization on its 100% owned<sup>1</sup> Rook I property, 3.5 kilometers (“km”) east of the Arrow Deposit. The new mineralized occurrence in RK-24-183 is located on a previously untested conductor segment of Patterson Corridor East (“PCE”). Localized uranium mineralization was intersected for 19.8 m between 347.7 and 367.5 m, with counts per second (cps) ranging from <500 to >61,000, as measured with a handheld RS-125 spectrometer.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: Certain claims comprising the Rook I property are subject to a 2% NSR royalty in favour of Advance Royalty Corporation (which can be reduced to 1% upon payment of \$1.0 million) and a 10% production carried interest in favour of Terra Ventures, Inc. (which converts to a working interest if commercial production of such claims occurs, with the Company having the right to recoup from 75% of Terra Ventures’ proportionate share of production, 10% of all costs incurred since June 30, 2025 for exploration and development, and in preparing the property for commercial production).

On May 29, 2024, the Corporation announced an additional discovery of mineralization in RK-24-193 at PCE over 67.5 m between 383.5 and 451.0 m. Additionally, assay results from RK-24-183 reflected two narrow, mineralized veins with best intervals of 10% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> over 0.5 m at 348.0 m and 6.23% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> over 0.5 m at 356.5 m, respectively.

On August 8, 2024, NexGen announced the expansion of the mineralized zone at PCE to include a total of eight drill holes intersecting mineralization, four of which intersected off-scale (>61,000 cps) high-grade uranium mineralization, as measured with a handheld RS-125 spectrometer. These included RK-24-183, -197, -202, and -207. The high-intensity style mineralization is indicative of exceptional formation conditions similar to those found in the significant orebodies within the Athabasca Basin. The mineralized signature is expressed as analogous to other orebodies within the Athabasca Basin, with localized veins (up to off-scale >61,000 cps) within elevated radioactivity that extends over more than 100 m.

On November 12, 2024, NexGen completed the 2024 exploration program with over 34,000 m drilled and an expanded mineralized footprint. Included within the results was the best hole to date at PCE, RK-24-222, that intersected a 17.0 m wide interval with multiple high intensity (>61,000 cps) occurrences. Assay results from the 2024 program are expected in late Q1 2025. Refer to “*Details of the Rook I Project – Subsequent Exploration Activities*” below for further details on the results of the 2024 drilling program.

### Corporate

The Corporation entered into a placement agreement dated April 30, 2024 (as amended, the “Placement Agreement”) with a lead manager and bookrunner to arrange and manage an offering of 20,161,290 Shares at a price of \$11.11 for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$224 million (the “ASX Offering”) settled through newly listed CDIs on the ASX. The ASX Offering closed on May 14, 2024.

Concurrent with and to facilitate the ASX Offering, the Corporation also agreed with the Agents to amend the December Sales Agreement to reduce the aggregate value of the Shares that may be offered and sold under the ATM Program from up to \$500 million to up to approximately \$276 million (the “Amended Sales Agreement”).

On May 7, 2024, the Corporation entered into a binding term sheet with MMCap International Inc. SPC (“MMCap”) pursuant to which the Corporation agreed to issue US\$250 million aggregate principal amount of 9.0% unsecured convertible debentures (the “2024 Debentures”), as consideration for the purchase (the “Acquisition”) of approximately 2.7M lbs. of natural uranium concentrate (U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>). The Acquisition closed on May 28, 2024.

In connection with the Acquisition, the holders of the 2024 Debentures entered into an investor rights agreement with the Corporation containing voting alignment, standstill, anti-hedging, and transfer restriction covenants that will apply (subject to certain exceptions) unless and until there is a change of control of the Corporation.

On May 22, 2024, the Corporation announced the publication of its 2023 Sustainability Report highlighting the specific programs, initiatives, and organizational frameworks that NexGen has created or expanded upon to demonstrate the continued seamless integration of sustainability throughout the Corporation.

On June 17, 2024, Ms. Susannah Pierce was elected to the Board. Ms. Pierce is currently in the role of President and Country Chair of Shell Canada and is responsible for driving integration and coordination of business activity and corporate policy across Shell’s business in Canada.

On December 4, 2024, NexGen was awarded its first uranium sales agreements with major US nuclear utility companies. These contracts feature market-related pricing mechanisms at the time of delivery, some of which are subject to floor and ceiling prices.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Corporation issued 13,000,800 Shares under the ATM Program for gross proceeds of \$135.0 million and recorded commissions of \$1.4 million and other transaction costs of \$3.6 million for aggregate net proceeds of \$130.0 million.

## **Subsequent to December 31, 2024**

On January 30, 2025, NexGen announced the commencement of a 43,000 m exploration drill program to continue to test the extents and growth of mineralization discovered in early 2024 at PCE. This systematic program represents an increase of 9,000 m from the 2024 program and is expected to be one of the largest drill programs in the Athabasca Basin, Saskatchewan in 2025. Drilling in 2025 will focus on testing extents of the mineralized footprint, further investigating high-grade zones within the broad mineralized footprint, and determining potential for additional mineralization within the same target area.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS**

### **General**

The principal business activity of the Corporation has been, and continues to be, the development of the Rook I Project, and the exploration of its highly prospective portfolio of uranium properties, located in the southwestern section of the Athabasca Basin of Saskatchewan, Canada.

### **Principal Products**

The Corporation is in the mineral development and exploration business, has not produced any marketable products at this time, and is not distributing any products at this time. In addition, the Corporation does not know when or if certain of its properties will reach the development stage. See “Details of the Rook I Project” below for further information.

### **Specialized Skill and Knowledge**

The Corporation’s business requires specialized skill and knowledge in the areas of geology, mineral development and exploration, business negotiations, accounting and management. To date, the Corporation has been able to locate and retain such employees and consultants and believes it will continue to be able to do so. See “Risk Factors – Reliance upon Key Management and Other Personnel” below.

### **Competitive Conditions**

The mineral development and exploration business is a competitive business. The Corporation competes with numerous other companies and individuals who may have greater financial resources in the search for and the acquisition of personnel, contractors, funding and attractive mineral properties. As a result of this competition, the Corporation may be unable to obtain additional capital or other types of financing on acceptable terms or at all, acquire properties of interest or retain qualified personnel and/or contractors. See “Risk Factors – Competition”.

### **Environmental Protection**

The Corporation’s exploration and development activities are subject to various levels of Federal and Provincial laws and regulations relating to the protection of the environment. If needed, the Corporation will make and will continue to make expenditures to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. New environmental laws and regulations, amendments to existing laws and regulations, or more stringent implementations of existing laws and regulations could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation by potentially increasing capital and/or operating costs. See “Risk Factors – Environmental and Other Regulatory Requirements”.

### **Employees**

As at December 31, 2024, the Corporation had 133 full time employees. The operations of the Corporation are managed by its directors and officers. NexGen engages consultants from time to time in the areas of mineral exploration and development, geology, business negotiations, and management. See “Risk Factors – Reliance upon Key Management and Other Personnel”.

## **Business or Seasonal Cycles**

Due to the excellent infrastructure in the Athabasca Basin area of Saskatchewan, Canada, exploration and development can be carried out year-round. Prospecting, mapping, surface bedrock sampling, and certain development activities are however limited by snow cover during the period from approximately December to May.

## **Economic Dependence**

The Corporation's business is not substantially dependent on any contract upon which its business depends. It is not expected that the Corporation's business will be affected in the current financial year by the renegotiation or termination of any contracts or sub-contracts.

## **Foreign Operations**

The Corporation's principal assets are located in the Province of Saskatchewan. The Corporation is not dependent on any foreign operations.

## **Social and Environmental Policies**

The Corporation is committed to carrying out all of its activities in an ethical manner that prioritizes health and safety, recognizes the concerns of indigenous peoples, communities, local stakeholders and preserves the natural environment. The Corporation ensures that all employees are trained and instructed in their assigned tasks and that safety procedures are followed at all times. The importance of ethical behavior and preservation of the natural environment is stressed to all employees and contractors, and all are charged with monitoring operations to ensure they are being carried out in an environmentally-friendly manner. The Corporation ensures that it will work with and consult local communities, indigenous peoples and stakeholders, recognizing this practice as a benefit to all. To this end, the Corporation regularly engages with stakeholders and in the case of indigenous communities, provides frequent updates before and during program activity.

## **DETAILS OF THE ROOK I PROJECT**

On February 22, 2021, the Corporation announced positive results from the Feasibility Study for the Rook I Project. Details of the Feasibility Study, including an updated mineral resource estimate and an updated mineral reserve estimate, are provided in the Rook I FS Technical Report.

The scientific and technical information contained in this AIF regarding the Rook I Project has been derived from the Rook I FS Technical Report (Arrow Deposit, Rook I Project, Saskatchewan, NI 43-101 Technical Report on Feasibility Study dated 10 March 2021 and authored by Mr. Mark Hatton, P.Eng., Stantec Consulting Ltd; Mr. Paul O'Hara, P.Eng., Wood Canada Limited ("Wood"); and Mr. Mark Mathisen, C.P.G., Roscoe Postle Associates (USA) Ltd. (now a part of SLR International Corporation ("SLR")), and was filed on March 10, 2021). All such scientific and technical information is subject to the assumptions, qualifications and procedures described in the Rook I FS Technical Report, and is qualified in its entirety by the full text thereof, which readers should refer to but which is not deemed to be incorporated by reference into this AIF.

On August 1, 2024, NexGen announced the completion of its internally prepared Updated Cost Estimate. This includes revised estimates for the capital, sustaining, and operating costs for the Rook I Project, as well as the corresponding impact on estimated annual after-tax net cash flow, net present value ("NPV"), internal rate of return ("IRR"), and expected payback period (collectively, the "Updated Economic Analysis"). The Updated Cost Estimate and Updated Economic Analysis were intended to provide updated cost estimates for certain aspects of the Rook I Project, reflecting cost inflation and the advancement of engineering since the completion of the Rook I FS Technical Report, for use in ongoing project financing discussions. There was no material change to the Mineral Reserve or Mineral Resource estimates, or any other material scientific or technical information, from the information disclosed in the Rook I FS Technical Report as a result of the Updated Cost Estimate. The Updated Cost Estimate was prepared using substantially similar assumptions, qualifications, and procedures as described in the Rook I FS Technical Report, except as otherwise noted herein. The authors of the Rook I FS Technical Report are not responsible for any changes to the data, analysis, or conclusions in the Rook I FS Technical Report resulting from the Updated Cost Estimate or the Updated Economic Analysis.

## **Project Description, Location and Access**

The Rook I Project is located in northwest Saskatchewan, approximately 40 km east of the Alberta–Saskatchewan border, 150 km north of the town of La Loche, and 640 km northwest of the city of Saskatoon. The Rook I Project can be accessed via all-weather gravel Highway 955, which travels north-south approximately 8 km west of the Arrow Deposit. From Highway 955, a 13 km long all-weather, single-lane road provides access to the western portion of the Rook I Project, including the Arrow Deposit area.

The Rook I Project will take place in a region with a sub-arctic climate typical of mid-latitude continental areas. It is expected that mining activities will be conducted on a year-round basis.

The topography of the Rook I Project area is variable. Drumlins and lakes / wetlands dominate the northwest and southeast parts of the project area, respectively; and lowland lakes, rivers, and muskegs dominate the central part of the project area. The northwest part of the project area lies over portions of Patterson Lake and Forrest Lake, which are two of the largest waterbodies within 100 km of the Rook I Project. Elevations range from 583 m above sea level (“masl”) on drumlins, to 480 masl in lowland lakes. The elevation of Patterson Lake is 499 masl.

The Rook I Project is covered by boreal forest common to the Canadian Shield. Bedrock outcrops are very rare, but are known to exist in areas of the eastern half of the project area.

As of December 6, 2012, mineral dispositions are defined as electronic mineral claims parcels within the Mineral Administration Registry Saskatchewan (“MARS”) using a Geographical Information System (“GIS”). MARS is a web-based, electronic tenure system used for issuing and administering mineral permits, claims, and leases. Mineral claims are acquired via electronic map staking, and administration of the dispositions is also web-based.

As of the effective date of the Rook I FS Technical Report, all 32 contiguous mineral claims comprising the Rook I property, a total of 35,065 ha, are in good standing with expiry dates between June 2040 and June 2043, and are all registered in the name of NexGen.

The Rook I Project is located on provincial Crown land; as the owner, the Province of Saskatchewan can grant surface rights under the authority of the *Forest Resources Management Act* and the *Provincial Lands Act*. Granting surface rights for the purpose of accessing the land to extract minerals is done by issuing a mineral surface lease subject to the Crown Resource Land Regulations. Mineral surface leases have a 33-year maximum term which may be extended, as necessary.

NexGen does not currently hold surface rights of the Rook I Project area. Surface rights are obtained after the ministerial review and approval of the EA, and the successful negotiation of a mineral surface lease agreement with the Province of Saskatchewan.

## **History**

The Geological Survey of Canada in 1961 included the Rook I property as part of a larger area.

From 1968 to 1970, Wainoco Oil and Chemicals Ltd. completed airborne magnetic and radiometric surveys, and geochemical sampling programs. No structures or anomalies of interest were detected.

In 1974, Uranerz Exploration and Mining Ltd. completed geological mapping, prospecting, and lake sediment sampling around the property.

From 1976 to 1982, Canadian Occidental Petroleum Ltd. and other companies (e.g., Saskatchewan Mining and Development Corporation (SMDC, now Cameco)) completed airborne INPUT electromagnetic (“EM”) surveys. These surveys detected numerous conductors, many of which were subject to ground surveys prior to drilling.

Airborne magnetic-radiometric surveys were also completed and followed up on with prospecting, geological mapping, lake sediment surveys, and some soil and rock geochemical sampling. Few anomalies were found, other than those that were already located during the airborne and ground EM survey.

From 2005 to 2008, Titan Uranium Inc. (“Titan”) carried out airborne time-domain EM surveys using MEGATEM and Versatile Time Domain Electromagnetic (“VTEM”) systems, which detected numerous strong EM anomalies. A ground MaxMin II survey conducted in 2008 confirmed the airborne anomalies identified by the airborne surveys.

In 2012, pursuant to a mineral property acquisition agreement between Mega Uranium Ltd. (“Mega”) and Titan dated February 1, 2012, Mega acquired all dispositions comprising the Rook I property. A gravity survey was completed over 60% of S-113921 through S-113933, which defined several regional features and some additional local smaller scale features. Simultaneously, Mega sampled organic-rich soils and prospected the same area. No soil geochemical anomalies or radioactive boulders were found.

In 2012, NexGen acquired Mega’s interest in the Rook I property.

### **Geological Setting, Mineralization and Deposit Types**

The Rook I property is located along the southwestern rim of the Athabasca Basin, a large Paleoproterozoic-aged, flat-lying, intracontinental, fluvial, redbed sedimentary basin that covers much of northern Saskatchewan and part of northern Alberta. The Athabasca Basin is oval at surface, with approximate dimensions of 450 km × 200 km. It reaches a maximum thickness of approximately 1,500 m near its centre.

The southwest portion of the Athabasca Basin is overlain by the flat-lying Phanerozoic stratigraphy of the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin, including the carbonate-rich rocks of the Lower to Middle Devonian Elk Point Group, Lower Cretaceous Manville Group sandstones and mudstones, moderately lithified diamictites, and Quaternary unconsolidated sediments.

South of the Athabasca Basin, where Athabasca sandstone cover becomes thin, paleo-valley fill and debris flow sandstones of the Devonian La Loche / Contact Rapids formation (Alberta) or Meadow Lake (Saskatchewan) formation unconformably overlie the basement rocks.

The Paleoproterozoic basement rocks of the Taltson Domain unconformably underlies the Athabasca Basin and the Phanerozoic stratigraphy within the extents of the Rook I property. The crystalline basement rocks comprise a spectrum of variably altered mafic to ultramafic, intermediate, and local alkaline rock types. The most abundant basement lithologies consist of gneissic, metasomatized-feldspar-rich granitoid rocks, and dioritic to quartz dioritic and quartz monzodioritic gneiss, with lesser granodioritic and tonalitic gneiss.

