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## Enrichment: Present and Projected Future Supply and Demand

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#### **Nuclear Fuel Process**





#### **Demand for Enrichment Services**



**Demand for SWU is driven by:** 

- Load factors and reload patterns of operating plants
- Uprating MWe of operating plants
- Extended lifetimes
- Technical, economic or political shutdowns
- Ongoing and planned new build
- Timing of first cores for new reactors
- Fuel cycle lead times
- Uranium prices influencing tails assays
- MOX fuel utilization

#### Enrichment Market Shares: Worldwide – 2008 Estimate





## **Enrichment – A Long Term View**



**Ongoing and future developments include:** 

- Replacement of old enrichment capacity (GDP and centrifuge) with new centrifuge capacity
- Major capital investment in capacity
- Investment will only be made if desired rate of return can be achieved
- Modular installation adjusted from time to time to match forecast SWU demand
- Ensuring long-term reliable supply and a competitive market

## **Enrichment Demand: Worldwide Forecasts**





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# URENCO Capacity Build-up: 1975 - 2015





## Forecast Supply/Demand Balance: All Planned Supply Sources





## **Typical Utility Supply Portfolio**





#### **Contracting for Uranium versus Primary Exports**





#### Summary



- Long-term fuel cycle contracts provide reliable supply at predictable cost
- By 2015 all operating enrichment capacity may be based on centrifuge
- Enrichment capacity expansion will be modular and adjusted to meet demand in a competitive market
- Two primary sources of technology (ETC or Russia) can provide all required capacity worldwide
- Sufficient enrichment capacity can be installed on time to meet forecast SWU demand for existing and new NPP worldwide