

The Mount Spurr Geothermal Project

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Ormat Brings Credibility

NYSE: "ORA"

Market Cap. : \$1.39B**

LTM Revenues: ~\$375M

- A leader in geothermal power
- Owns and operates 538* MW worldwide
- Supplied approximately 1,300 MW to 24 countries
- Vertically integrated:
 - Explores, develops, engineers, manufactures, constructs, operates
- Employs 470 people in the U.S. ; >1,000 worldwide;

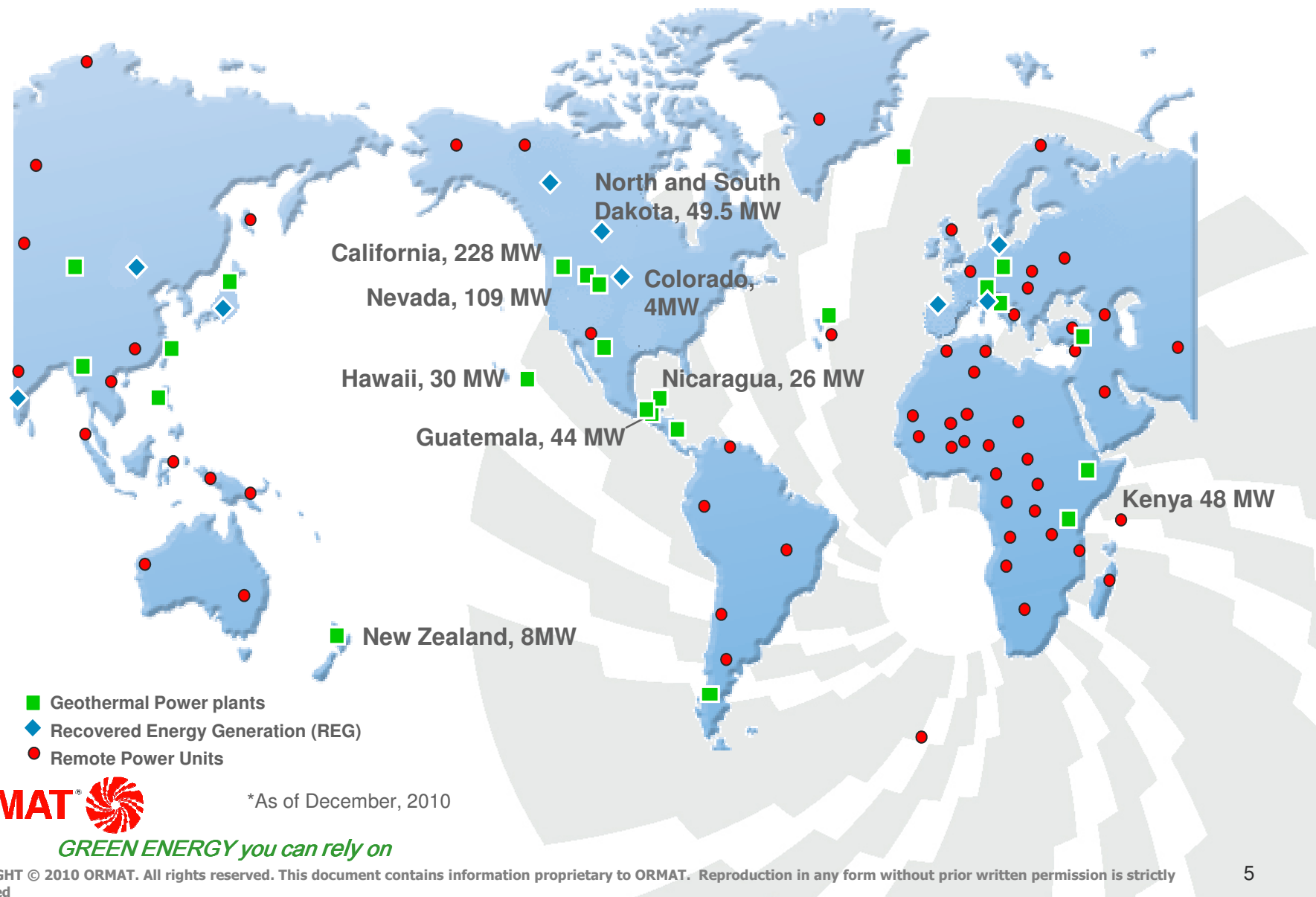


*As of December, 2010, including the 50 MW of North Brawley in California which operated at approx. 25 MW

**As of January 21, 2011

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Global Presence*; 71 Countries