The Arrow Deposit is currently interpreted as being hosted chiefly in variably altered porphyroblastic quartz-flooded quartz-feldspar-garnet-biotite (± graphite) gneiss. Mineralization at the Arrow Deposit is defined by an area comprised of several steeply dipping shears that have been labelled as the A0, A1, A2, A3, A4, and A5 shears. The A0 through A5 shears locally host high-grade (“HG”) uranium mineralization.

The Arrow Deposit is considered to be an example of a basement-hosted, vein type uranium deposit.

### **Exploration**

Since acquiring the Rook I property in December 2012, and prior to the effective date of the Rook I FS Technical Report, NexGen carried out exploration activities consisting of the following:

- Ground gravity surveys
- Ground direct current (DC) resistivity and induced polarization surveys
- Airborne magnetic-radiometric- very low frequency (VLF) survey
- Airborne VTEM survey
- Airborne Z-Axis Tipper electromagnetic (ZTEM) survey
- Airborne gravity survey
- Radon-in-water geochemical survey
- Ground radiometric and boulder prospecting program

Geophysical surveys and surface sampling identified a series of sub-parallel, southwest-northeast trends with locally coincident anomalies across multiple exploration methods. The trends were interpreted to be steeply dipping to sub-vertical with responses indicating structural disruption and associated alteration. Most trends have a relatively continuous strike length across the extent of the property, approximately 9 km each, while some are segmented and less developed causing their electromagnetic signatures to lapse and resume. Underlying geological setting means that targets include both unconformity and basement-hosted uranium mineralization. Emphasis was placed on basement mineralization proximal to the margin of the Athabasca Basin. NexGen noted several target areas for drill testing that were first investigated in the fall of 2013. A review of drill results is discussed below.

## **Drilling**

As of the effective date of the Rook I FS Technical Report, NexGen and its predecessors had drilled 754 holes totalling 380,051 m. From 2013 to the effective date of the Rook I FS Technical Report, NexGen drilled 716 holes totaling 374,917 m.

Three types of drill core samples are collected at site for geochemical analysis and uranium assay.

- Mineralized samples in exploration holes are taken over intervals of elevated radioactivity and are 0.5-meter samples. Shoulder samples are taken immediately above and below the first and last mineralized split and are one m or two m beyond radioactivity, depending on the length of the mineralization and distance between mineralized intervals.
- Point samples taken at nominal spacings of five m or 50 m for infill holes, which is meant to be representative of the interval or of a particular rock unit.
- Composite samples in the Devonian and Athabasca sandstone units where one-centimeter long pieces are taken and spaced throughout sample intervals ranging from one m to 10 m long.

NexGen also conducted diamond drilling programs to test several targets on the Rook I property, which resulted in the discovery of the Arrow Deposit in drill hole AR-14-001 (formerly known as RK-14-21) in February 2014.

Mineralization at the Arrow Deposit is defined by an area comprising the A0 through A5 shears, which locally host high grade (“HG”) uranium mineralization. The mineralized area is 315 m wide, with an overall strike of 980 m. Mineralization is noted to occur 100 m below surface, and it extends to a depth of 980 m. The individual shear zones vary in thickness from 2 m to 60 m. The Arrow Deposit is open in most directions and at depth.

Regional drilling completed by NexGen from 2015–2019 along the Patterson conductive corridor identified new uranium discoveries at the Harpoon, Bow, Cannon, Camp East, and Area A occurrences, and the South Arrow Discovery.

## **Sampling, Analysis and Data Verification**

### *Sample Preparation Methods*

On-site sample preparation consists of geological technicians splitting cores under the supervision of geologists. All split samples (mineralized, sandstone, basement) with anomalous radioactivity (>300 cps) are assayed for  $U_3O_8$ . Non-mineralized split samples include zones of structure, elevated cps intervals, and gold sampling. The first 3m of basement rock below any unconformity need to be split in equal 1.0m splits (e.g. if the basement rock starts at 126.4m, the basement splits will be from 126.4-127.4 m, 127.4-128.4 m, and 128.4-129.4 m)

One-half of the core is placed in plastic sample bags pre-marked with the sample number, along with a sample number tag. The other half is returned to the core box and stored at the core storage area located near the logging facility on the project site. The bags containing the split samples are then placed in lidded buckets to be transported by NexGen personnel to Saskatchewan Research Council Geoanalytical Laboratories (“SRC”), a wholly independent laboratory in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

NexGen personnel perform full core bulk density measurements using standard laboratory techniques. In mineralized zones, average bulk density is measured from samples at 2.5 m intervals, where possible (i.e., approximately 20% of all mineralized samples). In order for density to be correlated with uranium grades across the data set, each density sample directly correlates with a sample sent to SRC for assay.

Samples are also collected for clay mineral identification using infrared spectroscopy in areas of clay alteration. Samples are typically collected at five-meter intervals and consist of centimeter-long pieces of core selected by a geologist.

### *Security*

As each hole is being drilled, drilling contractor personnel place the core in wooden boxes at the drill site and seal core boxes with screwed-on wooden lids. Core is then delivered to the Rook I Project core processing facility by the contractor twice daily. Only the contractor and NexGen geological staff are authorized to be at drill sites and in the core processing facility. Any external entities must be escorted by NexGen staff. After logging, sampling, and shipment preparation, samples are transported directly from the project site to SRC by NexGen staff.

SRC places a large emphasis on confidentiality and data security. Appropriate steps are taken to protect the integrity of samples at all processing stages. Access to the SRC premises is restricted by an electronic security system and patrolled by security guards 24 hours a day.

After the completion of analyses, data is sent securely via electronic transmission to NexGen. These results are provided as a series of PDFs and an Excel spreadsheet.

*Assaying and Analytical Procedures*

SRC crushes each sample until 60% is capable of passing -10 mesh. It is then riffle-split to a 200 g sample, with the remainder retained as coarse reject. The 200 g sample is then milled to 90% passing -140 mesh.

All samples are analyzed at SRC by inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectroscopy (“ICP-OES”) or inductively coupled plasma mass spectroscopy (“ICP-MS”) for 64 elements including uranium. Samples with low radioactivity are analyzed using ICP-MS. Samples with anomalous radioactivity are analyzed using ICP-OES. Partial and total digestion runs are completed for most samples. For partial digestion, an aliquot of each sample is digested in HCl:HNO<sub>3</sub> for one hour at 95°C, and then diluted using de-ionized water. For the total digestion, an aliquot of each sample is heated in a mixture of HF/HNO<sub>3</sub>/HClO<sub>4</sub> until completely dried, and the residue dissolved in dilute HNO<sub>3</sub>.

For uranium assays, an aliquot of sample pulp is completely digested in concentrated HCl:HNO<sub>3</sub>, and then dissolved in dilute HNO<sub>3</sub> before being analyzed using ICP-OES. For boron, an aliquot of pulp is fused in a mixture of NaO<sub>2</sub>/NaCO<sub>3</sub> in a muffle oven. The fused melt is dissolved in de-ionized water before being analyzed using ICP-OES.

Selected samples are also analyzed for gold, platinum, and palladium using traditional fire assay methods.

*Quality Control Measures*

NexGen’s quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) program includes the following.

- Standard reference materials (SRM) to determine accuracy.
- Duplicate samples to determine precision / repeatability.
- Blank samples to screen for cross-contamination between samples during preparation and analyses.

The QA/QC program used at the Arrow Deposit includes the insertion of SRMs, blanks, and duplicates into the sample stream at the frequency summarized in the table below.

**Laboratory QA/QC Protocols**

QA/QC Type	Insertion Frequency	Acceptance Criteria
Blank	1 in 50	Assay > 10% detection limit
Field Duplicate	1 in 50	Relative Difference ≤ ±20%
SRM	1 in 50	95% of samples ≤ ±2 Std. Dev ≤ 1% of samples ≥ ±3 Std. Dev

Results from the QA/QC samples are continually tracked by NexGen as certificates for each sample batch are received. If QA/QC samples of a sample batch pass within acceptable limits, the results of the sample batch are imported into the master database.

**Data Verification Procedures**

The Qualified Person’s (“QP”) data verification steps included site visits during which RPA, now part of SLR, personnel reviewed core handling, logging, sample preparation and analytical protocols, density measurement system, and storage procedures. The QP also reviewed the Leapfrog model parameters and geological interpretation, reviewed how drill hole collar locations are defined, inspected the use of directional drilling methods, observed the data management system, obtained a copy of the master database, and obtained SRC laboratory certificates for all drilling assays.

A review of the database indicated no significant issues. A separate review of the assay table determined minimal errors, and all are most likely due to rounding. Limitations were not placed on the QP’s data verification process.



## Mineral Processing and Metallurgical Testing

NexGen conducted a metallurgical test program in 2018, which included a bench test program, a pilot plant, and paste backfill testing. Test work samples comprised three composite samples, consisting of low grade (“LG”), medium grade (“MG”), and HG material, and ten samples of localized deposit areas.

Completed bench test work included the following.

- Quantitative evaluation of materials by scanning electron microscopy (“QEMSCAN”), potential acid generation
- SAGDesign™ and Bond ball mill index
- Batch leach
- Optimization leaching
- Confirmation and variability
- Settling
- Solvent extraction (“SX”)
- Separating funnel shakeout
- Stripping
- Gypsum precipitation
- YC precipitation
- Preliminary sulfide flotation
- Diagnostic gravity separation

Additionally, two pilot leaching tests were performed in 2018 using two different feed samples.

In 2019, a series of tests were carried out to advance the process design. These tests were carried out at the SRC facilities and included the following. Wood’s qualified person was involved in the design of the metallurgical test program, including the pilot program, review of the results and their use in the mineral process design. Wood’s qualified person visited the metallurgical test facilities.

- Bench-scale testing to recover uranium from gypsum (June 2019).
- Trade-off study / test work of dewatering and washing technologies using belt filters (July 2019).
- Trade-off study / test work of dewatering and washing technologies using centrifuges (August 2019).

An advanced phase of the paste backfill testing program was conducted in 2019 using drill core samples from the pilot plant program. Geotechnical and geochemical evaluations were performed to validate the mine / mill design, and results will be used in for the Rook I Project’s EA. Test work included investigating the following.

- Particle size distribution
- Whole rock analysis
- Mineralogy
- Static yield stress
- Rheology
- Transportable moisture limit
- Uniaxial compressive strength (“UCS”)
- Process water analysis
- Tailings and kinetic tests

The Rook I FS Technical Report assumes a metallurgical steady state uranium recovery of 97.6%. This value was determined based on the results of pilot plant test work, and by compiling the performance of unit operation uranium recoveries. Pilot leach testing results indicated uranium extractions of 99.3%. The washing efficiency in the counter current decantation was greater than 99.6%. All other unit operations in the pilot testing had uranium recoveries of greater than 99.6%.

The QEMSCAN analysis identified that there were no primary molybdenum-bearing minerals present. However, molybdenum did occur in chalcopyrite and galena solid solutions. Similarly, there were no arsenic-bearing minerals identified. No major deleterious elements have been identified to date that would affect the process.

### Mineral Resource and Mineral Reserve Estimates

#### Mineral Resource Estimation

The Mineral Resource estimate for the Rook I Project was based on results from 521 diamond drill holes. It was reported using a \$50/lb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> price, at a cut-off grade of 0.25% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.

- Measured Mineral Resources total 2.18 Mt at an average grade of 4.35% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, for a total of 209.6 Milb of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.
- Indicated Mineral Resources total 1.57 Mt at an average grade of 1.36% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, for a total of 47.1 Milb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.
- Inferred Mineral Resources total 4.40 Mt at an average grade of 0.83% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, for a total of 80.7 Milb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.

The effective date of the Mineral Resource estimate is July 19, 2019. From July 19, 2019 to the effective date of the Rook I FS Technical Report, no additional exploration drilling occurred at the Arrow Deposit. In the QP's opinion, as noted in the Rook I FS Technical Report, the Mineral Resource estimate remained current as of the effective date of Rook I FS Technical Report. Estimated block model grades are based on chemical assays only. The Mineral Resources were estimated by NexGen and audited by RPA, now part of SLR. Mineral Resources are inclusive of Mineral Reserves. The QP noted, per the Rook I FS Technical Report, that the deposit is open in many directions.

The Arrow Deposit Mineral Resource estimate is based on the results of surface diamond drilling campaigns conducted from 2014–2019. The Mineral Resources of the Arrow Deposit are classified as Measured, Indicated, and Inferred based on drill hole spacing and apparent continuity of mineralization, as summarized in the following table:

**Mineral Resource Estimate – 19 July 2019**

Classification	Zone	Tonnage (t)	Grade (% U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> )	Contained Metal (lb U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> )
Measured	A2-LG	920,000	0.79	16,000,000
	A2-HG	441,000	16.65	161,900,000
	A3-LG	821,000	1.75	31,700,000
Measured Total	–	2,183,000	4.35	209,600,000
Indicated	A2-LG	700,000	0.79	12,200,000
	A2-HG	56,000	9.92	12,300,000
	A3-LG	815,000	1.26	22,700,000
Indicated Total	–	1,572,000	1.36	47,100,000
Measured + Indicated	A2-LG	1,620,000	0.79	28,100,000
	A2-HG	497,000	15.90	174,200,000
	A3-LG	1,637,000	1.51	54,400,000
Measured + Indicated Total	–	3,754,000	3.10	256,700,000
Inferred	A1	1,557,000	0.69	23,700,000
	A2-LG	863,000	0.61	11,500,000
	A2-HG	3,000	10.95	600,000
	A3-LG	1,207,000	1.12	29,800,000
	A4	769,000	0.89	15,000,000
Inferred Total	–	4,399,000	0.83	80,700,000

Notes:

1. CIM (2014) definitions were followed for Mineral Resources.
2. Mineral Resources are reported at a cut-off grade of 0.25% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.
3. Mineral Resources are estimated using a long-term uranium price of US\$50/lb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> and estimated mining costs.
4. A minimum thickness of one m was used.
5. Tonnes are based on bulk density weighting.
6. Mineral Resources are inclusive of Mineral Reserves.

7. Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability.
8. Numbers may not sum due to rounding.
9. HG = High Grade, LG = Low Grade.

Per the Rook I FS Technical Report, the QP reviewed the geology, structure, and mineralization of the Arrow Deposit based on the results of 566 diamond drill holes. The QP also audited three-dimensional (“3D”) wireframe models developed by NexGen, which represent 0.05% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> grade envelopes with a minimum thickness of one m.

Of the 566 holes completed, 45 drill holes were drilled on the South Arrow Discovery and were not used for the purposes of the Mineral Resource estimate. The wireframe models representing the Arrow Deposit mineralized zones are intersected in 418 of 566 drill holes. The updated 2019 Mineral Resource estimate does not account for HG domains within A3, which were accounted for in the previous 2017 Mineral Resource estimates. The A3-HG domains were found to be of relatively LG, with average grades just above the HG modelling threshold of 5% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>; after the 2019 infill drilling, the variability of grades was better handled with ordinary kriging (“OK”), where the locally varying mean, in conjunction with the density of data, counters grade smearing.

Based on 5,850 dry bulk density determinations for the Arrow Deposit, NexGen developed a formula that relates bulk density to grade. This formula was used to assign a density value to each assay. Bulk density values were then used to weight the grade estimation and convert volume to tonnage.

HG values were capped, and their influence was further restricted during the block estimation process. HG outliers were capped at 1%, 2%, 3%, 4%, 5%, 6%, 8%, 10%, 15%, 25%, and 30% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, depending on the domain. This resulted in 428 capped assay values. No outlier assay values were identified in the HG domains. Therefore, no capping was applied to the assays as each HG domain dataset was determined to be stationary and appropriate for interpolation, with the exclusion of the A2-HG8, which was capped at 30% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.

