

UraniumSA produces yellowcake at Eyre Peninsula project

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PERTH (miningweekly.com) – ASX-listed junior UraniumSA has produced its first yellowcake from minerals taken from its Blackbush deposit, in the Mullaquana uranium project, in South Australia's Eyre Peninsula.

UraniumSA produced the yellowcake in its laboratory, resulting in a high-grade product containing 85% uranium metal.

A bulk core sample from the Blackbush deposit was leached using an acidified seawater solution, and the dissolved uranium was recovered using two different resins, which were then separately stripped of uranium and yellowcake product precipitate.

The uranium hopeful specialises in sediment-hosted styles of uranium mineralisation within its portfolio of properties in South Australia. The inventory of sediment-hosted uranium mineralisation in the Blackbush and Plumbush deposits, within the Mullaquana project, equated to some 19 000 t of uranium oxide.

The Blackbush deposit was being advanced towards the start of a field trial for an on-site recovery operation with a production objective of late 2012 or early 2013.

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