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Hello! My name is Marc Meleard. I am the General Director at Badrakh Energy LLC, a joint venture between Mon-Atom LLC and Orano Mining. I am a metallurgical engineer by profession. I am very happy to be speaking to you on this edition of #HumansofAmCham.

I've been with Orano since 2009. I worked in different uranium extraction projects in operation, underground and ISR technologies in Niger and Kazakhstan. Before being appointed to Mongolia, I worked as the manager of the Technical Direction in Orano Mining Head Office. This direction ensures the technical support of all mining projects and subsidiaries in Mongolia, Canada, Niger, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

I worked at open pit, underground and also ISR uranium mines operated by Orano Mining. In every and each country where we are Orano Mining develops a responsible mining. Uranium is mined in respect with all safety and security standards and requirements.

I arrived in July of 2021 after being appointed to manage the Zuuvch Ovoo project. Managing a completely new project which will start the production for the first time is a great responsibility for me. I consider it a matter of honor to start and write the history of this project on a "white paper".

As I like snowboarding and trekking, Mongolia is a perfect place for these activities. I enjoy trekking during weekends not far away from Ulaanbaatar and for snowboarding I am passionately waiting for winter 2022 to come.

I think Mongolia is a paradise for those who love also photographing wildlife. I see your country has number of highly talented photographs of wildlife.

Orano Mining is pursuing a diversification policy for its production portfolio. Zuuvch Ovoo is one of the ten largest deposits in the world by its uranium reserves. With the revival of nuclear energy in Europe, Mongolia and across the world, and about 100,000 tons of registered uranium resources discovered by Orano Mining geologists, we have an opportunity to become a permanent participant in the global energy sector. It is an important contributor the global climate effort within the international community.

Collective awareness of the climate emergency has shaped the year 2021. It has clarified energy priorities and put nuclear power back at the heart of the debate. Nuclear energy is now recognized as a key component of the low-carbon energy mix alongside renewable energy sources.

It is now clear that our economies cannot afford not to include nuclear power in their mix if they are to meet their obligations in terms of greenhouse gas reductions while at the same time responding to exponential demand for electricity.

Thank you for reading my story so far, as I look forward to developing the project further for the prosperity of Mongolia and its stakeholders, let's join in hand to promote socially responsible projects.