Variable density and grade multiplied by density (“GxD”) were interpolated using OK in the A2-HG domains (excluding A2-HG6 and A2-HG8), the A2-LG domain that envelopes a HG domain, and two large A3-LG domains (301 and 312). Inverse distance squared (“ID<sup>2</sup>”) was used on all remaining mineralized domains. Estimates used a minimum of one to three composites per block estimate, to a maximum of 50 composites per block estimate. The majority of the domains used a maximum of two composites per drill hole.

Sample selection criteria were based on sensitivity testing that compared the estimated block means of each domain to the composited mean. Unsampled intervals and samples below the detection limit within the domains were assigned a grade of zero and considered to be internal dilution. Hard boundaries were used to limit the use of composites between domains. Block grade was derived by dividing the interpolated GxD value by the interpolated density value for each block.

The block model was validated by swath plots, volumetric comparison, visual inspection, and statistical comparison. The average block grade at zero cut-off was compared to the average of the composited assay data to ensure that there was no global bias.

Per the Rook I FS Technical Report, the QP was not aware of any environmental, permitting, legal, title, taxation, socio-economic, marketing, political, or other relevant factors that could materially affect the Mineral Resource estimate other than what has been described in the Rook I FS Technical Report.

#### *Mineral Reserve Estimation*

The vertical extent of the Mineral Reserves extends from approximately 320 m below surface to 680 m below surface.

Based on the cut-off grade assessment, an incremental cut-off grade of 0.30% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> was applied as the input parameter for designing stopes. This cut-off grade was applied at the level of stoping solids, after inclusion of waste and fill dilution. The Mineral Reserves are limited to the A2 and A3 veins within the Arrow Deposit.

A nominal amount of material between 0.03% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (the regulatory limit between benign waste and mineralized material) and 0.26% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (which is uneconomic to process) has been included in the mine plan.

The Rook I Project assumes that both transverse stope and longitudinal retreat stope mining methods would be used. The assumed mining rate is nominally 1,300 tonnes per day (“t/d”).

The Mineral Reserve estimate is reported using the 2014 CIM Definition Standards. The effective date of the Mineral Reserve estimate is January 21 2021. The table below summarizes Mineral Reserves based on a US\$50/lb uranium price at a cut-off grade of 0.30% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.

Factors that may affect the Mineral Reserve estimate include the following.

- Commodity price assumptions.
- Changes in local interpretations of mineralization geometry and continuity of mineralization zones.
- Changes to geotechnical, hydrogeological, and metallurgical recovery assumptions.
- Input factors used to assess stope dilution.
- Assumptions that facilities such as the underground tailings management facility (the “UGTMF”) can be permitted.
- Assumptions regarding social, permitting, and environmental conditions.
- Additional infill or step out drilling.

#### Mineral Reserve Estimate

Classification	Recovered Ore Tonnes (thousands)	U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Grade (%)	U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> lb (millions)
Proven	0	0	0
Probable	4,575	2.37%	239.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,575</b>	<b>2.37%</b>	<b>239.6</b>

Notes:

1. CIM definitions were followed for Mineral Reserves.
2. Mineral Reserves are reported with an effective date of 21 January 2021.
3. Mineral Reserves include transverse and longitudinal stopes, ore development, marginal ore, special waste, and a nominal amount of waste required for mill ramp-up and grade control.
4. Stopes were estimated at a cut-off grade of 0.30% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>.
5. Marginal ore is material between 0.26% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> and 0.30% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> that must be extracted to access mining areas.
6. Special waste in material between 0.03% and 0.26% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> that must be extracted to access mining areas. 0.03% U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> is the limit for what is considered benign waste and material that must be treated and stockpiled in an engineered facility.
7. Mineral Reserves are estimated using a long-term metal price of US\$50/lb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, and a 0.75 US\$/C\$ exchange rate (C\$1.00 = US\$0.75). The cost to ship the YC product to a refinery is considered to be included in the metal price.
8. A minimum mining width of 3.0 m was applied for all longhole stopes.
9. Mineral Reserves are estimated using a combined underground (“UG”) mining recovery of 95.5% and total dilution (planned and unplanned) of 33.8%.
10. The density varies according to the U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> grade in the block model. Waste density is 2.464 t/m<sup>3</sup>.
11. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

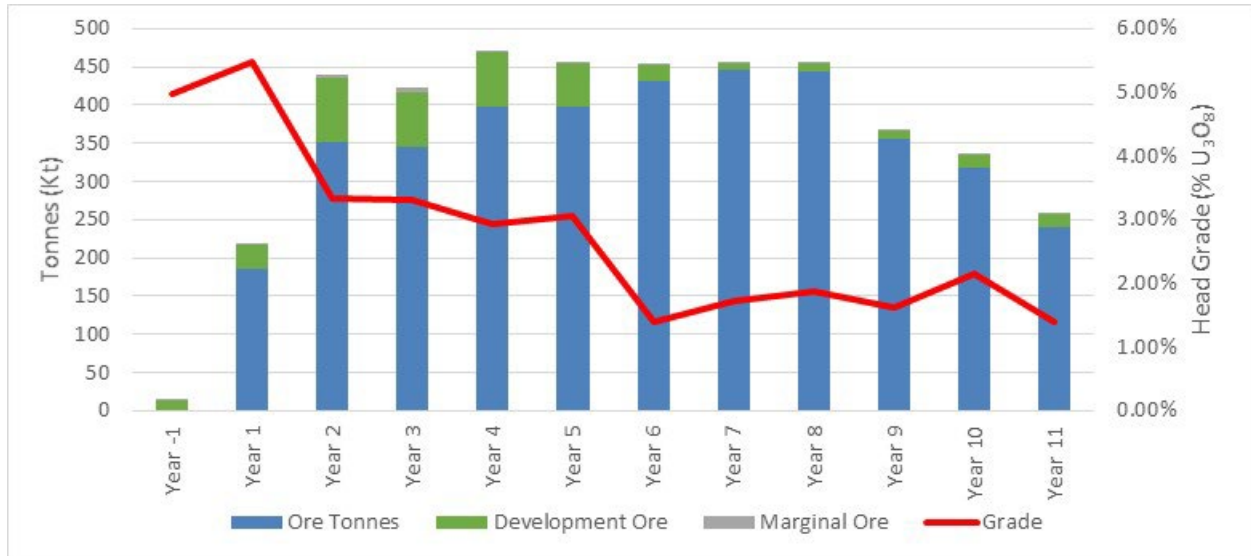
#### Mining Operations

Based on the Rook I FS Technical Report, access to the UG Arrow Deposit will be via two shafts, a larger Production Shaft for intake air and personnel/material transport, and an Exhaust Shaft serving as a secondary egress and ventilation outlet. Underground levels, spaced 30 m apart, will be connected by an internal ramp system.

Production will be via a conventional longhole mining. The longhole mining methods and mine design discussed in this section were chosen to optimize safety performance, reduce worker exposure to physical hazards and radiation, maximize Mineral Resource extraction, and increase operational flexibility and productivity by achieving simultaneous production from multiple mining fronts.

The estimated mill capacity is targeted at 1,300 tonnes per day (t/d) of ore. Production profile and head grade from UG are shown in the following figure.

**Underground Production Profile with Grade (U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>)**



Shaft sinking will occur through a variety of stable and unstable strata, including water saturated overburden, Devonian Sandstone, Cretaceous Shales and Athabasca Sandstones, and finally into the basement rocks.

The processing of uranium ore will generate tailings and will be returned UG as paste backfill to the production stopes and into stopes that will be created for the purpose of paste backfill placement, the UGTMF. The UGTMF will be located on the north side of the deposit and will consist of waste stopes and related development.

Transverse stope mining will be used in areas of wider stopes (generally greater than 12 m), while longitudinal retreat stope mining will be used in areas of thinner stope widths. Transverse longhole mining will be completed using primary and secondary stoping sequences to avoid leaving pillars. Mechanized and remotely operated equipment will reduce worker exposure to physical hazards.

Ore handling involves load-haul-dump (“LHD”) units transporting material to centrally located ore and waste passes. Ore will be sized and conveyed to the Production Shaft for surface transport. Separate handling systems will manage development waste and tailings.

The ventilation system is designed as a predominately negative or “pull” system. Fresh air will be distributed throughout the mine from two primary shaft stations from the Production Shaft and internal ramp. The auxiliary ventilation system will utilize both flow-through and extraction ventilation to exhaust contaminated air from localized areas to return air drifts and raises.

The Rook I mine will be developed using a high degree of equipment mechanization. Each of the main pieces of equipment will have remote operating capability, and in some cases will be autonomous to reduce radiation exposure. A raisebore machine will be used for development of ore and waste passes, and internal ventilation raises.

## **Processing and Recovery Operations**

The process plant design for the Rook I Project is based on the metallurgical testing and on the latest unit processes successfully used in uranium process plants across the world, including plants in northern Saskatchewan. The design of tailings preparation has been improved to facilitate a more reliable tailings deposition strategy through the paste plant. The process plant will consist of the following.

- Ore sorting
- Grinding
- Leaching
- Liquid-solid separation via counter current decantation and clarification
- SX
- Gypsum precipitation and washing
- YC precipitation and washing
- YC drying, calcining and packaging
- Tailings preparation and paste tailings plant
- Effluent treatment

Plant throughput will be 1,300 t/d and design production will be 30 Mlb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> per annum.

Water from the settling pond and fresh water from Patterson Lake will be fed to the process plant to provide the process requirements. The amount of water recycled from the settling pond has been further optimized to reduce the amount of fresh water required by using settling pond water for counter current decantation wash water and using belt filter filtrate for paste process water.

The major reagents required will include sulphur, sulphuric acid, unslaked lime, hydrogen peroxide, flocculant, kerosene, tertiary amine, isodecanol, sodium carbonate, magnesia, barium chloride and ferric sulphate.

## **Infrastructure, Permitting and Compliance Activities**

### *Project Infrastructure*

The key infrastructure contemplated for the Rook I Project includes the following.

- UG mine with two vertical shafts.
- UG infrastructure, including material handling systems, maintenance facilities, fuel bay, explosives magazine, ventilation, paste backfill and paste tailings distribution system, electrical and communications facilities, UG water supply, dewatering facilities.
- UGTMF.
- Surface support infrastructure for the mine, including headframe and hoist facilities, surface explosives magazine, and ventilation fans.
- Surface support infrastructure for the mill, including process plant, SX plant, effluent treatment plant, and acid plant.
- Site support infrastructure, including accommodation camp, Liquefied Natural Gas (“LNG”) facilities, LNG power plant, mine and mill dry facilities, analytical and metallurgical laboratory and maintenance, warehouse and security buildings.
- Surface ore storage stockpile facility.
- Waste rock storage facilities for potentially acid generating (“PAG”), non-potentially acid generating (“NPAG”) and special waste materials.
- Water management facilities, including: two site water runoff ponds, six contact water process ponds, a PAG stockpile runoff collection pond, and conveyance and diversion structures.
- Domestic / industrial waste management areas.
- Airstrip.
- LNG power plant.

### *Ore and Special Waste Stockpiles*

There will be an ore stockpile area with multiple ore stockpiles of varying grades for blending purposes. A special waste stockpile will contain mineralized, but non-economic, material that will be processed through the plant alongside ore.

The ore and special waste stockpiles will be dual lined with high-density polyethylene (“HDPE”) and will be a self-contained facility capable of holding a full probable maximum precipitation (“PMP”) 24-hour event.

### *Environmental Studies*

NexGen commenced collection of baseline data in 2015, with the majority of field studies commencing in 2018. Where necessary, some studies continued into 2019 and 2021 to complete the baseline data and information collection requirements for the Rook I Project environmental assessment.

### *Waste Rock Management Facility*

Waste rock will be generated over the course of the LOM including PAG and NPAG waste rock. The PAG and NPAG waste rock will have separate storage areas. The PAG storage area will be HDPE lined and the NPAG storage area will not be lined.

### *Water Management*

The water management infrastructure has been designed to maximize the diversion of non-contact surface runoff water away from the general site footprint and developed features. Precipitation events and snow melt runoff that come in contact with disturbed infrastructure areas, or potential contact zones, are captured, collected, and directed to respective impound areas identified as site runoff ponds or collection areas.

All ponds and pads containing mineralized or radiologically contaminated material have been designed to accommodate a PMP 24-hour event. These areas are self-contained in that the initial precipitation events are contained within the feature itself. The initial precipitation event does not exit elsewhere until pumped. These contained waters are tested before release to the environment based on regulatory requirements; water that does not meet specification will report to the effluent treatment plant for treatment.

### *Closure and Reclamation Planning*

Following the completion of mining and milling activities, a detailed decommissioning plan will be developed in accordance with Provincial and Federal regulations and guidelines. Once finalized, the plan and an application for approval to decommission will be submitted to Provincial and Federal authorities. Following approval, decommissioning activities will commence.

Decommissioning will be preceded by the orderly cessation of operations and transition of the operation into a safe inactive state. Production mining will be completed, and active mining areas backfilled and secured. The mill processing circuits will be systematically shut down, flushed, and cleaned. Surface facilities, infrastructure, and equipment will be cleaned, as necessary, scanned, and prepared for decommissioning.

Wherever practicable, surface and UG infrastructure, equipment, and materials not required during the decommissioning phase and which meet radiological criteria for off-site removal will be salvaged, sold, or transferred off-site for recycling or disposal. Remaining infrastructure, equipment and materials will undergo final decommissioning on-site.

### *Permitting*

There are several Federal and Provincial regulatory approvals required for a new uranium mine and mill development. Federally, under the authority of the *Nuclear Safety Control Act*, proponents wishing to carry out uranium mining and milling must first obtain a licence from the Federal nuclear regulator, the CNSC. The CNSC licensing process is in progress. Before the CNSC can make a licensing decision, proponents are required to undergo an EA of the proposed project. As the Rook I Project falls under both Federal and Provincial jurisdictions for an EA, each of the CNSC and the ENV require completion of an EA prior to project approval. Provincial EA approval for the Rook I Project was received in November 2023. As licensing applications are in progress, any findings, including any notable issues that could materially impact NexGen’s ability to extract the Mineral Resources, were not available for inclusion in the Rook I FS Technical Report. Furthermore, no recommendations from the EA or licensing processes for future monitoring and/or management of environmental and social aspects of the Rook I Project were not available for inclusion in the Rook I FS Technical Report.

On July 12, 2022 the CNSC announced their acceptance of the draft EIS which followed a 30-day period during which the CNSC conducted a conformance review of the Corporation's EIS submission. Completion of the CNSC conformance marked the formal commencement of the 90-day Federal public and technical EIS review period.

Provincial review of the draft EIS advanced in parallel to the CNSC review, with technical review comments from the ENV provided to NexGen on September 22, 2022. The CNSC public and technical review concluded on October 12, 2022.

On December 1, 2022, the Corporation announced it had received all Federal information requests and public review comments and Provincial technical review comments on the Rook I draft EIS.

On August 21, 2023, NexGen announced the completion of the Provincial EA technical review process and submission of the Final Provincial EIS to the ENV. The ENV subsequently announced the commencement of the 30-day public review period for the Final Provincial EIS on September 2, 2023, which concluded on October 3, 2023.

On November 9, 2023, NexGen announced that it received Ministerial EA approval under *The Environmental Assessment Act* of Saskatchewan to proceed with the development of the Rook I Project.

On September 5, 2023 and in parallel to the Provincial EA process, NexGen submitted responses to Federal technical information requests received on the draft EIS through the Federal EA review process completed in Q4 2022. On November 14, 2023, the CNSC confirmed conclusion of the CNSC completeness check of NexGen's submission and commencement of their technical review. Results of the CNSC technical review of NexGen's responses were received on February 12, 2024.

On May 21, 2024, the Corporation submitted responses to the remaining information requests from the CNSC February 12, 2024 correspondence, along with a revised Federal EIS. The CNSC concluded their completeness check of NexGen's May 21, 2024 submission on June 21, 2024.

