

NexGen Reports 2021 Exploration and Site Geotechnical Confirmation Drilling Results

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VANCOUVER, BC, Jan. 27, 2022 /CNW/ - [NexGen Energy Ltd.](#) ("NexGen" or the "Company") (TSX: NXE) (NYSE: NXG) is pleased to announce radioactivity results and the completion of the 2021 field programs that focused on exploration and detailed geotechnical site confirmation program at the Arrow Deposit ("Arrow" or the "Project") at the 100% owned, Rook I, in the Athabasca Basin, Saskatchewan.

2021 Exploration Program Highlights:

The 2021 exploration program completed 18 drill holes for a total of 10,849.04 m, of which 6,400.31 m targeted electron conductors (conductors) that neighbour the one hosting Arrow and 4,448.73 m targeted significantly below the current Arrow Deposit. See Figure 1 for exploration drill hole locations..

- AR-21-268 ("Below Arrow") intersected 8.5 m of total composite mineralization, including 6.5 m up to 3,530 cps from 1135.0 m downhole. This intersection is located approximately 230 m below and SE of the current defined mineral domains at Arrow (Figure 2).
- RK-21-140 (Camp East Target on the Patterson Corridor) intersected anomalous radioactivity up to 1,380 counts (cps) from 166.0 to 167.0 m downhole. Finely disseminated uraninite was intersected with associated hematite and alteration in a silicified orthogneiss.
- Drilling on the Derkson and Derkson West conductors intersected intervals of brittle structural disruption and hydrothermal alteration consistent with those recognized in uranium bearing systems. Hole RK-21-136 (Derkson West target) intersected 0.5 m of anomalous radioactivity up to 3,100 cps from 166.5 to 167.0 m downhole.

See Table 1 for scintillometer results.

Leigh Curyer, Chief Executive Officer, commented: "The 2021 exploration results have confirmed the unprecedented potential for discovery of additional Arrow type mineralization zones at Rook I, particularly, considering the limited number of holes completed during the short season as a consequence of the pandemic. In addition, the site geotechnical confirmation drilling confirmed the highly competent ground conditions for development and operation, which have been incorporated into the Environmental Impact Study scheduled for completion this quarter. NexGen is entering a very exciting 2022 with the start of Rook I's development, continued exploration of numerous targets and initiation of site based infrastructure activities, during a time when the global population is recognizing the significant importance of nuclear energy in providing baseload clean air energy."

Grant Greenwood, Vice President, Exploration, commented: "The results highlight additional mineralization is present below Arrow that was not previously identified in the resource wireframes. In addition, regional results along the Patterson and Derkson conductors have identified numerous new intersections of radioactivity, brittle structural disruption, and hydrothermal alteration, significantly elevating the prospectivity of those targets for immediate follow up in 2022."

2021 Exploration Drilling Objectives:

"Below Arrow"

Based on structural interpretation and geophysical anomalies that extend below current known uranium mineralization at Arrow, three (3) diamond drill holes were designed as greater than 300 m steps down-dip from current Arrow Deposit wireframes. Intersections of anomalous radioactivity in two (2) of the three (3) holes exemplifies that mineralization exists below the Arrow Deposit wireframes, indicating further mineralization potential at depth.

"Regional"

The primary focus of the 2021 regional exploration program tested conductors parallel and east of the conductor that is hosting the Arrow Deposit along with other NexGen discoveries, including South Arrow, Cannon, Bow and Harpoon. These parallel conductors display stacked geophysical anomalies that share similar characteristics to those initially highlighting Arrow as a prospective target. Results of the 2021 regional exploration program demonstrate fertility of the conductors located on the Camp East, Derkson and Derkson West target areas. Intersections of brittle structural disruption that include alteration and anomalous radioactivity provide guidance for follow-up exploration in vectoring towards potential economic accumulations of uranium.

Figure 1: 2021 Exploration - Drill holes Completed

Figure 2: 2021 Below Arrow Exploration - Drill holes Completed - Plan View (left) and Cross Section looking Northeast (right).

Table 1: 2021 Exploration Drill Hole Data

Note: Radioactivity is gamma radiation measured in counts per second (cps) from drill core using a handheld RS-125 scintillometer. Assay results are pending

