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# **Amadeus Project**

# EL 24704, EL 24870 & EL 24876,

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#### Summary.

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# 1.0 Introduction.

Cauldron's Amadeus Uranium Project covers the central and eastern parts of the Amadeus Basin, to the south of Alice Springs, which is prospective for sandstone hosted uranium mineralisation.

This report details the exploration activities carried out by the company at the Amadeus Project during the period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011. This work included research, geological interpretation, target generation, field reconnaissance, and submission of a new Mining Management Plan (MMP) to the Northern Territory Government Department of Resources.

# 2.0 Location, Access and Tenure.

The Amadeus Uranium Project comprises EL's 24704, 24876 and 24870 and is located 30 to 60 km south of Alice Springs in the Northern Territory. Access to the project area is provided by a number of major unsealed roads, including the Maryvale Road and the Santa Teresa Road. (Fig. 1)

The project covers 1,474 km<sup>2</sup> and is found on the Alice Springs SF 53-14, Henbury SF 53-01 and Rodinga SG 53-02 1:250,000 map sheets, centred on 381000 E / 7333000 N (GDA94).

Licence	Holder	Holder Date Granted		Minimum Expenditure
EL 24876	Cauldron Energy Ltd	18/04/2006	345	\$70,000
EL 24870	Cauldron Energy Ltd	16/07/2007	934	\$145,000
EL 24704	Cauldron Energy Ltd	02/03/2006	195	\$60,000

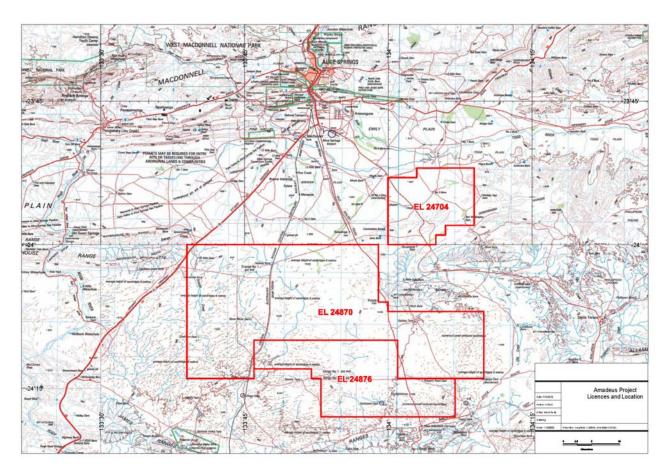
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## 3.0 Regional Geology.

The Amadeus Basin is a large east west trending intra-cratonic basin of Late Proterozoic to Carboniferous aged marine and continental sediments. These were derived from the surrounding early to mid Proterozoic granites and metamorphic rocks of the Arunta Block to the north and Musgrave Block to the south.

The basin is rimmed by the Phanerozoic Canning Basin to the west, The Musgrave block to the south, the Palaeozoic Pedirka Basin to the east and the Arunta Block to the north. Sedimentation commenced about 900 Mya and resulted in a sequence up to 10,000 metres thick. The basal (Late Proterozoic) sequence comprises shelf, sediments, lagoonal and continental fluvio-glacial deposits which are disconformably overlain by Cambrian continental to shallow marine sediments including carbonates and evaporate. Late Cambrian and Ordovician marine sediments disconformably overlie parts of the basin, with Devonian – Carboniferous continental sediments unconformably overlaying other areas. (Freeman et al 1990)

### Figure 1. Amadeus Project Location.



Extensive broad folding and thrusting along the northern basin margin, during the Alice Springs Orogeny (Devonian-Carboniferous) and along the southern margin during the late Proterozoic Petermann Orogeny, has given rise to the broad regional synclines and anticlines that are visible today. (Freeman et al 1990)

## 4.0 **Project Geology.**

The project area is typified by undulating sandy plains overlying the Devonian Undandita sandstone Member of the Brewer Conglomerate, part of the Pertnjara Group. Exposures of the Undandita Member are common in the northern part of the basin but lacking over much of the project area.