On November 19, 2024, the CNSC confirmed completion of the Federal technical review of NexGen's May 21, 2024 submission, that the Corporation's responses to all information requests received through the Federal technical review process had been accepted, and that the information provided by the Corporation fully addresses the regulatory requirements for the Federal EA. With completion of the CNSC technical review, the next and final steps in the Federal approval process include scheduling a Commission hearing date for the Rook I Project, subject to which the CNSC will render an approval decision on the Rook I Project.

On November 29, 2024, NexGen submitted a Final Federal EIS package to the CNSC, including responses to comments received as part of the Federal public review period conducted on the draft EIS. Subsequent to December 31, 2024, on January 28, 2025, the CNSC announced their acceptance of the Final Federal EIS.

### *Social or Community Impacts*

NexGen has engaged regularly and established relationships with local communities and Indigenous groups since 2013. Engagement mechanisms have included notification letters, meetings with leadership, community information sessions, establishing joint working groups ("JWGs") for detailed discussions, and providing funding for traditional land use studies. The engagement process will continue throughout the EA and licensing processes.

In Q4 2019, NexGen entered into Study Agreements (the "Study Agreements") with the following four Indigenous groups.

- CRDN
- MN-S including on behalf of the Locals of MN-S Northern Region II
- BNDN
- BRDN

The Study Agreements provided a framework for working collaboratively to advance the EA and exchange information that will be used to inform the Crown as the Crown undertakes its Duty to Consult.



The Study Agreements provided funding to each Indigenous group and outlined a collaborative process for formal engagement to support the inclusion of Indigenous knowledge in the EA. The Study Agreements also outlined processes for identifying potential effects to Indigenous rights, treaty rights, and socio-economic interests, and avoidance and accommodation measures in relation to the Rook I Project.

Since the execution of the Study Agreements, the Corporation has entered into Benefit Agreements with each of the above mentioned Indigenous groups formalizing their support for the Rook I Project.

### Updated Cost Estimate

The information below has been derived from the Rook I FS Technical Report and updated to reflect the Updated Cost Estimate.

#### Capital Cost Estimates

Mining capital costs primarily comprise the following areas: shaft sinking, lateral mine development, shaft and hoisting infrastructure, mobile equipment, and UG mine infrastructure. Process plant costs include the construction of the entirety of the process plant facility. Infrastructure costs include provision for the LNG power plant, as well as site preparation, permanent camp, maintenance shop, fuel storage, administration and dry facility, water treatment systems, airstrip, and site roads. Indirect costs include temporary construction facilities, construction services and supplies, and construction management (“CM”) costs, construction equipment, freight, Owner’s costs, and contingency.

The table below, which updates Table 1-3 from the Rook I FS Technical Report, outlines the estimated capital costs for supplying, constructing, and pre-commissioning the Rook I Project based on the Updated Cost Estimate.

#### Total Capital Cost Estimate

Description	Units	Cost
<b>Project Capital</b>		
UG Mining	\$ million	623.4
Processing	\$ million	337.9
Site Development	\$ million	58.0
On-Site / Off-Site Infrastructure	\$ million	331.1
<b>Subtotal Project Direct Costs</b>	<b>\$ million</b>	<b>1,350.5</b>
Project Indirect Costs	\$ million	511.5
Project Owner’s Costs	\$ million	21.2
<b>Subtotal Project Direct and Indirect Costs</b>	<b>\$ million</b>	<b>1,883.2</b>
Project Contingency	\$ million	325.8
<b>Total Project Capital</b>	<b>\$ million</b>	<b>2,208.9</b>
Sustaining	\$ million	11.7
Closure	\$ million	72.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ million</b>	<b>2,293.5</b>

Note: totals may not sum due to rounding.

Sustaining capital incorporates all capital expenditures after the pre-production period. Capital costs also include reclamation costs of \$72.9 million.

#### Operating Cost Estimates

Operating cost estimates were developed to present annual costs for production. Unit costs are expressed as \$/tonne processed and \$/lb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>. Operating costs were allocated to either mining, process, tailings facility and paste plant, or general and administration (“G&A”). LOM operating costs are estimated to be \$3,284 million. The table below, which updates Table 1-4 from the Rook I FS Technical Report, outlines the LOM operating costs based on the Updated Cost Estimate.

UG mining begins with capital development in Year -2 and the capitalized development continues through the LOM.

### Operating Cost Estimate Summary

Description	LOM Cost (\$ million)	Average Annual (\$ million)	Unit Cost (\$/t processed)	Unit Cost (\$/lb U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> )
Mining	1,217.0	104.31	246.87	5.14
Processing	1267.6	108.65	257.14	5.35
Tailing Facility and Paste Plant	264.1	22.64	53.57	1.11
G&A	461.4	39.55	93.59	1.95
Taxes	74.2	6.36	15.05	0.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,284.2</b>	<b>281.51</b>	<b>666.21</b>	<b>13.86</b>

Note: totals may not sum due to rounding.

G&A costs include labour, camp and catering costs, flights to and from site, insurance premiums, general maintenance of the surface buildings, and marketing and accounting functions.

### Updated Economic Analysis

The results of an economic analysis represents forward-looking information that is subject to a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those presented here. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements with respect to future uranium prices, estimation of Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves, estimated mine production and uranium recovered, estimated capital and operating costs, and estimated cash flows generated from the planned mine production. Actual results may be affected by the following:

- Differences in estimated initial capital costs and development time from what has been assumed.
- Unexpected variations in quantity of ore, grade, or recovery rates, or presence of deleterious elements that would affect the process plant or waste disposal.
- Unexpected geotechnical and hydrogeological conditions from what was assumed in the mine designs, including water management during construction, mine operations, and post mine closure.
- Differences in the timing and quantity of estimated future uranium production, costs of future uranium production, sustaining capital requirements, future operating costs, assumed currency exchange rate, requirements for additional capital, unexpected failure of plant, or equipment or processes not operating as anticipated.
- Changes in government regulation of mining operations, environment, and taxes.
- Unexpected social risks, higher closure costs and unanticipated closure requirements, mineral title disputes or delays to obtaining surface access to the property.

If additional mining, technical, and engineering studies are conducted, these may alter the project assumptions presented and may result in changes to the calendar timelines and the information and statements.

Full development and licensing approvals are not currently in place, and statutory permits, including environmental permits, are required to be granted prior to mine commencement.

The economic analysis did not include any estimates involving the Mineral Resources that are not Mineral Reserves.

The Rook I Project has been evaluated using discounted cash flow analysis. Cash inflows consist of annual revenue projections. Cash outflows consist of project capital expenditures, sustaining capital costs, operating costs, taxes, royalties, and commitments to other stakeholders. These are subtracted from revenues to arrive at the annual cash projections.

Cash flows are taken to occur at the mid point of each period. To reflect the time value of money, annual cash flow projections are discounted to the Rook I Project valuation date using the yearly discount rate. The discount rate appropriate to a specific project can depend on many factors, including the type of commodity, the cost of capital to the project, and the level of project risks (e.g., market risk, environmental risk, technical risk, and political risk) in comparison to the expected return from the equity and money markets.

The base case discount rate is 8%. The discounted present values of the cash flows are summed to arrive at the Rook I Project's NPV. In addition to the NPV, the IRR and the payback period are also calculated. The IRR is defined as the discount rate that results in an NPV equal to zero. The payback period is calculated as the time required to achieve positive cumulative cash flow for the Rook I Project from the start of production.

The Updated Economic Analysis, which incorporates an average long-term uranium price of approximately US\$95.00/lb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> (UxC average Long-Term prices from 2029 to 2040, as published in June 2024), net of transportation fees, indicates an After-Tax Net Present Value of C\$6.3 billion, an IRR of 45.2%, and a payback period of approximately 12 months.

The table below, which updates Table 1-5 from the Rook I FS Technical Report, outlines the estimated LOM cashflow based on the Updated Economic Analysis:

**LOM Cashflow Forecast Summary Table**

Description	Units	Value
Gross revenue	\$ million	30,010.0
NSR	\$ million	30,010.0
Less: revenue royalties	\$ million	(2,958.1)
Net revenue	\$ million	27,051.9
Less: total operating costs	\$ million	(3,284.2)
Operating cash flow	\$ million	23,767.7
Less: capital costs	\$ million	(2,989.3)
Pre-tax cash flow	\$ million	20,778.4
Less: provincial profit royalties	\$ million	(3,279.3)
Less: taxes	\$ million	(4,599.6)
<b>Post-tax cash flow</b>	<b>\$ million</b>	<b>12,899.5</b>

### Sensitivity Analysis

The sensitivity of the cash flow model used in the Rook I FS Technical Report and the Updated Economic Analysis to the price of uranium is shown below:

Uranium Price (US\$/lb)	Feasibility Study (2020 Dollars)				Updated Cost Estimate (2023 Dollars)			
	Average Annual Free Cash Flow (Y1-5) (C\$ billion)	Payback Period (Years)	IRR (%)	NPV (C\$ billion)	Average Annual Free Cash Flow (Y1-5) (C\$ billion)	Payback Period (Years)	IRR (%)	NPV (C\$ billion)
\$150	3.19	0.4	101.8	12.80	3.13	0.7	61	11.52
\$100	2.11	0.6	81.6	8.13	2.04	1.0	46.9	6.79
\$95	2.01	0.6	79.2	7.67	1.93	1.0	45.2	6.32
\$80	1.68	0.7	71.5	6.27	1.61	1.2	39.6	4.89
\$50	1.04	0.9	52.4	3.47	0.97	2.0	25.2	2.10

Notes:

- The base case scenario from the Rook I FS Technical Report uses a discount rate of 8%. Free Cash Flow represents the after-tax net cash flow from the Rook I Project, determined in accordance with the Rook I FS Technical Report. It assumes that 100% of uranium produced from the Rook I Project can be sold at a long-term price of US\$50/lb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> at an exchange rate of C\$/US\$ of 1.00:0.75.
- The Updated Cost Estimate reflects an internal assessment of expected CAPEX and OPEX as at the date thereof, as well as other Rook I Project costs, including estimated sustaining capital, royalties, and taxes.
- As noted in the Rook I FS Technical Report, NPV, and IRR are most sensitive to metal prices, grade, metal recovery, and exchange rates. To demonstrate the sensitivities of NPV and IRR to uranium prices, alternatives to the uranium price assumption of US\$50/lb U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> used for the base case scenario in the Rook I FS Technical Report, as well as ranges for sensitivities beyond those noted in Figure 1-3 in the Rook I FS Technical

Report, are shown for illustrative purposes. Readers are cautioned that such information may not be appropriate for other purposes, including an assessment of expected Project economics, and that such prices do not represent forecasts of expected uranium prices or prices at which uranium produced from the Rook I Project can be sold.

## **Interpretation and Conclusions**

The Rook I Project indicates positive economics. The anticipated Rook I Project cash flow is most sensitive to the price of uranium, head grade, and process recovery. The Canadian dollar to United States dollar exchange rate significantly influences Rook I Project economics.

## **Exploration, Development and Production Recommendations**

### *Development and Production*

Due to the positive, robust economics, it is recommended to advance the Rook I Project to the next phase of engineering. The recommended development path is to continue to advance the EA and licensing efforts while concurrently advancing key activities that will provide further project definition and reduce project execution timeline risks. Associated project risks are manageable and identified opportunities can provide enhanced economic value.

Engineering and field investigations should be advanced in support increased certainty of costs and project timelines in preparation for regulatory approvals and a Final Investment Decision.

### *Exploration*

Exploration will focus on areas near possible future infrastructure to maximize economic viability of any newly identified resources and provide streamlined supply for eventual mill capacity. Once these areas are fully tested there will be a shift to geologically high priority targets across all of NexGen's land packages (ie SW1, SW2, SW3).

Activities will include drilling of advanced targets while also completing geophysical surveys to create more drill-ready targets elsewhere. In conjunction, these methods will systematically investigate for additional uranium mineralization. Costs of such activity will vary based on methods used and amount of drilling completed.

## **Subsequent Exploration Activities**

Since the effective date of the Rook I FS Technical Report, NexGen's exploration programs have had a dual focus on the advancement of the Rook I Project and the expanded exploration in the surrounding areas on SW2, as well as high priority targets on SW1 and SW3.

### *2021 Exploration Activities*

The Corporation successfully completed its 2021 exploration drilling program which focused on regional exploration targets at SW2. SW2 is host to numerous electromagnetic ("EM") conductors and structural corridors with high priority exploration targets within a 10 km radius of the Arrow Deposit, including along the Patterson Lake Corridor, which hosts the Arrow Deposit.

The 2021 exploration program completed 18 drill holes for a total of 10,849.04 m, of which 6,400.31 m targeted electromagnetic conductors (conductors) that neighbour the one hosting Arrow and 4,448.73 m targeted significantly below the current Arrow Deposit.

### *2022 Exploration Activities*

The 2022 drill program tested structural corridors with intersections exhibiting favourable features indicative of uranium bearing systems, including strong alteration, reactivated brittle fault zones, and local dravite clay coated fractures. Results indicate these structural corridors lie along significant rheological/lithological contrasts interpreted as potential hosts for uranium mineralization. The program completed 11,784.7 m in 35 drill holes (including 6 restarts relating to casing issues) within the following five (5) structural corridors: Patterson Corridor, Derkson West, Derkson, PLC East, and Mirror.

### *2023 Exploration Activities*

The 2023 drill program tested prospective conductors in proximity to the Arrow deposit in the winter. During summer 2023, exploration drilling was focussed on the R7 and Morrow corridors on the SW2 property. A total of 22,114.4 m were completed in 49 drill holes with numerous prospective intersections of structure and alteration for follow-up in future programs. Geophysical surveys for drill target generation and refinement were completed and a high-resolution magnetics survey was completed on SW2. Many of the refined targets through geophysics were successfully tested in 2023. The anomalies identified through the geophysical surveys will also be tested in subsequent programs.

### *2024 Exploration Activities*

The 2024 drill program refocused in February after discovery of new mineralization on PCE, 3.5 km east of Arrow. Follow up drilling utilized broadly spaced targets that tied together structural disruption, well developed hydrothermal alteration, and continuity of mineralization. Results indicate a mineralized footprint of 600 m along strike with 600 m of depth extent. The vein-type uranium is steeply dipping and hosted in competent basement rock, characteristically similar to Arrow. A high-grade sub domain that spans 100 m along strike and 170 m of depth extent was loosely defined. In total, 34,210 m and 46 drill holes were completed. Geophysical surveys to advance interpretations and prioritize drill ready targets were carried out as part of the winter program.

Refer to the News Releases dated May 29, 2024, August 8, 2024 and November 12, 2024, and filed under the Corporation's profile on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and on EDGAR at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) for spectrometer results of the 2024 drill program. As of the date of this AIF, assay results for the 2024 drill program are pending.

All core on NexGen properties must be measured thoroughly for radioactivity with a handheld RS-125 spectrometer or RS-120 spectrometer. Measurement occurs in two stages. Once the core arrives from the drill site, an initial scan is done to separate the core with elevated levels of radioactivity. If the initial reading exceeds >300 counts per second ("cps"), additional readings are taken at 0.3 m to 0.5 m equal intervals per 1 m of core. If counts of 61,000 cps or greater are encountered, the core is broken out into an off-scale sub-interval. If the initial reading is <300 cps, the core is entered at the approximate high measurement.

## **RISK FACTORS**

The operations of the Corporation are speculative due to the high-risk nature of its business which is the exploration of mining properties. These are not the only risks and uncertainties that NexGen faces. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Corporation or that the Corporation currently considers immaterial may also impair its business operations. These risk factors could materially affect the Corporation's future operating results and could cause actual events to differ materially from those described in forward- looking statements relating to the Corporation.