Drill Hole			Unconformity Depth - Basement Depth (m)		Handheld Scintillometer Results (RS-125)			
Hole ID	Azimuth	Dip	Total Depth (m)		From (m)	To (m)	Width (m)	CPS
AR-21-266	314	-73	1482.73	129.50	1058.50	1060.00	1.50	<500
AR-21-266a	314	-73	120.00	N/A	No Anomalous Radioactivity			
AR-21-267	314	-73	1446.00	117.30	No Anomalous Radioactivity			
AR-21-268	314	-73	1400.00	113.75	964.00	965.50	1.50	<500
					1125.00	1125.50	0.50	<500
					1128.50	1135.00	6.50	<500
RK-21-131	300	-65	501.00	51.00	No Anomalous Radioactivity			
RK-21-132	300	-65	468.00	34.00	No Anomalous Radioactivity			
RK-21-133	300	-65	555.00	49.00	No Anomalous Radioactivity			
RK-21-134	300	-65	516.63	57.70	No Anomalous Radioactivity			
RK-21-135	310	-70	534.00	81.00	273.00	273.50	0.50	<500
RK-21-136	310	-70	447.00	88.10	166.50	167.00	0.50	<500
					319.50	320.50	1.00	<500
RK-21-137	310	-70	534.00	90.70	No Anomalous Radioactivity			
RK-21-138a	310	-70	96.88	90.00	No Anomalous Radioactivity			
RK-21-138	310	-70	486.00	82.30	No Anomalous Radioactivity			
RK-21-139	315	-65	495.00	84.00	No Anomalous Radioactivity			
RK-21-140	315	-70	479.40	80.95	88.50	89.50	1.00	<500
					166.00	167.00	1.00	<500
RK-21-141	315	-70	488.00	92.10	No Anomalous Radioactivity			
RK-21-142	315	-70	465.00	84.00	No Anomalous Radioactivity			
RK-21-143	315	-70	334.40	79.90	No Anomalous Radioactivity			

2021 Site Confirmation Program Highlights:

Simultaneous to the regional exploration drill program, field work was completed in support of Front-End Engineering Design (FEED) studies.

(FEED), which consisted of two components:

1. Surface studies to confirm near-surface geotechnical conditions in locations of surface infrastructure and assess borrow pit locations to support the completion of FEED, detailed engineering, and execution planning; and
2. Diamond drilling to confirm rock mass characteristics proximal to the planned underground Life-of-Mine (LOM) infrastructure and Underground Tailings Management Facility (UGTMF).

The field work associated with the surface studies encompassed 18 sonic drill holes with various geophysical testing and piezometer installations, and the excavation of 93 test pits ± plate load testing. 72 of the test pits and all 18 of the sonic holes were dedicated to confirming the subsurface conditions beneath proposed surface infrastructure, such as the mine terrace and ore storage stockpiles, the airstrip, access road, and various ancillary structures. The remaining 21 test pits evaluated borrow source materials.

The drilling of seven (7) HQ diamond drill holes (GAR-21-037 to GAR-21-043) for a total of 5,076.45 m (Figure 3) were completed as part of the 2021 program. All holes were geotechnically logged under RMR89 logging criteria, nested vibrating wire piezometers (VWP) were installed in three (3) holes, and four (4) holes were sampled for geomechanical characterization. Point load tests, density measurements, and acoustic televiewer surveys were completed on all holes. Hydraulic packer testing was performed on all holes to measure water conductivity in various rock units and along structures. Results confirmed the rock mass with low hydraulic conductivity proximal to the UGTMF and LOM infrastructure to be competent, largely unaltered and structureless, and measured to be consistent with hydraulic conductivity which are all beneficial geotechnical and hydrogeological properties for the development and maintenance of underground infrastructure. The program confirmed the low hydraulic conductivity assumed in previous engineering studies, validated the location and relative position of the UGTMF, shafts, and LOM infrastructure, and substantiated the ground conditions and design of the UGTMF.

Figure 3: Plan view of the geotechnical drill hole traces underlain with the Feasibility Study Mine Design.

About NexGen

NexGen is a British Columbia corporation focused on the development of the Rook I Project located in the southwestern part of the Athabasca Basin, Saskatchewan, Canada into production. The Rook I Project is supported by a NI 43-101 compliant Feasibility Study. The study outlines elite environmental performance as well as industry leading economics. Rook I hosts the Arrow Deposit that has Measured Mineral Resources of 209.6 M lbs of U₃O₈ contained in 2.18 M tonnes grading 4.35% U₃O₈, Indicated Mineral Resources of 47.1 M lbs of U₃O₈ contained in 1.57 M tonnes grading 1.36% U₃O₈, and Inferred Mineral Resources of 10.4 M lbs of U₃O₈ contained in 4.40 M tonnes grading 0.83% U₃O₈.

NexGen has a highly experienced team of uranium industry professionals with a successful track record in the discovery and development of uranium deposits and in developing projects through discovery to production. The Company is the recipient of the 2018 PDAC Environmental Award for Canadian mineral discovery and the 2019 PDAC Environmental and Social Responsibility Award.

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Technical Disclosure

All technical information in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Anthony (Tony) George, P. Eng., NexGen's Project Officer and Matthew Batty, P. Geo., NexGen's Geology and Resource Lead, as qualified persons under National Instrument 43-101.

A technical report in respect of the FS is filed on SEDAR (www.sedar.com) and EDGAR (www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml) and is available for review on NexGen Energy's website (www.nexgenenergy.ca).

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