The Undandita Member is the youngest unit in the Amadeus Basin and is the host for the Angela and Pamela uranium deposits as well as a number of other uranium prospects throughout the basin. It was deposited in a fluviatile braided channel environment and ranges from fine to coarse grained lithic arenite through to medium to coarse grained lithic arkose. Thin mudstone and siltstone units are common. The sandstone interfingers with the Brewer Conglomerate and reaches a maximum thickness of 3000m in the Missionary Syncline, 15 km south west of Alice Springs. (Borshoff & Farris 1990) Source rocks for the Brewer Conglomerate include uranium enriched granitic orthogneiss of the Iwupataka Metamorphic Complex and the Teapot Granite Complex. (Lally and Bajwah, 2006)

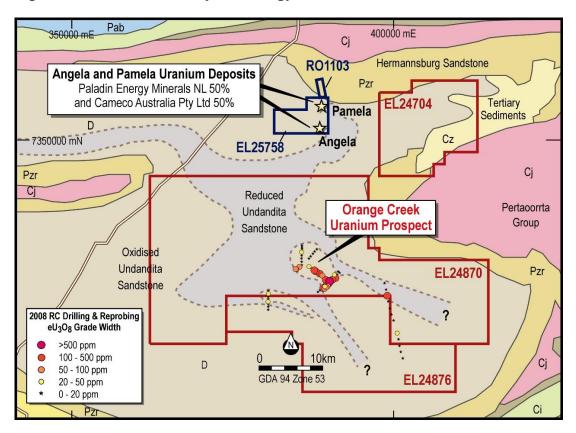


Figure 2. Amadeus Project Geology and Tenements.

The Undandita Member is generally oxidised but contains a wedge of reduced sediments between regionally extensive upper and lower redox boundaries. This reduced wedge is extensive throughout the basin and is found both in the Missionary Syncline, where it is associated with uranium mineralisation at Pamela and Angela, and in the Orange Creek Syncline where it is associated with mineralisation at the Orange Creek Prospect. (Fig. 2)

The Angela and Pamela uranium deposits are located at the eastern end of the missionary syncline, 25 km north of Cauldrons licence EL 24876. The deposits are hosted within a sequence of pebbly sandstone, minor siltstone and conglomerates, deposited within a braided stream system. (Borshoff & Farris 1990)

The main Angela ore body has an east-west strike in excess of 5700 metres and has a gentle plunge of 9° to the west. The uranium mineralisation remains open down plunge. The Angela deposit consists of a series of stacked horizons made up of one or more small roll front uranium occurrences. Uranium mineralisation consists of uraninite and pitchblende with minor coffinite on grain coatings and in voids. Secondary carnotite mineralisation occurs within the weathered profile and at depth due to decomposition of the primary uranium minerals.

Uranium mineralisation is primarily hosted within medium to coarse grained feldspathic lithic arenites that are partly cemented by calcite. The lithic fragments were primarily derived from the metasediments, schists, gneiss and granites of the Arunta Complex to the north. Detailed ground mapping in association with historic shallow vacuum drilling indicated that uranium mineralisation is associated with gently north dipping redox boundaries within the Undandita Sandstone.

The redox boundary forms an irregular interdigitation of oxidised and reduced facies along which the uranium occurrences are found. Enrichment of uranium occurs at noticeable steps in the redox boundary between higher and lower stratigraphic levels. These steps are in the order of 5-40 metres and are interpreted to be associated with an east trending fault or structural break. (Borshoff & Farris 1990)

# 5.0 **Previous Exploration.**

During the 1970's and early 1980's the Amadeus basin was the centre of active uranium exploration, with the focus on sandstone hosted roll front uranium mineralisation within the late Devonian aged Undandita Sandstone. A number of significant uranium deposits and occurrences were identified including the Pamela and Angela uranium deposits located along the northern basin margin and the Orange Creek prospect on Cauldron's licence EL 24870.

Uranerz Australia P/L (Uranerz) held a large area within the Amadeus Basin during the 1970's and early 1980's and undertook basin wide exploration for uranium mineralisation. Most of this work was concentrated on the Angela and Pamela deposits with preliminary work undertaken at the Orange Creek Prospect, now covered by Cauldron's licences EL 24870 and EL 24876.

# 5.1 Angela and Pamela Deposits

First pass airborne and ground based radiometric surveys, during 1972, identified three surface uranium anomalies. Follow up trenching and drilling led to the recognition of the Pamela and Angela prospects in 1973 and 1974. Detailed ground mapping in association with shallow vacuum drilling indicated that uranium mineralisation is associated with gently north dipping redox boundaries within the Undandita Member.

Follow up exploration over a 10 year period by Uranerz Australia P/L (Uranerz) and joint venture (JV) partners Carpentaria Exploration Company P/L delineated a measured resource of 4700 tonnes  $eU_3O_8$  (average grade 0.13%) to a depth of 650m within the Angela deposit and associated satellite ore bodies. A further 1950 tonnes at an average grade of 0.1%  $U_3O_8$  is stated as an indicated resource. (Borshoff & Farris 1990) The Angela deposit was recently awarded to the Angela Project Joint Venture, between Paladin Energy Minerals NL (50%) and Cameco Australia P/L (50%).