### **Negative Operating Cash Flow and Dependence on Third-Party Financing**

The Corporation has no source of operating cash flow and there can be no assurance that the Corporation will ever achieve profitability. Accordingly, the Corporation is dependent on third-party financing to continue exploration and development activities on the Corporation's properties, maintain capacity and satisfy contractual obligations. Accordingly, the amount and timing of expenditures depends on the Corporation's cash reserves and access to third-party financing. Failure to obtain such additional financing could result in delay or indefinite postponement of further exploration and development of the Corporation's properties, including the Rook I Project, or require the Corporation to sell one or more of its properties (or an interest therein). In particular, there can be no assurance that the Corporation will have achieved profitability prior to the maturity date and may be required to finance the repayment of all or a part of the principal amount of the 2023 Debentures or 2024 Debentures (collectively, the "Debentures"). Failure to repay the Debentures in accordance with the terms thereof would have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's financial position.

In the long-term, the Corporation's success will depend on continued exploration, development and mining activities on its existing properties, which will ultimately determine the Corporation's ability to achieve and maintain profitability and positive cash flow from operations, by developing the properties into profitable mining activities. The economic viability of mining activities, including the expected duration and profitability of the Rook I Project, has many risks and uncertainties. See "*Risk Factors – General Inflationary Pressures*" and "*Risk Factors – Industry and Economic Factors that May Affect the Business*" below.

## **Capital Intensive Operations and Uncertainty of Additional Financing**

The Corporation's operations are capital intensive and future capital expenditures are expected to be substantial. The Corporation will require significant additional financing to fund its operations, including the development of the Rook I Project and associated mine construction costs. In the absence of such additional financing, the Corporation will not be able to fund its operations, which may result in delays, curtailment or abandonment of any one or all of its uranium properties. See "*Risk Factors – Exploration and Development Risks*" below.

Although the Corporation has been successful in raising funds to date, there is no assurance that the Corporation will be successful in obtaining required financing in the future or that such financing will be available on terms acceptable to the Corporation. The Corporation's access to third-party financing depends on several factors including the price of uranium, the results of ongoing exploration, the Corporation's obligations under the Debentures, a claim against the Corporation, a significant event disrupting the Corporation's business or uranium industry generally, or other factors may make it difficult or impossible to obtain financing through debt, equity, or other means on favourable terms, or at all. As previously stated, failure to obtain such additional financing could result in delay or indefinite postponement of further exploration and development of the Corporation's properties, including the Rook I Project, or require the Corporation to sell one or more of its properties (or an interest therein).

## **The Price of Uranium and Alternate Sources of Energy**

The price of the Corporation's securities is highly sensitive to fluctuations in the price of uranium. Historically, the fluctuations in these prices have been, and are expected to continue to be, affected by numerous factors beyond the Corporation's control. Such factors include, among others: demand for nuclear power; political and economic conditions in uranium producing and consuming countries; public and political response to a nuclear accident; improvements in nuclear reactor efficiencies; reprocessing of used reactor fuel and the re-enrichment of depleted uranium tails; sales of excess inventories by governments and industry participants; and production levels and production costs in key uranium producing countries.

In addition, nuclear energy competes with other sources of energy like oil, natural gas, coal and hydroelectricity. These sources are somewhat interchangeable with nuclear energy, particularly over the longer term. If lower prices of oil, natural gas, coal and hydroelectricity are sustained over time, it may result in lower demand for uranium concentrates and uranium conversion services, which, among other things, could lead to lower uranium prices. Growth of the uranium and nuclear power industry will also depend on continuing and growing public support for nuclear technology to generate electricity. Unique political, technological and environmental factors affect the nuclear industry, exposing it to the risk of public opinion, which could have a negative effect on the demand for nuclear power and increase the regulation of the nuclear power industry. An accident at a nuclear reactor anywhere in the world could affect acceptance of nuclear energy and the future prospects for nuclear generation.

All of the above factors could have a material and adverse effect on the Corporation's ability to obtain the required financing in the future or to obtain such financing on terms acceptable to the Corporation, resulting in material and adverse effects on its exploration and development programs, cash flow and financial condition.

## **Exploration and Development Risks**

Exploration for mineral resources involves a high degree of risk and few properties that are explored are ultimately developed into producing mines. The risks and uncertainties inherent in exploration and development activities include but are not limited to: general economic, market and business conditions; the regulatory process and actions; failure to obtain necessary permits and approvals; technical issues; new legislation; competitive and general economic factors and conditions; the uncertainties resulting from potential delays or changes in plans; the occurrence of unexpected events; and, the Corporation's operational capacity to execute and implement its future plans. There is also no assurance that even if commercial quantities of ore are discovered that it will be developed and brought into commercial production, whether as expected or at all. The commercial viability of a mineral deposit once discovered is also dependent upon a number of factors, most of which factors are beyond the control of the Corporation and may result in the Corporation not receiving adequate return on investment capital, including significantly higher than expected capital costs to construct the mine and/or processing plant; significant delays, reductions or stoppages of mining development or uranium extraction activities; difficulty in marketing and/or selling uranium concentrates; significantly higher than expected extraction costs and significantly lower than expected uranium extraction. See "*Risk Factors – General Inflationary Pressures*" and "*Risk Factors – Industry and Economic Factors that May Affect the Business*" below. The Corporation's ability to develop and bring the Rook I Project into production is dependent upon the services of appropriately experienced personnel and/or third-party contractors who can provide such expertise and develop appropriate systems and processes required to efficiently develop and operate the Rook I Project. There can be no assurance that the Corporation will have available to it the necessary expertise when and if it brings the Rook I Project into production. See "*Risk Factors – Reliance upon Key Management and Other Personnel*" below.

## **Business Readiness and Transition to an Operating Mine**

As an exploration and development-stage mining company, NexGen faces significant risks in transitioning from exploration and development activities to an operational mine, including the need to establish and scale key systems, processes, and organizational capabilities. Successfully starting up operations requires the development of robust operational frameworks, supply chain logistics, technology integration, and management structures to support efficient production. The complexity of building out these critical functions introduces execution risk, and any inefficiencies, delays, or challenges in their implementation could impact the Corporation's ability to achieve stable operations, increase costs, and materially affect the Corporation's business and financial condition.

## **Uninsurable Risks**

Mining operations generally involve a high degree of risk. Exploration, development and production operations on mineral properties involve numerous risks, including but not limited to unexpected or unusual geological operating conditions, seismic activity, rock bursts, cave-ins, fires, floods, landslides, earthquakes and other environmental occurrences, and political and social instability, any of which could result in damage to, or destruction of, life or property, environmental damage and possible legal liability. Although the Corporation believes that appropriate precautions to mitigate these risks are being taken, operations are subject to hazards such as equipment failure or failure of structures, which may result in environmental pollution and consequent liability. It is not always possible to obtain insurance against all such risks and the Corporation may decide not to insure against certain risks because of high premiums or other reasons. Should such liabilities arise, they could reduce or eliminate the Corporation's future profitability and result in increasing costs and a decline in the value of the Shares. While the Corporation may obtain insurance against certain risks in such amounts as it considers adequate, the nature of these risks is such that liabilities could exceed policy limits or be excluded from coverage. The potential costs that could be associated with any liabilities not covered by insurance or in excess of insurance coverage may cause substantial delays and require significant capital outlays, thereby adversely affecting the Corporation's business and financial condition.

## **Reliance upon Key Management and Other Personnel**

The Corporation relies on the specialized skills of management and third-party contractors in the areas of mineral exploration, geology, project development and business negotiations and management. The loss of any of these individuals or arrangements could have an adverse affect on the Corporation. The Corporation does not currently maintain key-man life insurance on any of its key employees. In addition, as the Corporation's business activity continues to grow, it will require additional key financial, administrative and qualified technical personnel, and third-party contractors. Although the Corporation believes that it will be successful in attracting, retaining and training qualified personnel, there can be no assurance of such success. If it is not successful in attracting, retaining and training qualified personnel, the efficiency of the Corporation's business could be affected, which could have an adverse impact on its future cash flows, earnings, results of operation and financial condition.

Even if appropriately skilled personnel and third-party contractors are secured, the timely and cost-effective completion of work will depend to a large degree on the satisfactory performance of such personnel and third-party contractors who will be responsible for different elements of the Corporation's exploration and development work, including the site and mine plan. If any of these personnel or third-party contractors do not perform to accepted or expected standards, the Corporation may be required to hire different personnel or contractors to complete tasks, which may impact schedules and add costs to the Rook I Project, which, in some cases could be significant. A major contractor default, or the failure of the Corporation to properly manage contractor performance, could have an adverse impact on the Corporation's future cash flows, earnings, results of operations and financial conditions.

## **Imprecision of Mineral Reserve and Resource Estimates**

Mineral reserve and resource figures are estimates, and no assurances can be given that the estimated levels of uranium will be produced. Such estimates are expressions of judgment based on knowledge, mining experience, analysis of drilling results and industry practices. Valid estimates made at a given time may significantly change when new information becomes available. While the Corporation believes that its mineral resource estimate is well established and reflects management's best estimates, by their nature, mineral resource estimates are imprecise and depend, to a certain extent, upon geological assumptions based on limited data, and statistical inferences which may ultimately prove unreliable. Should the Corporation encounter mineralization or formations different from those predicted by past sampling and drilling, resource estimates may have to be adjusted.

## **Pending Assay Results**

Due to the nature of uranium and immediate visibility of radioactive content, in the interest of good disclosure practices it is the Corporation's practice to measure the natural gamma radiation of all core using a Radiation Solutions Inc. RS-125 gamma-ray handheld spectrometer as soon as practicable and immediately announce the results thereof by news release. After core has been appropriately handled and logged, samples are dispatched for testing. Assay results historically are generally received between 30 and 120 days after receipt of samples by the laboratory. The total count gamma readings using the spectrometer may not be directly or uniformly related to uranium grades of the sample measured and are only a preliminary indication of the presence of radioactive minerals. Core interval measurements and true thicknesses are not determined until assay results are received. There can be no assurance that assay results, once received, will confirm the previously announced spectrometer readings.

## **Climate Change**

The exploration, development and future operations of NexGen's properties may be adversely affected by climate change. Governments are moving to introduce climate change legislation and treaties at all levels of government. Changes to the climate, such as increased greenhouse gases and diminishing energy and water resources, may affect the cost and profitability of developing the Corporation's properties. The scientific community has predicted an increase, over time, in the frequency and severity of extraordinary or catastrophic natural phenomena as a result of climate change. The Corporation can provide no assurance that NexGen will be able to predict, respond to, measure, monitor or manage the risks posed as a result. Physical climate change events, and the trend toward more stringent regulations aimed at reducing the effects of climate change, could impact the Corporation's decision to pursue future opportunities, which could have an adverse effect on the business and future operations. There is no assurance that efforts to mitigate the risks of climate changes will be effective and that the physical risks of climate change will not have an adverse effect on the Corporation's operations and profitability.



## **Aboriginal Title and Consultation Issues**

Aboriginal and treaty rights in Canada, as well as related consultation issues, may impact the Corporation's ability to conduct exploration, development and mining activities at its mineral properties in Saskatchewan. The Corporation's properties are located within areas subject to First Nation treaty rights and asserted aboriginal rights and title of the Métis, including an outstanding land claim that encompasses a large portion of northern Saskatchewan and Alberta. The legal requirements associated with aboriginal and treaty rights in Canada, including aboriginal title and land claims, are complex and constantly evolving. While the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in *Tsilhqot'in Nation v. British Columbia* (2014 SCC 44) provided additional clarity in relation to the scope and content of aboriginal title in Canada, there remains considerable uncertainty about how aboriginal title claims will be reconciled with other interests in land. For example, the *Tsilhqot'in* decision did not fully address the impacts of a declaration of aboriginal title on third-party interests, including holders of mineral rights, within aboriginal title lands. The Federal government has also recently introduced proposed legislation to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, the impacts of which may not be fully understood for some time. Developing and maintaining strong relationships with First Nations and Métis people is a matter of paramount importance to the Corporation. However, there can be no assurance that aboriginal and treaty rights claims and related consultation issues, including outstanding land claims, will not arise on or impact the Corporation's mineral properties. These legal requirements and the risk of Indigenous Peoples' opposition may increase our operating costs and affect our ability to carry on our business. See "*Legal Proceedings and Regulatory Actions*".

## **Title to Properties**

NexGen has diligently investigated all title matters concerning the ownership of all mineral claims and plans to do so for all new claims and rights to be acquired. While to the best of its knowledge, titles to NexGen's mineral properties are in good standing, this should not be construed as a guarantee of title. NexGen's mineral properties may be affected by undetected defects in title, such as the reduction in size of the mineral titles and other third-party claims affecting NexGen's interests. Maintenance of such interests is subject to ongoing compliance with the terms governing such mineral titles. Mineral properties sometimes contain claims or transfer histories that examiners cannot verify. A successful claim that NexGen does not have title to any of its mineral properties could cause NexGen to lose any rights to explore, develop and mine any minerals on that property, without compensation for its prior expenditures relating to such property.

## **Information Systems and Cyber Security**

The Corporation's information systems are vulnerable to an increasing threat of continually evolving cybersecurity risks. Unauthorized parties may attempt to gain access to these systems or the Corporation's information through fraud or other means of deception. The Corporation's operations depend, in part, on how well the Corporation and those entities with which it does business, protect networks, equipment, information technology systems and software against damage from a number of threats. The failure of information systems or a component of information systems could, depending on the nature of any such failure, adversely impact the Corporation's reputation and results of operations.

Although to date the Corporation has not experienced any material losses relating to cyber-attacks or other information security breaches, there can be no assurance that the Corporation will not incur such losses in the future. The Corporation's risk and exposure to these matters cannot be fully mitigated because of, among other things, the evolving nature of these threats. As a result, cyber security and the continued development and enhancement of controls, processes and practices designed to protect systems, computers, software, data and networks from attack, damage or unauthorized access remain a priority.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

Directors and officers of NexGen are and may become directors of other public companies or hold significant shareholdings in other mineral resource companies. The directors and officers of NexGen are required by law to, at all times, act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of NexGen. In the event that any such director has a material interest in a material contract or transaction of NexGen that is subject to review and approval by the Board, such director is required to disclose such conflict to the Board and abstain from voting on any resolution in respect of such contract or transaction. NexGen and its directors will monitor and manage conflicts of interests in compliance with applicable laws.

## **Permits and Licences**

NexGen's exploration and development activities are subject to receiving and maintaining licenses, approvals and permits (collectively, "permits") from appropriate governmental and non-governmental authorities. NexGen may be unable to obtain on a timely basis or on reasonable terms or maintain in the future all necessary permits to explore and develop its properties, commence construction or operating of mining facilities and properties. Delays may occur in obtaining necessary renewals or modifications of permits for NexGen's existing activities, additional permits for existing or future operations and activities, or additional or amended permits associated with new legislation. Such permits will be subject to changes in rules, regulations and/or new legislation and in various operating circumstances. There can be no assurance that NexGen will be able to obtain all necessary permits required to carry out planned exploration, development and mining operations at any of its projects or that such necessary permits may not be refused or revoked in the future.

Development and operation of NexGen's Rook I Project requires approval from various governmental and non-governmental authorities in Canada. There can be no assurance that all future permits that NexGen requires for its operations at Rook I will be obtainable on reasonable terms, or at all. Delay or a failure to obtain required permits would materially affect NexGen's business.

## **Environmental and Other Regulatory Requirements**

Environmental and other regulatory requirements affect the current and future operations of NexGen, including exploration and development activities, require permits from various Federal and local governmental authorities and such operations are and will be governed by laws and regulations governing prospecting, development, mining, production, exports, taxes, labour standards, occupational health, waste disposal, toxic substances, land use, environmental protection, mine safety and other matters. NexGen believes it is in substantial compliance with all material laws and regulations which currently apply to its activities. Companies engaged in the development and operation of mines and related facilities often experience increased costs, along with delays in production and other schedules, as a result of the need to comply with applicable laws, regulations and permits.

Additional permits and studies, which may include environmental impact studies conducted before permits can be obtained, may be necessary prior to operation of NexGen's mineral properties. There can be no assurance that NexGen will be able to obtain or maintain all necessary permits that may be required to commence construction, development or operation of mining facilities at NexGen's mineral properties on terms which enable operations to be conducted at economically justifiable costs. Further, such additional permits and studies may require significant capital outlays, impacting NexGen's earning power, or cause material changes in its intended activities.

