



# NTP Radioisotopes SOC Ltd

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**All LEU Mo-99 production Experience**

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# Who are we?

- Owns and operates the SAFARI-1 nuclear reactor
- Manufactures and supplies significant quantities of  $^{99}\text{Mo}$  to the global nuclear medicine industry
- LEU targets irradiated in the LEU fueled SAFARI-1
- All LEU  $^{99}\text{Mo}$  is currently routinely manufactured





# Who are we?

## Radiochemicals

Mo-99, I-131, Lu-177n.c.a

## Radioactive Sources

Ir-192, Cs-137, Co-60

## Irradiation Services

Neutron Transmutation doping of Silicon, Neutron  
Irradiation Services

## Radiopharmaceuticals

NovaTec-P Tc-99 Generator, FDG, MIBG, Cold kits, I-131  
Capsules and Solution, Lu-177 DOTATATE & PSMA

## Radiation Technology Products

Transport containers



# Who are we?



# Current Status

Year	Event
2007/8	Theoretical feasibility studies & cold experiments
2009	NNR approval received for test stage and first hot runs commence
2010	Hot runs, process validation, regulatory approval
Sep 2010	US FDA approves LEU <sup>99</sup> Mo for a customer in the US
Dec 2010	First large scale commercial FDA approved batch of LEU <sup>99</sup> Mo produced and shipped to US for patient use
Jun 2011	Routine commercial supply of LEU <sup>99</sup> Mo commenced
Jul 2011	Commencement with LEU <sup>131</sup> I development and licensing
Sep 2011	Commencement of investment in plant modifications for increased LEU residue storage requirements

# Current Status

Year	Event
Jan 2014	Hot commissioning of new LEU specific production line
Dec 2014	Commencement of project to manufacture & install 2 <sup>nd</sup> LEU design dissolver cell
Jan 2017	Hot Commissioning tests of new uranium residue facility commence
Apr 2018	Last of <sup>131</sup> I customers complete their validations and regulatory approval for LEU based <sup>131</sup> I from NTP
Jun 2018	All LEU based <sup>99</sup> Mo and <sup>131</sup> I production
2020/2021	Covid-19 challenges
Jan 2022	Completion of Hot Commissioning of uranium residue facility
Current	Routine, reliable, safe all LEU <sup>99</sup> Mo and <sup>131</sup> I production



# Current Status

## Previously

- 2 production lines (HEU design)

## Currently

- 1 LEU designed and 1 HEU designed production line

## Future

- 2 LEU designed and 1 HEU designed backup production line

LEU based Mo-99 production





# Reflections

Technically feasible

More challenging  
production operations

Production despite  
Covid

Demonstrated Reliable all  
LEU production

Thank you for your attention