# 5.2 Orange Creek Prospect

Uranerz undertook exploration for uranium over the Orange Creek Syncline during the period 1977 to 1981. Work included geological mapping, airborne spectrometry, vacuum drilling, track etch and shallow rotary airblast and deeper percussion drilling. Uranerz reported that redox boundaries within the Undandita sandstone in the Orange Creek Syncline are more difficult to define because of weak gradational oxidation at the boundaries combined with surface weathering effects which extends to depths in excess 30m.

An extensive reconnaissance shallow vacuum drilling program was conducted over the basin during 1978-79 to map the redox boundary. All holes were logged and bottom-hole samples analysed for uranium. A track etch survey was carried out with cups placed in each hole. (Fig. 3) Drilling at Orange Creek defined a shallow spoon shaped feature formed by the upper oxidised sediments in the centre of the syncline and indicated anomalism on its western margin. The redox boundary in this area proved to be a well-defined synclinal feature dipping at shallow angles to a maximum depth of 90m in the centre of the syncline. Broadly spaced follow up percussion drilling (64 holes for 3,873 metres) conducted during 1979 and 1980 intersected uranium mineralisation associated with the regional redox front between depths of 13 to 72 metres and located a well defined step of 45m in the redox boundary. (Taylor, 1980 and Anon, 1981)

A number of significant intersections were recorded, including 3.40 metres @ 413ppm  $eU_3O_8$  from hole OC 08, 1 metre @ 328ppm  $eU_3O_8$  from hole OC 11, 1.25 metre @ 421ppm  $eU_3O_8$  from hole OC 14, 0.45 metre @ 864ppm  $eU_3O_8$  from hole OC 60 and 1.55 metres @ 370ppm  $eU_3O_8$  from OC 64.

Work undertaken by Cauldron since the granting of the project licences has included the acquisition of available open file reports, historical data, aeromagnetic and radiometric imagery.

As part of a basin wide review of data and the creation of an electronic data base for the Amadeus Project, all the available open file historical reports were acquired from the NT government. The data from these reports has been entered into a data base, which references drill collar data with downhole information including geology, uranium assay results, oxidation states and radiometric data. Plans from the historical reports were scanned and geo-referenced in Mapinfo. Collar positions in UTM coordinates were extracted from these plans so that the data could be used in modern GIS computing packages. Results from percussion and vacuum drilling targeting uranium were reviewed and incorporated into the company database. This data is being used to target further exploration programs within the Amadeus Basin.

Data sourced from Uranerz's vacuum drilling program was re-interpreted, utilising the new data in Mapinfo and Micromine to accurately define the boundary between oxidised and reduced sediments within the tenement. From this work it appears that in a number of areas, packages of alternating reduced and oxidised sediments exist, which may provide a better locus for the formation of uranium mineralisation. (Fig. 3)

During April 2008 the company commenced an RC drilling program comprising 12 holes for 707 metres targeting the Orange Creek Prospect within EL 24870. Due to hard ground conditions the drilling program was temporarily suspended while a larger drill rig was located. The initial drilling intersected near surface uranium mineralisation in a number of holes. The holes were drilled vertically and logged with a gamma down hole tool by Borehole Wireline Pty Ltd. Results from down hole gamma logging included 0.45m at 190ppm eU3O8 from 39.70m depth in AMRC008. (Table 2)

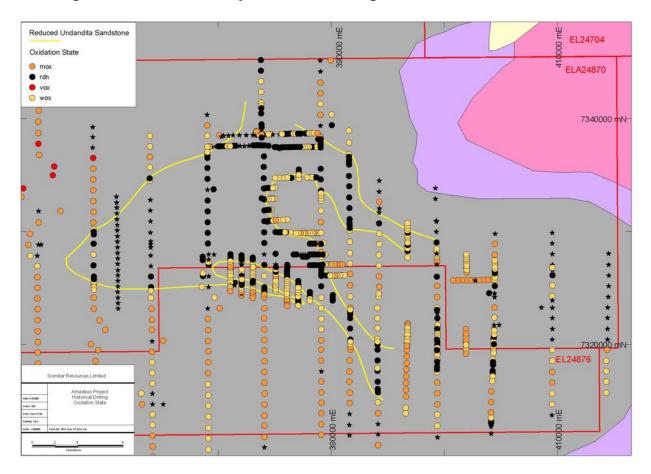


Figure 3. Amadeus Project Historic Drilling with Oxidation State.