Failure to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and permitting requirements may result in enforcement actions, including orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities causing operations to cease or be curtailed, and may include corrective measures requiring capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions. Parties engaged in mining operations may be required to compensate those suffering loss or damage by reason of the mining activities and may have civil or criminal fines or penalties imposed for violations of applicable laws or regulations and, in particular, environmental laws.

Past or ongoing violations of mining or environmental laws could provide a basis to revoke existing permits or to deny the issuance of additional permits. In addition, evolving reclamation or environmental concerns may threaten NexGen's ability to renew existing permits or obtain new permits in connection with future development, expansions and operations.

Amendments to current laws, regulations and permits governing operations and activities of mining companies, or more stringent implementation thereof, could have a material adverse impact on NexGen and cause increases in capital expenditures or production costs or reductions in levels of production at producing properties or require abandonment or delays in development of new mining properties.

## **Political Regulatory Risks**

Any changes in government policy may result in changes to laws affecting ownership of assets, mining policies, monetary policies, taxation, rates of exchange, environmental regulations, labour relations and return of capital. Any such changes may affect both NexGen's ability to undertake exploration and development activities in respect of present and future properties in the manner currently contemplated, and its ability to continue to explore, develop and operate those properties in which it has an interest or in respect of which it has obtained exploration and development rights to date. The possibility that future governments may adopt substantially different policies, which might extend to expropriation of assets, cannot be ruled out.

## **Competition**

The mineral exploration business is a competitive business. The Corporation competes with numerous other companies and individuals who may have greater financial resources in the search for and the acquisition of personnel, funding and attractive mineral properties. As a result of this competition, the Corporation may be unable to obtain additional capital or other types of financing on acceptable terms or at all, acquire properties of interest or retain qualified personnel.

## **Trading Price and Volatility of Shares**

The trading price of the Shares may be subject to large fluctuations. The trading price of the Shares may increase or decrease in response to a number of events and factors, including: the price of metals and minerals including the price of uranium; the Corporation's operating performance and the performance of competitors and other similar companies; exploration and development of the Corporation's properties; the public's reaction to the Corporation's press releases, other public announcements and the Corporation's filings with the various securities regulatory authorities; changes in earnings estimates or recommendations by research analysts who track the Shares or the shares of other companies in the resource sector; changes in general economic conditions; the volume of Shares publicly traded; the arrival or departure of key personnel; and acquisitions, strategic alliances or joint ventures involving the Corporation or its competitors.

In addition, the market price of the Shares is affected by many variables not directly related to the Corporation's success and not within the Corporation's control, including: developments that affect the market for all resource sector shares; the breadth of the public market for the Shares; and the attractiveness of alternative investments. In addition, securities markets have recently experienced an extreme level of price and volume volatility, and the market price of securities of many companies has experienced wide fluctuations which have not necessarily been related to the operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects of such companies. As a result of these and other factors, the Corporation's share price may be volatile in the future and may decline below the price at which an investor acquired its shares. Accordingly, investors may not be able to sell their securities at or above their acquisition cost.

## **General Inflationary Pressures**

General or market specific inflationary pressures, including international trade issues such as tariffs and export taxes, may affect labour, development, mining, and other costs, which could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's financial condition, results of operations and the capital expenditures required to advance the Corporation's business plans. There can be no assurance that any governmental action taken to control inflationary or deflationary cycles will be effective or whether any governmental action may contribute to economic uncertainty. Governmental action to address inflation or deflation may also affect currency values. Accordingly, inflation and any governmental response thereto may have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations, cash flow, financial condition and the price of the Common Shares.

## **Industry and Economic Factors that May Affect the Business**

The business of mining for minerals involves a high degree of risk. NexGen is an exploration and development company and is subject to risks and challenges similar to companies in a comparable stage and industry. These risks include, but are not limited to, the challenges of securing adequate capital, exploration, development and operational risks inherent in the mining industry; changes in government policies and regulations; the ability to obtain the necessary permitting; and global economic and uranium price and foreign exchange volatility; all of which are uncertain. The Corporation's expected mining activities may change as a result of any one or more of these risks and uncertainties and there is no assurance that any resources that the Corporation extracts materials from will result in profitable mining activities.

The underlying value of the Corporation's exploration and evaluation assets is dependent upon the existence and economic recovery of mineral reserves and is subject to, but not limited to, the risks and challenges identified above. Changes in future conditions could require material write-downs of the carrying value of the Corporation's exploration and evaluation assets. Certain of NexGen's properties are subject to various royalty agreements.

In particular, the Corporation does not generate revenue. As a result, the Corporation continues to be dependent on third-party financing to continue exploration and development activities on the Corporation's properties, maintain capacity and satisfy contractual obligations including servicing the interest payments due on the Debentures and repaying the principal amount thereof at maturity (or sooner in the event of redemption in accordance with the terms of the Debentures). Accordingly, the Corporation's future performance will be most affected by its access to financing, whether debt, equity or other means.

Access to such financing, in turn, is affected by general economic conditions, the price of uranium, exploration risks and the other factors described in this section entitled "Risk Factors".

### **Potential Dilution from Future Financings**

Additional financing needed to continue funding the exploration, development and operation of the Corporation's properties may require the issuance of additional securities of the Corporation. The issuance of additional securities and the exercise of Shares, stock options and other convertible securities will result in dilution of the equity interests of any persons who are or may become holders of Shares.

### **Loss of Foreign Private Issuer Status in the Future**

The Corporation may in the future lose its foreign private issuer status if a majority of the Shares are owned of record in the United States and the Corporation fails to meet the additional requirements necessary to avoid loss of foreign private issuer status. The regulatory and compliance costs to the Corporation under U.S. federal securities laws as a U.S. domestic issuer may be significantly more than the costs the Corporation incurs as a Canadian foreign private issuer eligible to use a multi-jurisdictional disclosure system (the "MJDS") adopted in the United States and Canada. If the Corporation is not a foreign private issuer, it would not be eligible to use the MJDS or other foreign issuer forms and would be required to file periodic and current reports and registration statements on U.S. domestic issuer forms with the SEC, which are more detailed and extensive than the forms available to a foreign private issuer.

### **Reliance on a Third Party for Storage of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> Purchased**

The U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> purchased in connection with the 2024 Debentures is held by a third-party storage provider (the "Storage Provider") pursuant to a storage contract that generally only allows for a book transfer of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> between holders of accounts at such storage facility. Since the U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> held with the Storage Provider cannot physically be removed from the storage facility, except in limited specified circumstances, this could limit the number of potential buyers in the future.

In addition, the terms of the storage contract allow for the commingling of assets with ownership generally determined by book entry. Thus, if the Storage Provider were to become insolvent, or the Storage Provider or another third party were to seek to challenge the Corporation's beneficial ownership of U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> held by the Storage Provider, it may be difficult not only to access the storage facility but also to retrieve the Corporation's U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> from storage. Any such challenge, if successful in preventing or delaying the Corporation from transferring or retrieving its U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> from storage, could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations or financial condition.

The Storage Provider's liability to the Corporation for breaches of the storage contract is limited to the cost of the affected U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> and excludes any indirect, special, economic, incidental and consequential losses. If the Corporation suffers such losses, it may have no recourse against the Storage Provider, which could have a material adverse effect on the Corporation's business, results of operations or financial condition.

The Corporation has the benefit of insurance arrangements obtained by a third party on standard industry terms to cover the loss of a portion of the physical uranium. There is no guarantee that insurance in favour of the Corporation will fully cover the Corporation in the event of loss or damage to U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>. NexGen may be financially and legally responsible for losses and/or damages not covered by insurance. Such responsibility could have a material adverse effect on its business, results of operations or financial condition.

## DIVIDENDS

Although not restricted from doing so, the Corporation has not paid any dividends since incorporation and the Corporation does not expect to pay dividends in the foreseeable future. Payment of dividends in the future will be made at the discretion of the Corporation's board of directors based upon, among other things, cash flow, the results of operations and financial condition of the Corporation, the need for funds to finance ongoing operations and such other considerations as the board of directors considers relevant.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The authorized capital of NexGen consists of an unlimited number of Shares and an unlimited number of preferred shares. As at December 31, 2024, there were 569,088,514 Shares and no preferred shares issued and outstanding. As of the date hereof, there are 569,088,514 Shares and no preferred shares issued and outstanding.

Holders of Shares are entitled to receive notice of meetings of shareholders of the Corporation, to attend and to cast one vote per Share at all such meetings. Holders of the Shares are entitled to receive, on a *pro rata* basis, such dividends if, as and when declared by the Corporation's board of directors. In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Corporation or other distribution of the assets of the Corporation among holders of Shares for the purposes of winding-up its affairs, the holders of Shares will be entitled, subject to the rights of the holders of any other class or series of shares ranking senior to the Shares, to receive on a *pro rata* basis the remaining property or assets of the Corporation available for distribution, after the payment of debts and other liabilities. The Shares do not have attached to them any conversion, exchange rights, exercise, redemption or retraction provisions.

## MARKET FOR SECURITIES AND TRADING PRICE AND VOLUME

The Shares are listed and posted for trading on the TSX and the NYSE under the symbol "NXE" and trade as CDIs on the ASX under the symbol "NXG". The following table sets forth the high and low trading prices and trading volumes of the Shares on the TSX, NYSE and ASX on a monthly basis for the financial year ended December 31, 2024:

Month	High TSX (C\$)	Low TSX (C\$)	Volume TSX	High NYSE (US\$)	Low NYSE (US\$)	Volume NYSE	High ASX (AUD\$)	Low ASX (AUD\$)	Volume ASX
January	10.53	8.87	58,514,233	7.84	6.63	144,936,459	12.28	9.87	2,760,604
February	11.04	9.21	37,705,483	8.25	6.83	130,274,434	12.71	10.35	8,021,239
March	10.84	9.68	50,449,676	8.06	7.18	123,425,117	12.28	10.91	7,338,778
April	11.91	10.47	40,487,207	8.81	7.61	130,232,644	13.45	11.77	3,953,300
May	12.00	9.83	49,343,715	8.75	7.20	155,774,295	13.20	10.90	15,814,264
June	10.25	9.17	32,904,605	7.50	6.67	85,996,895	11.72	9.96	10,407,421
July	10.27	8.58	40,674,653	7.53	6.21	80,670,188	11.15	9.54	4,624,852
August	8.63	7.42	32,695,503	6.40	5.38	116,895,225	10.42	8.30	10,568,508
September	8.99	7.20	39,399,471	6.66	5.31	108,325,184	9.93	7.93	11,355,777
October	11.49	8.95	31,698,070	8.33	6.64	117,275,132	12.31	9.46	13,096,812
November	12.42	9.83	38,861,250	8.88	7.08	149,168,487	13.39	10.87	10,008,442
December	11.88	9.48	24,741,196	8.47	6.60	131,372,089	13.07	10.81	5,100,631

The price of the Shares as quoted by the TSX at the close of business on December 31, 2024 (being the last trading day in 2024) was C\$9.48 and at the close of business on March 3, 2025 was C\$6.94. The price of the Shares as quoted by the NYSE at the close of business on December 31, 2024 was US\$6.60 and at the close of business on March 3, 2025 was US\$4.77. The price of the Shares as quoted by the ASX at the close of business on December 31, 2024 was A\$10.81 and at the close of business on March 3, 2025 was A\$8.46.

## PRIOR SALES

The following table sets forth the securities of the Corporation that were issued during the financial year ended December 31, 2024, but not listed or quoted on a marketplace:

Issue or Grant Date	Type of Security	Conversion / Exercise Price per Security (\$)	Number of Securities	Maturity / Expiry Date
May 28, 2024	Convertible Debentures <sup>(3)</sup>	US\$10.73	250,000	May 29, 2029
August 9, 2024	Stock Options <sup>(1)</sup>	7.51	1,825,000	August 9, 2029
October 15, 2024	Stock Options <sup>(1)</sup>	9.77	250,000	October 15, 2029
December 20, 2024	Stock Options <sup>(2)</sup>	10.05	28,000	December 20, 2029
December 20, 2024	Stock Options <sup>(1)</sup>	10.05	3,850,000	December 20, 2029

Notes:

1. Stock options have a term of five (5) years and vest one third annually, commencing on the grant date.
2. Stock options have a term of five (5) years and vest in two instalments with the first half commencing on the first anniversary date from grant date and the second half on the second anniversary from the grant date.
3. The 2024 Debentures, which were issued as consideration for the Acquisition

## DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The following table sets forth the name, province/state and country of residence, position(s) held with the Corporation and principal occupation during the five (5) preceding years of each person who is a director and/or an executive officer of the Corporation as at the date hereof.

Name and Province/State and Country of Residence <sup>(1)</sup>	Position with NexGen and Employment for the Past Five Years
<b>Leigh Curyr</b> <sup>(5)</sup> , British Columbia, Canada	President, CEO and Director of NexGen (April 19, 2013 to present); CEO and Director of NexGen's predecessor (2011 to April 2013); Director of IsoEnergy Ltd. (February 2016 to present) and former Chairman (February 2016 to December 2023); and Partner, Head of Corporate Development of Accord Nuclear Resources Management (2008 to 2011).
<b>Chris McFadden</b> , Brighton, Australia	Director of NexGen (April 19, 2013 to present); Chairman of NexGen (May 22, 2014 to present); Director of IsoEnergy Ltd. (April 2016 to present); Director of Engenco Limited (April 2024 to date) President and CEO of NxGold Ltd. (February 2017 to March 2020); Business Development Manager, Newcrest Mining Limited (August 2015 to January 2017); Head of Commercial, Strategy and Corporate Development Tigers Realm Coal Limited (2013 to July 2015); General Manager, Business Development of Tigers Realm Minerals Pty Ltd. (2010 to 2013); Managing Director of Resolution Minerals Limited (May 2023 – November 2023).
<b>Richard Patricio</b> <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup> , Ontario, Canada	Director of NexGen (April 19, 2013 to present); President and CEO of Mega Uranium Ltd. (March 2015 to present) and Executive Vice President (2005 to 2015); Director of IsoEnergy Ltd. (April 2016 to present) and Chairman of IsoEnergy Ltd (December 2023 to present); CEO of Pinetree Capital Ltd. (February 2015 to April 2016); Vice-President, Legal and Corporate Affairs, Pinetree Capital Ltd. (investment firm) (2005 to February 2015).
<b>Trevor Thiele</b> <sup>(2)</sup> , Tennyson, Australia	Director of NexGen (April 19, 2013 to present); Director of NexGen's predecessor (2011 to April 2013); Director of IsoEnergy Ltd. (April 2016 to December 2023).
<b>Warren Gilman</b> <sup>(4)</sup> , Hong Kong	Director of NexGen (July 2017 to present); Chairman and CEO of Queen's Road Central Capital Ltd. (2019 to present); Chairman of Queen's Road Capital Investment Ltd. (August 2019 to present); Director of Gold Royalty Corp. (March 2021 to present); Director of Los Andes Copper (August 2021 to April 2024); Director of Chaarat Gold Holdings Limited (2019 to 2022); Director of Aurania Resources Ltd. (2019 to 2022); Director of Niobec Inc (2014 to 2019); Chairman and CEO of CEF Holdings (May 2011 to 2019); Managing Director and Head of Asia Pacific Region for Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (February 2002 to May 2011).
<b>Sybil Veenman</b> <sup>(2)(5)</sup> , Ontario, Canada	Director of NexGen (August 27, 2018 to present); Director Royal Gold Inc. (January 2017 to present); Director of Major Drilling International Inc. (December 2019 to present); Director IAMGOLD Corporation (December 2015 to May 2021); Director Noront Resources Ltd. (August 2015 to February 2020); General Counsel of Barrick Gold Corporation (July 2010 to September 2014).

