

# Ur-Energy's Jeffrey Klenda on the Executive Order for Critical Minerals and the Impact of the Amended Russian Suspension Agreement on U.S. Uranium Producers

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InvestorIntel's Tracy Weslosky speaks with Jeffrey Klenda, Chairman, President, and CEO of [Ur-Energy Inc.](#) (NYSE American: URG | TSX: URE), about President Trump's Executive Order on Critical Minerals which called the reliance on critical minerals from foreign adversaries a national emergency. "It not only is a national emergency, I think it has been a national emergency for many years," Jeffrey told InvestorIntel. "The reality is, of those 35 critical minerals, we are reliant for 31 of them to the tune of more than 50% of our consumption on foreign entities and for 14 of those critical minerals we are 100% dependent."

Jeffrey went on to provide an update on the extended and amended version of the Russian Suspension Agreement. He explained how it helps the US uranium producers and also closes the loopholes in the agreement to stop Russia from flooding the US uranium market.

Jeffrey also commented on Kazatomprom, Cameco and the US presidential election. "We will see utilities coming back into the marketplace," Jeffrey said. "We are thinking that will push prices higher before the end of the year and we stand ready. We have kept our operational staff in place, we are ready to ramp

up at anytime. We can do it faster, at lower cost than anyone else”

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## **Jeffrey Klenda on the staying power of Ur-Energy’s uranium project and the dangers of the Russian Suspension Agreement**

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“When you talk about our quarter and our seventh year we are very pleased,” Jeffrey Klenda, Chairman, President, and CEO of [Ur-Energy Inc.](#) (NYSE American: URG | TSX: URE), told InvestorIntel’s Tracy Weslosky in an interview. “We started production in August of 2013. The thing that is most astonishing about it is that during that time we have emerged as one of the lowest cost producers, not just in North America but globally.”

“Our recovery rate is in excess of 90%,” Klenda told InvestorIntel. “We are still producing out of our first mine unit, seven years after we first started production there. That is extraordinary considering that most mine units last about two to three years before they are done. It’s a beast of a project. We are in the second mine unit now and we have ten mine units to go after this. So, it is going to be a long life project.”

Jeffrey went on to speak about the Russian Suspension Agreement. He said that the Agreement has morphed into a way for Russian companies to dump nuclear fuel into the US market. As a result, the US has developed an inordinate dependency on the Russian supply. He cautioned, "it is an unwise energy policy and it is downright dangerous national security policy."

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