Drilling re-commenced in July 2008 with a larger Gemco RC drill rig with auxiliary compressor from Johannsen Drilling. A total of 27 holes for 3,046 metres were completed targeting three target areas within the Orange Creek Syncline and covering 20 km of the redox boundary. Significant uranium mineralisation associated with the boundary between oxidised and reduced sediments was intersected within the Undandita sandstone in two of these areas at depths of 22-60m. (Fig. 4 and 5)

A total of seven holes for 999m were drilled across the central part of the Orange Creek Syncline on 400m spacings with significant uranium mineralisation intersected across the centre and southern side of the syncline at depths of 30-40m. A second area of broadly spaced drilling, 12 holes for 1,250m, intersected uranium mineralisation on the regional redox boundary, a further 9 km to the southeast in a section of the Orange Creek Syncline that had not previously been tested by drilling. (Fig. 5)

All holes were drilled vertically to depths of 100 and 150 metres and were wireline logged with a downhole gamma probe by Borehole Wireline Pty Ltd. A number of significant results were returned from the logging, including;

AMRC 015	0.55m	at	344	eU₃O <sub>8</sub> ppm
AMRC 016	1.00m	at	926	eU <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> ppm
AMRC 017	0.55m	at	288	eU₃O <sub>8</sub> ppm
AMRC 030	0.75m	at	349	eU <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub> ppm

Exploration at the Orange Creek prospect conducted by Uranerz Australia P/L in the 1970's resulted in a total of 64 percussion drill holes for 3,873 metres. Many of these holes have been relocated by Cauldron and accurate co-ordinates have been collected to provide more precise target generation. Many of these percussion holes were cased and capped with PVC and remain open to some depth. A total of 58 holes have been identified to date of which 53 arein good condition and were able to be re-logged by Borehole Wireline Pty Ltd using their down hole gamma probe. Significant results from re-logging were recorded, including 2.55m at 460ppm  $eU_3O_8$  from 13.45m in OC008. (Table 2) (Rust 2009)

#### Table 2. Amadeus Project Significant Uranium Results 2008

Hole	East GDA94 No	rth GDA94	From (m)					cutoff	Company
AMRC005	389807	7328391	22.95	0.25m	at	140ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Scimitar
AMRC005	390657	7329237	22.95 39.70	0.25m 0.45m	at	140ppm 191ppm	eU3O8 eU3O8	100ppm	Scimitar
AMRC008	390940	7329526	33.50	0.45m	at	142ppm	eU3O8 eU3O8	100ppm	Scimitar
AMRC005	390391	7328959	36.67	0.55 m	at	344ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Scimitar
AMRC015	390654	7329227	39.01	1.00 m	at	926ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Scimitar
ANICOIO		luding	55.01	0.80 m	at	320ppm 1125ppm	eU3O8	200ppm	Scimitar
		luding		0.60 m	at	1406ppm	eU3O8 eU3O8	200ppm 400ppm	Scimitar
AMRC017	390946	7329528	34.01	0.55 m	at	288ppm	eU3O8 eU3O8	400ppm 100ppm	Scimitar
AMRC017	391507	7330091	26.61	0.33 m 0.20 m	at	137ppm	eU3O8 eU3O8	100ppm	Scimitar
AMRC018	391507	7330091	20.01	0.20 m	at	114ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Scimitar
AMRC018	381205	7326000	34.34	0.25 m	at	110ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Scimitar
AMRC025	381192	7327156	54.63	0.20 m	at	125ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Scimitar
AMRC020	399746	7327060	59.61	0.20 m 0.75 m	at	349ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Scimitar
AMINCOSO		luding	55.01	0.50 m	at	452ppm	eU3O8	200ppm	Scimitar
AMRC035	401330	7321246	91.28	0.20 m	at	432ppm 120ppm	eU3O8 eU3O8	100ppm	Scimitar
AMRC035	401330	7321246	91.28 82.18	3.60 m	at	120ppm 62	eU3O8 eU3O8	50 ppm	Scimitar
OC002	389600	7321240	18.50	0.95m		02 220ppm			Uranerz
OC002 OC004	389695	7328125	12.80	0.95m 0.50m			eU3O8	100ppm	
OC004 OC006	389695		12.80	0.50m		145ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz Uranerz
		7328320				182ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	
OC008	389795	7328230 Iuding	13.30	3.80m <b>2.55m</b>		369ppm	eU3O8 e <b>U3O8</b>	100ppm	Uranerz
0000	389795	-	20.65			460ppm		200ppm	Uranerz
OC008 OC010	389890	7328230	20.65 36.60	0.45m		249ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz Uranerz
		7328220		0.60m		187ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	
OC012	389895	7328325	21.80	0.40m		170ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
OC014	389744	7328120	30.15	0.65m		438ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
OC014	389744	7328120	31.20	0.60m		132ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
OC020	391501	7329866	24.60	0.70m		246ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
00004		luding	00 50	0.05m		298ppm	eU3O8	200ppm	Uranerz
OC024	390208	7328563	38.50	0.50m		169ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
OC038	385961	7331318	26.15	0.45m		134ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
OC044	386344	7333743	49.45	0.30m		107ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
OC047	385532	7331042	11.15	0.50m		131ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
OC047	385532	7331042	19.40	0.50m		127ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
OC049	385455	7331103	19.70	0.45m		132ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
OC053	387570	7331404	69.45	0.35m		169ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
0.0050		luding	70 75	0.20m		204ppm	eU3O8	200ppm	Uranerz
OC053	387570	7331404	70.75	0.20m		111ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
OC055	388355	7330866	51.00	1.15m		135ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
OC057	389205	7330284	32.60	0.50m		241ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
00050		luding	00.00	0.35m		295ppm	eU3O8	200ppm	Uranerz
OC058	389610	7330024	33.20	0.35m		154ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
OC060	390048	7329333	26.00	0.90m		354ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
00001		luding	50.45	0.70m		425ppm	eU3O8	200ppm	Uranerz
OC061	388156	7331015	58.15	0.55m		187ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
00001		luding	74.00	0.25m		258ppm	eU3O8	200ppm	Uranerz
OC061	388156	7331015	71.60	0.65m		367ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
00001		luding	00.00	0.50m		441ppm	eU3O8	200ppm	Uranerz
OC064	390172	7328846	28.90	1.85m		229ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
including			0.65m		295ppm	eU3O8	200ppm	Uranerz	
00000		luding	o	0.60m		273ppm	eU3O8	200ppm	Uranerz
OC064	390172	7328846	34.15	1.05m		181ppm	eU3O8	100ppm	Uranerz
	inc	luding		0.40m	at	273ppm	eU3O8	200ppm	Uranerz