<b>Karri Howlett</b> <sup>(4)(5)</sup> , Saskatchewan, Canada	Director of NexGen (August 27, 2018 to present); Director of Gold Royalty Corp. (February 2022 – present); Director of Saskatchewan Power Corporation (February 13, 2013 to May 2021); President and Director of RESPEC Consulting Inc. (July 1, 2018 to March 21, 2019); President and Director of North Rim Exploration (November 2, 2009 to July 1, 2018); President of Karri Howlett Consulting Inc. (November 2006 – present).
<b>Brad Wall</b> <sup>(5)</sup> , Saskatchewan, Canada	Director of NexGen (March 21, 2019 to present); Director of Maxim Power Corp. (May 13, 2019 to present); Director of Whitecap Resources Inc. (July 30, 2019 to present); President of Flying W Consulting Inc. (November 2007 to present); Director of Helium Evolution Incorporated (2022 to present).
<b>Susannah Pierce</b> , British Columbia, Canada	Director of NexGen (May 2024 to present); Consultant to NexGen (August 2019 to March 2021); President and Country Chair of Shell Canada (April 2021 to present); GM, Renewables and Energy Solutions of Shell Canada (April 2021 to present); Director, External Relations of LNG Canada (July 2013 to April 2021); Director of Gemini Corporation (2013 to 2017).
<b>Ivan Mullany</b> <sup>(3)(5)</sup> , Ontario, Canada	Director of NexGen (January 2023 to present); Senior Vice President Projects of Newmont Corporation (May 2019 to December 2022); Senior Vice President Technical Services of Goldcorp Inc. (August 2017 to May 2019), Global Director Mining & Mineral Processing of Hatch Ltd. (August 2015 to July 2017).
<b>Travis McPherson</b> , British Columbia, Canada	Chief Commercial Officer of NexGen (January 2023 – present); Senior Vice President, Corporate Development of NexGen (2020 to 2022); Vice President, Corporate Development of NexGen (2017 to 2019); Manager, Investor Relations of NexGen (2015 to 2017) and Consultant to NexGen (2014 to 2015).
<b>Graeme Johnson</b> Ontario, Canada	Chief Project Officer of NexGen (October 2024 – present); Projects Director, Canada of Newmont Corporation (January 2018 to October 2024)
<b>Benjamin Salter</b> , British Columbia, Canada	Chief Financial Officer of NexGen (August 2023 to present); Interim Chief Financial Officer and Vice President of Finance of NexGen (June 2023 – August 2023); Vice President of Finance of NexGen (2022 to 2023); Director, Finance of NexGen (2021 – 2022); Manager, Corporate Reporting of Methanex Corporation (2020 to 2021); Manager, Corporate Accounting of Methanex Corporation (2018 to 2019).

Notes:

1. The information as to place of residence and principal occupation is not within the knowledge of the management of NexGen and has been furnished by the respective directors and officers of NexGen.
2. Member of the Audit Committee
3. Member of the Compensation Committee
4. Member of the Nomination and Governance Committee
5. Member of the Sustainability Committee

Directors are elected at each annual meeting of NexGen's shareholders and serve as such until the next annual meeting or until their successors are elected or appointed.

The directors and executive officers of NexGen, as a group, beneficially own, directly or indirectly, or exercise control or direction over 30,005,264 Shares, representing approximately 5.3% of the total number of Shares outstanding before giving effect to the exercise of options to purchase Shares held by such directors and executive officers. The statement as to the number of Shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised by the directors and executive officers of NexGen as a group (i) is based upon information obtained from SEDI (the System for Electronic Disclosure by Insiders database) as at the date hereof and (ii) does not include Shares held by certain investors, including QRC, WHSP or MMCap, which are subject to voting alignment provisions under the terms of the investor rights agreement summarized under the "General Development of the Business" section.

## **Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties and Sanctions**

To the knowledge of the Corporation, no director, executive officer or promoter of the Corporation is, or within ten years prior to the date hereof has been, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Corporation) that, (i) was subject to a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, that was issued while the director or executive officer was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer; or (ii) was subject to a cease trade order, an order similar to a cease trade order or an order that denied the relevant Corporation access to any exemption under securities legislation, that was in effect for a period of more than 30 consecutive days, that was issued after the director or executive officer ceased to be a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer and which resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in the capacity as director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer.

To the knowledge of the Corporation, no director, executive officer or promoter of the Corporation, or a shareholder holding a sufficient number of securities of the Corporation to affect materially control of the Corporation, (i) is, or within ten (10) years prior to the date hereof has been, a director or executive officer of any company (including the Corporation) that, while that person was acting in that capacity, or within a year of that person ceasing to act in that capacity, became bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency or was subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets, or (ii) has, within ten years prior to the date hereof, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or become subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver manager or trustee appointed to hold the assets of the director, executive officer or shareholder.

To the knowledge of the Corporation, no director, executive officer or promoter of the Corporation, or a shareholder holding a sufficient number of securities of the Corporation to affect materially the control of the Corporation, has been subject to (i) any penalties or sanctions imposed by a court relating to securities legislation or by a securities regulatory authority or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority; or (ii) any other penalties or sanctions imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision.

## **Conflicts of Interest**

To the best of the Corporation's knowledge, and other than as disclosed in this AIF, there are no known existing or potential conflicts of interest between NexGen and any director or officer of NexGen, except that certain of the directors and officers serve as directors and officers of other public companies, and therefore it is possible that a conflict may arise between their duties as a director or officer of NexGen and their duties as a director or officer of such other companies. See *"Risk Factors — Conflicts of Interest"*.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE DISCLOSURE**

The Audit Committee has the responsibility of, among other things: recommending the Corporation's independent auditor to the Board of Directors, determining the extent of involvement of the independent auditor in reviewing unaudited quarter financial results, evaluating the qualifications, performance and independence of the independent auditor; reviewing and recommending approval of the Board of Directors of the Corporation's annual and quarter financial results and management's discussion and analysis and overseeing the establishment of "whistle-blower" and related procedures. A copy of the Audit Committee Charter is attached hereto as Schedule "A".

## **Composition of the Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee currently comprises Messrs. Thiele (Chair) and Patricio, and Ms. Veenman. All of the members of the Audit Committee are independent and financially literate, in each case, as defined under National Instrument 52-110 – *Audit Committees* ("NI 52-110"). A general description of the education and experience of each Audit Committee member which is relevant to the performance of his responsibilities as an Audit Committee member is contained in their respective biographies set out below:



*Trevor Thiele, Director*

Mr. Thiele has over 30 years' experience in senior finance roles in medium to large Australian ASX listed companies. He has been Chief Financial Officer for companies involved in the Agribusiness sector (Elders and ABB Grain Ltd, Rural Services Division) and the Biotechnology sector (Bionomics Limited). In these roles, he combined his technical accounting and financial skills with commercial expertise thereby substantially contributing to the growth of each of these businesses. During this time, Mr. Thiele was actively involved in IPOs, capital raisings, corporate restructures, mergers and acquisitions, refinancing and joint ventures. Mr. Thiele holds a Bachelor of Arts in Accountancy from the University of South Australia and he is a member of Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand.

*Richard Patricio, Director*

In March 2015, Mr. Patricio was appointed Chief Executive Officer and President of Mega Uranium Ltd., having been its Executive Vice-President since 2005. From February 2015 to April 2016, Mr. Patricio was the Chief Executive Officer of Pinetree Capital Ltd., having been its Vice-President, Corporate and Legal Affairs since 2005. Previously, Mr. Patricio worked as in-house General Counsel for a senior TSX-listed manufacturing company. Prior to that, Mr. Patricio practiced law at Osler LLP in Toronto where he focused on mergers and acquisitions, securities law and general corporate matters. Mr. Patricio has built a number of mining companies with global operations and holds senior officer and director positions in several companies listed on stock exchanges in Toronto, Australia, London and New York. Mr. Patricio received his law degree from Osgoode Hall and was called to the Ontario bar in 2000.

*Sybil Veenman, Director*

Ms. Veenman has more than 25 years of mining industry experience, including as a senior executive and, as a public company director. Previously, Ms. Veenman was a Senior Vice-President and General Counsel and a member of the executive leadership team at Barrick Gold Corporation. In that capacity, Ms. Veenman was responsible for overall management of legal affairs, extensively engaged in that company's significant M&A and financing transactions and involved in a wide range of operational, regulatory, political, and social responsibility aspects of the mining business. Ms. Veenman currently serves as Director at Nasdaq-listed Royal Gold Inc., and TSX-listed Major Drilling Group International Inc.

**Audit Committee Oversight**

At no time since the commencement of NexGen's most recently completed financial year have any recommendations by the Audit Committee respecting the appointment and/or compensation of NexGen's external auditors not been adopted by the Board.

**Reliance on Certain Exemptions**

At no time since the commencement of the Corporation's most recently completed financial year has the Corporation relied on the exemption in Section 2.4 of NI 52-110 (*De Minimis Non-Audit Services*); Section 3.2 (*Initial Public Offerings*); Section 3.4 (*Events Outside Control of Member*); Section 3.5 (*Death, Disability or Resignation of Audit Committee Member*); an exemption from NI 52-110, in whole or in part, granted under Part 8 (*Exemptions*) of NI 52-110; the exemption in subsection 3.3(2) (*Controlled Companies*) or section 3.6 (*Temporary Exemption for Limited and Exceptional Circumstances*); or section 3.8 (*Acquisition of Financial Literacy*).

**Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

Pursuant to the terms of the Audit Committee Charter, the Audit Committee shall pre-approve all audit and non-audit services to be provided to NexGen by the external auditor.

## External Auditor Service Fees (By Category)

The aggregate fees billed by the external auditors, KPMG LLP, in each of the last two (2) financial years are as follows:

<b>Financial Year Ending</b>	<b>Audit Fees<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Audit-Related Fees<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Tax Fees<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>All Other Fees<sup>(4)</sup></b>
2023	\$412,422	Nil	Nil	Nil
2024	\$431,826	Nil	Nil	Nil

### Notes:

1. \$81,691 of this amount in 2024 related to audit services performed in connection with securities filings (2023 - \$106,456).
2. The aggregate fees for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of the Corporation's financial statements which are not included under the heading "Audit Fees".
3. The aggregate fees for professional services rendered for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.
4. The aggregate fees for products and services other than as set forth under the headings "Audit Fees", "Audit Related Fees" and "Tax Fees".

## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

As of March 3 2025, and during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, the Corporation is and was not subject to any material legal proceedings or regulatory actions.

## INTEREST OF MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Other than as described below and elsewhere in this AIF, no director, executive officer or person or company that beneficially owns, or controls or directs, directly or indirectly, more than 10% of the Shares of the Corporation or any associate or affiliate of any such person or company, has or had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction either within the three most recently completed financial years or during the current financial year that has materially affected or is reasonably expected to materially affect the Corporation.

## TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

The transfer agent and registrar for the Shares in Canada is Computershare Investor Services Inc. at its principal offices in Vancouver, British Columbia and Toronto, Ontario. The co-transfer agent and registrar for the Shares in the United States of America is Computershare Trust Company, N.A. in Louisville, KY. The co-transfer agent and registrar for the CDIs in Australia is Computershare Investor Services Pty Limited in Perth, Western Australia.

## MATERIAL CONTRACTS

The only material contracts entered into by the Corporation within the financial year ended December 31, 2024, or before such time that are still in effect, other than in the ordinary course of business, are as follows:

- The Shareholder Rights Plan Agreement dated April 22, 2017 between the Corporation and Computershare Investor Services Inc., as amended and restated on April 24, 2023.
- The Trust Indenture dated September 22, 2023 between the Corporation and Computershare Trust Company of Canada with respect to the issuance of the 2023 Debentures.
- The December Sales Agreement and the Amended Sales Agreement.
- The Trust Indenture dated May 28, 2024 between the Corporation and Computershare Trust Company of Canada with respect to the issuance of the 2024 Debentures.

Copies of the above material contracts are available under the Corporation's profile on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

## **INTERESTS OF EXPERTS**

KPMG LLP, Chartered Accountants, provided an auditors report dated March 3, 2025 in respect of the Corporation's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024. KPMG LLP are the auditor of NexGen Energy Ltd. and have confirmed with respect to NexGen Energy Ltd. that they are independent within the meaning of the relevant rules and related interpretations prescribed by the relevant professional bodies in Canada and any applicable legislation or regulations, and also that they are independent accountants with respect to NexGen Energy Ltd. under all relevant US professional and regulatory standards.

Mr. Kevin Small, P.Eng., Senior Vice President, Engineering and Operations, and Mr. Jason Craven, P.Geo., Vice President, Exploration for NexGen, who are each a "Qualified Person" within the meaning of this term in NI 43-101, has reviewed and approved sections of this AIF that are of a scientific or technical nature. To the knowledge of NexGen, each of Messrs. Small and Craven is the registered or beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of less than one percent of the outstanding Shares.

The Rook I FS Technical Report was authored by Mr. Mark Hatton, P.Eng., Stantec Consulting Ltd; Mr. Paul O'Hara, P.Eng., Wood Canada Limited; and Mr. Mark Mathisen, C.P.G., Roscoe Postle Associates (USA) Ltd. (now a part of SLR). Each of Messrs. Hatton, O'Hara and Mathisen, and Stantec Consulting Ltd, Wood Canada Limited and Roscoe Postle Associates (USA) Ltd. were independent in accordance with the requirements of NI 43-101. Mr. O'Hara has retired from Wood Canada Limited. Accordingly, the Corporation is no longer relying upon the work of Mr. O'Hara. Wood Canada Limited should now be regarded as the expert with respect to the portions of the Rook I FS Technical Report previously attributed to Mr. O'Hara.

To the knowledge of NexGen as of the date hereof, each of Messrs. Hatton, O'Hara, and Mathisen, and Stantec Consulting Ltd, Wood Canada Limited and Roscoe Postle Associates (USA) Ltd. (now a part of SLR) and each of their respective partners, employees and consultants who participated in the preparation of the Rook I FS Technical Report, or who were in a position to influence the outcome of such reports, are the registered or beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of less than one percent of the outstanding Shares.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information relating to the Corporation can be found on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca) or on NexGen's website at [www.nexgenenergy.ca](http://www.nexgenenergy.ca). Additional information, including directors' and officers' remuneration and indebtedness, principal holders of the Corporation's securities and securities authorized for issuance under equity compensation plans is contained in the management information circular of the Corporation dated May 1, 2024, which is available on SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca). Additional financial information is provided in the Corporation's audited consolidated financial statements and management's discussion and analysis for the financial year ended December 31, 2024.



## **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER**

### **I. ROLE AND OBJECTIVES**

The Audit Committee is a committee of the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") of NexGen Energy Ltd. (the "**Corporation**") to which the Board has delegated certain oversight responsibilities relating to the Corporation's financial statements, external auditors, risk management, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and management information technology. In this Charter, the Corporation and all entities controlled by the Corporation are collectively referred to as "**NexGen**".

The objectives of the Audit Committee are to maintain oversight of:

- (a) the Corporation's accounting and financial reporting processes
- (b) the audits of the Corporation's financial statements;
- (c) the integrity of the Corporation's financial statements, the reporting process and its internal control over financial reporting;
- (d) the reports, qualifications, independence and performance of the Corporation's external auditor;
- (e) the performance of the Corporation's internal audit function;
- (f) the Corporation's risk identification, assessment and management program;
- (g) the Corporation's compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements;
- (h) the Corporation's management of information technology related risks, including cybersecurity and data privacy, and those related to financial reporting and financial controls; and
- (i) the maintenance of open channels of communication among management of the Corporation, the external auditors and the Board.

### **II. MEMBERSHIP AND POLICIES**

The Board, based on recommendations from the Nomination and Governance Committee, will appoint or reappoint members of the Audit Committee. Each member shall serve until his or her successor is appointed unless the member resigns, is removed or ceases to be a director. The Board of Directors may fill a vacancy that occurs in the Committee at any time.

The Audit Committee must be composed of not less than three (3) members of the Board, each of whom must be independent pursuant to the rules and regulations of all applicable stock exchanges and United States and Canadian securities laws and regulations.

No member of the Audit Committee may have participated in the preparation of the financial statements of the Corporation or any of its then-current subsidiaries at any time during the immediately prior three years.

Each member of the Audit Committee must be financially literate, as determined by the Board, and be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including the Corporation's balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement. Additionally, at least one member of the Audit Committee must have accounting or related financial management expertise, as determined by the Board. A person who is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined in Item 407(d)(5)(ii) of Regulation S-K may be presumed to have accounting or related financial management expertise.

No member of the Audit Committee may serve simultaneously on the audit committee of more than two other public companies without prior approval of the Board.

The Board, in consultation with the Nomination and Governance Committee, will appoint or reappoint the Chair of the Audit Committee from amongst its members.

The Audit Committee may at any time retain outside financial, legal or other advisors as it determines necessary to carry out its duties, at the expense of the Corporation. The Corporation shall provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee in its capacity as a committee of the Board, for payment of: (i) compensation to the external auditor for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attestation services for the Corporation, (ii) compensation to any advisors employed by the Audit Committee, and (iii) ordinary administrative expenses of the Audit Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.

In discharging its duties under this Charter, the Audit Committee may investigate any matter brought to its attention and will have access to all books, records, facilities and personnel, may conduct meetings or interview any officer or employee, the Corporation's legal counsel, external auditors and consultants, and may invite any such persons to attend any part of any meeting of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has neither the duty nor the responsibility to conduct audit, accounting or legal reviews, or to ensure that the Corporation's financial statements are complete, accurate and in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"); rather, management is responsible for the financial reporting process, internal review process, and the preparation of the Corporation's financial statements in accordance with IFRS, and the Corporation's external auditor is responsible for auditing those financial statements.

### **III. SUBCOMMITTEES**

The Audit Committee may, in its discretion, delegate any of its responsibilities that it is permitted by law to delegate, to the Chair or a subcommittee of the Audit Committee.

### **IV. FUNCTIONS**

#### **A. Financial Statements, the Reporting Process and Internal Controls over Financial Reporting**

The Audit Committee will meet with management and the external auditor to review and discuss annual and quarterly financial statements, management's discussion and analyses ("MD&A"), any earnings press releases, other financial disclosures and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies, and determine whether to recommend the approval of such documents to the Board and will produce the audit committee report required to accompany the annual financial statements.

- (a) In connection with these procedures, the Audit Committee will, as applicable and without limitation review and discuss with management and the external auditor:
  - i. the information to be included in the Corporation's financial statements and other financial disclosures which require approval by the Board including the Corporation's annual and quarterly financial statements, notes thereto, MD&A and any earnings press releases or earnings guidance provided to analysis and rating agencies, paying particular attention to any use of "pro forma", "adjusted" and "non-GAAP" information, and ensuring that adequate procedures are in place for the review of the Corporation's public disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the financial statements;
  - ii. any significant financial reporting issues, including major issues regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentations, identified during the reporting period;
  - iii. any change in accounting policies, or selection or application of accounting principles, and their impact on the Corporation's financial results and disclosure;
  - iv. all significant estimates and judgments, significant risks and uncertainties made in connection with the preparation of the Corporation's financial statements that may have a material impact to the financial statements;

- v. any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses identified by management or the external auditor, compensating or mitigating controls and the final assessment and impact of such deficiencies or material weaknesses on disclosure;
  - vi. any major issues as to the adequacy of the internal controls and any special audit steps adopted in light of material internal control deficiencies;
  - vii. significant adjustments identified by management or the external auditor and the assessment of associated internal control deficiencies, as applicable;
  - viii. any unresolved issues between management and the external auditor that could materially impact the financial statements and other financial disclosures;
  - ix. any material correspondence with regulators, government agencies, any employee or whistleblower complaints and other reports of non-compliance which raise issues regarding the Corporation's financial statements or accounting policies and significant changes in regulations which may have a material impact on the Corporation's financial statements;
  - x. the effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives, as well as any off-balance sheet structures;
  - xi. significant matters of concern respecting audits and financial reporting processes, including any illegal acts, that have been identified in the course of the preparation or audit of the Corporation's financial statements; and
  - xii. any analyses prepared by management and/or the external auditor setting forth significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of financial statements including analyses of the effects of IFRS on the financial statements.
- (b) In connection with the annual audit of the Corporation's financial statements, the Audit Committee will review with the external auditor:
- i. prior to commencement of the annual audit, plans, scope, staffing, engagement terms and proposed fees;
  - ii. reports or opinions to be rendered in connection with the audit including the external auditor's review or audit findings report including alternative treatment of significant financial information within IFRS that have been discussed with management and the associated impact on disclosure; and
  - iii. the adequacy of internal controls, any audit problems or difficulties, including:
    - a) any restrictions on the scope of the external auditor's activities or on access to requested information;
    - b) any significant disagreements with management, and management's response (including discussion among management, the external auditor and, as necessary, internal and external legal counsel);
    - c) any litigation, claim or contingency, including tax assessments and claims, that could have a material impact on the financial position of the Corporation; and
    - d) the impact on current or potential future disclosures.

In connection with its review of the annual audited financial statements and quarterly financial statements, the Audit Committee will also review any significant concerns raised during the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") certifications with respect to the financial statements and NexGen's disclosure controls and internal controls. In particular, the Audit Committee will review with the CEO, CFO and external auditor: (i) all significant deficiencies, material weaknesses or significant changes in the design or operation of NexGen's internal control over financial reporting that could adversely affect the Corporation's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information required to be disclosed by the Corporation in the reports that it files or submits under applicable securities laws, within the required time periods; and (ii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management of NexGen or other employees who have a significant role in NexGen's internal control over financial reporting. In addition, the Audit

Committee will review with the CEO and CFO, NexGen's disclosure controls and procedures and at least annually will review management's conclusions about the efficacy of disclosure controls and procedures, including any significant deficiencies, material weaknesses or material non-compliance with disclosure controls and procedures.

The Audit Committee will also maintain a Whistleblower Policy, including procedures for the:

- (a) receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters; and
- (b) confidential, anonymous submissions of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

## **B. The External Auditor**

The Audit Committee, in its capacity as a committee of the Board, is directly responsible for overseeing the relationship, reports, qualifications, independence and performance of the external auditor and audit services by other registered public accounting firms engaged by the Corporation. The Audit Committee has responsibility to take, or recommend that the Board take, appropriate action to oversee the independence of the external auditor. The Audit Committee shall have the authority and responsibility to recommend the appointment and the revocation of the appointment of the external auditors engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services, and to fix their remuneration.

The external auditor will report directly to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee's appointment of the external auditor is subject to annual approval by the shareholders.

With respect to the external auditor, the Audit Committee is responsible for:

- (a) the appointment, termination, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the external auditor engaged by the Corporation for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation, including the review and approval of the terms of the external auditors annual engagement letter and the proposed fees;
- (b) resolution of disagreements or disputes between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting for audit, review or attestation services;
- (c) pre-approval of all audit services and legally permissible non-audit services to be provided by the external auditors considering the potential impact of such services on the independence of external auditors and, subject to any *de minimis* exemption available under applicable laws. Such approval of non-audit services can be given either specifically or pursuant to pre-approval policies and procedures adopted by the committee including the delegation of this ability to one or more members of the Audit Committee to the extent permitted by applicable law, provided that any pre-approvals granted pursuant to any such delegation may not delegate Audit Committee responsibilities to management of the Corporation, and must be reported to the full Audit Committee at the first scheduled meeting of the Audit Committee following such pre-approval;
- (d) obtaining and reviewing, at least annually, a written report by the external auditor describing the external auditor's internal quality-control procedures, any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the firm, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the firm, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues and all relationships between the external auditors and the Corporation;
- (e) obtaining a formal written statement delineating all relationships between the auditor and the Corporation, consistent with The Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Rule 3526, and discussing any disclosed relationships or services with the auditor and how they may impact the objectivity and independence of the auditor;

- (f) review of the external auditor which assesses three key factors of audit quality for the Audit Committee to consider and assess including: independence, objectivity and professional skepticism; quality of the engagement team; and quality of communications and interactions with the external auditor. A written comprehensive review of the external auditor to be considered if required each year and completed at least every five (5) years which will include an:
- i. assessment of quality of services and sufficiency of resources provided by the external auditor;
  - ii. assessment of auditor independence, objectivity and professional skepticism, including the review and evaluation of the lead partner of the external auditor;
  - iii. assessment of value of services provided by the external auditor;
  - iv. assessment of written input from external auditor summarizing:
    - a) background of firm, size, resources, geographical coverage, relevant industry experience, including reputational challenges, systemic audit quality issues identified by Canadian Public Accountability Board ("**CPAB**") and Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("**PCAOB**") in public reports;
    - b) industry experience of the audit team and plans for training and development of the team;
    - c) how the external auditor demonstrated objectivity and professional skepticism during the audit;
    - d) how the firm and team met all criteria for independence including identification of all relationships that the external auditor has with the Corporation and its affiliates and steps taken to address possible institutional threats;
    - e) involvement of engagement quality control review ("**EQCR**") partner and significant concerns raised by the EQCR partner;
    - f) matters raised to national office or specialists during the review;
    - g) significant disagreements between management and the external auditors and steps taken to resolve such disagreements;
    - h) satisfaction with communication and cooperation with management and the Audit Committee; and
    - i) findings and firm responses to reviews of the Corporation by CPAB and PCAOB;
  - v. communication of the results of the comprehensive review of the external auditor to the Board and recommending that the Board take appropriate action, in response to the review, as required. It is understood that the Audit Committee may recommend tendering the external auditor engagement at their discretion. In addition to rotation of the EQCR partner as required by law, the Audit Committee, together with the Board, will also consider whether it is necessary to periodically rotate the external audit firm itself. It will be at the discretion of the Audit Committee if the incumbent external auditor is invited to participate in the tendering process; and;
  - vi. setting clear hiring policies for the Corporation regarding partners and employees and former partners and employees of the present and former external auditor of the Corporation. Before any such partner or employee is offered employment by the Corporation, prior approval from the Chair of the Audit Committee must be received and a one year grace period must pass from the date any work was last completed on an audit engagement before an external auditor employee can be considered for contract or employment by the Corporation.



### **C. Risk Management**

The Audit Committee, in its capacity as a committee of the Board, is directly responsible for overseeing the risk identification, assessment and management program of the Corporation by discussing guidelines and policies to govern the process by which risk is identified, assessed and managed. At least annually, in conjunction with senior management, internal counsel and, as necessary, external counsel and the Corporation's external auditors, the Audit Committee will review the following:

- (a) the Corporation's method of reviewing significant risks inherent in NexGen's business, assets, facilities, and strategic directions, including the Corporation's risk management and evaluation process;
- (b) discuss guidelines and policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management, including the Corporation's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures. The Audit Committee is not required to be the sole body responsible for risk assessment and management, but, as stated above, the committee must discuss guidelines and policies to govern the process by which risk assessment and management is undertaken.
- (c) the major financial risk exposures and steps management has taken to monitor and manage such exposures;
- (d) the Corporation's annual insurance report including its risk retention philosophy and resulting uninsured exposure, if any, including corporate liability protection programs for directors and officers;
- (e) the Corporation's information technology cyber security and data privacy risks and related policies, including management's related protections and risk mitigations;
- (f) the Corporation's loss prevention policies, risk management programs, disaster response and recovery programs in the context of operational considerations; and
- (g) other risk management matters from time to time as the Audit Committee may consider appropriate or the Board may specifically direct.

### **D. Internal Audit Review**

- (a) Review and discuss the responsibilities, functions and performance of the Company's internal audit function, including internal audit plans, budget, staffing and the scope and results of internal audits;
- (b) Ensure the reporting lines between the Audit Committee and the internal auditors are clearly understood and utilized; and
- (c) Review and discuss any reports by management regarding the effectiveness of, or any deficiencies in, the design or operation of internal controls and any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the Company's internal controls.

### **E. Additional Duties and Responsibilities**

The Audit Committee will also:

- (a) report regularly to the Board on its discussions and actions, including any significant issues or concerns that arise at its meetings and discussion of the responsibilities, budget and staffing of the listed company's internal audit function, and shall make recommendations to the Board as appropriate;
- (b) meet separately, and periodically, with management, internal auditors, the external auditor and, as is appropriate, internal and external legal counsel and independent advisors in respect of issues not elsewhere listed concerning any other audit, finance or risk matter;
- (c) review the appointment of the CFO and any other key financial executives who are involved in the financial reporting process;
- (d) review the Corporation's information technology practices as they relate to financial reporting;
- (e) annually review Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance Coverage;

- (f) from time to time, discuss staffing levels and competencies of the finance team with the external auditor;
- (g) review incidents, alleged or otherwise, as reported by whistleblowers, management, the external auditor, internal or external counsel or otherwise, of fraud, illegal acts or conflicts of interest and establish procedures for receipt, treatment and retention of records of incident investigations;
- (h) facilitate information sharing with other committees of the Board as required to address matters of mutual interest or concern in respect of the Corporation's financial reporting;
- (i) assist Board oversight in respect of issues not elsewhere listed concerning the integrity of the Corporation's financial statements, the Corporation's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the independent auditor's qualifications and independence, the performance of the external auditors, and the performance of the internal audit function;
- (j) have the authority and responsibility to recommend the appointment and the revocation of the appointment of registered public accounting firms (in addition to the external auditors) engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services, and to fix their remuneration.

In addition, the Audit Committee will perform such other functions as are assigned by law and on the instructions of the Board.

## **V. MEETINGS**

The Audit Committee will meet quarterly, or more frequently at the discretion of the members of the Audit Committee, as circumstances require.

Notice of each meeting of the Audit Committee will be given to each member and, if applicable, to the external auditors. The notice will:

- (a) be in writing (which may be communicated by fax or email);
- (b) be accompanied by an agenda that states the nature of the business to be transacted at the meeting in reasonable detail;
- (c) include copies of documentation to be considered at the meeting and reasonably sufficient time to review documentation; and
- (d) be given at least 48 hours preceding the time stipulated for the meeting, unless notice is waived by the Audit Committee members.

A quorum for a meeting of the Audit Committee is a majority of the members present in person, by video conference, webcast or telephone.

If the Chair is not present at a meeting of the Audit Committee, a Chair will be selected from among the members present. The Chair will not have a second or deciding vote in the event of an equality of votes.

At each meeting, the Audit Committee will meet "in-camera", without management or external auditors present, and will periodically, and at least annually, meet in separate sessions with the lead partner of the external auditor and periodically with the internal auditor (or persons responsible for the internal audit function).

The Audit Committee may invite others to attend any part of any meeting of the Audit Committee as it deems appropriate. This includes other directors, members of management, any employee, the Corporation's internal or external legal counsel, external auditors, advisors and consultants.

Minutes will be kept of all meetings of the Audit Committee. The minutes will include copies of all resolutions passed at each meeting, will be maintained with the Corporation's records, and will be available for review by members of the Audit Committee, the Board, and the external auditor.

## **VI. OTHER MATTERS**

### **A. Review of Charter**

The Audit Committee shall review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter at least annually or otherwise, as it deems appropriate, and propose recommended changes to the Nomination and Governance Committee.

### **B. Reporting**

The Audit Committee shall report to the Board activities and recommendations of each Audit Committee meeting and review with the Board any issues that arise with respect to the quality or integrity of the Corporation's financial statements, the Corporation's compliance with legal or regulatory requirements, the performance and independence of the Corporation's external auditors, management information technology with respect to financial reporting matters, risk management and communication between the parties identified above.

### **C. Evaluation**

The Audit Committee's performance shall be evaluated annually by the Nomination and Governance Committee and the Board as part of the Board assessment process established by the Nomination and Governance Committee and the Board.

This Charter was last approved by the Board of Directors on August 6, 2024.