Note: Readings taken from Scimitar's recent work at Amadeus, utilising downhole gamma probing conducted by Borehole Wireline SA

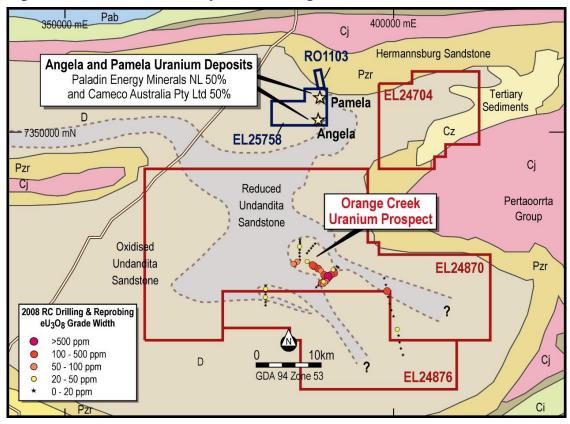
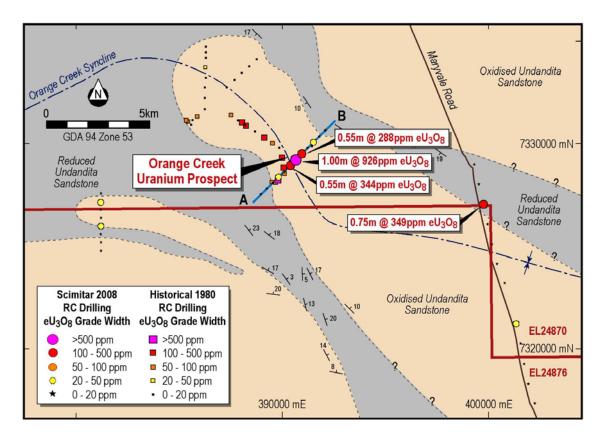


Figure 4. Amadeus Project RC Drilling and Uranium Results

Figure 5. Orange Creek Prospect Significant Results



In the 2009 exploration year a total of 27 drill sites were rehabilitated during the year, with the drill samples returned to the sumps. All sumps were back filled with at least one metre of topsoil cover over the drill samples and all holes were capped and the drill sites scarified to assist rehabilitation. A number of access tracks have been kept open for future drilling programs.

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Work proposed for the coming year includes RC drilling targeting uranium mineralisation within the Orange Creek Syncline. These programs are expected to commence during the first half of 2011. It is also anticipated that within the early portion of 2011 a field trip to site to check vegetation regrowth in rehabilitated areas is planned and to scope necessary field preparations for the drill program will be completed.

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