Ormat's Commitment to Alaska

- >100 Remote Power Units
 - Serving remote gate valves
 - TransAlaska Pipeline
 - Since 1975
- First geothermal unit
 - Tested in 1979
 - University of Alaska Fairbanks
 - At Manley hot springs
- Approx. \$5 million of Ormat equity invested in Mt. Spurr to date



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30 Years of Ormat in Alaska

1970-2006

ORMAT Energy Converters (OEC) powering 62 Remote Gate Valve stations along the TransAlaska Pipeline, since 1976

OEC Prototype for TAPS Tested at UAF, 1970

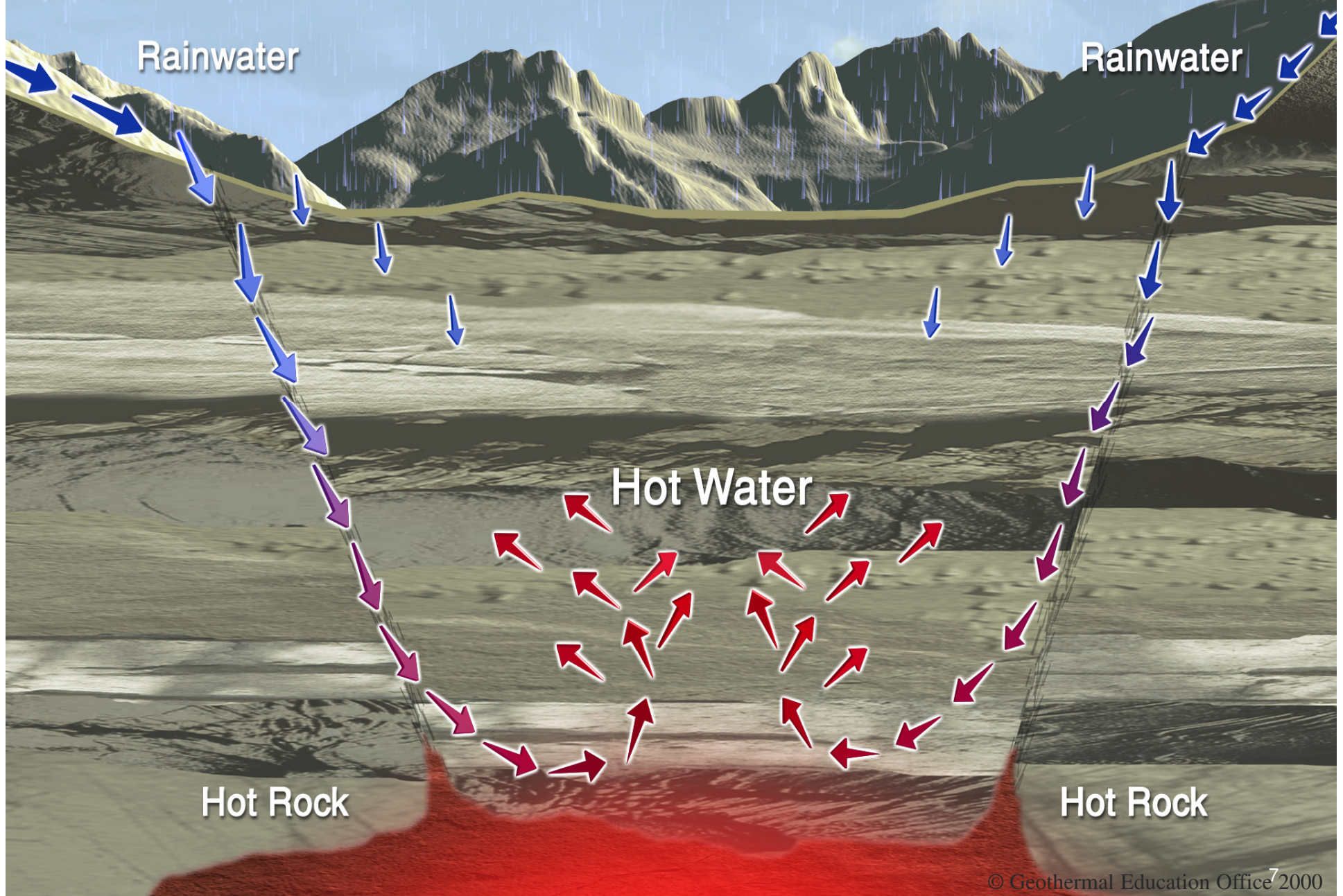
4 kW Geothermal OEC at UAF, 1977

Time,
the Only True Test of
Reliability

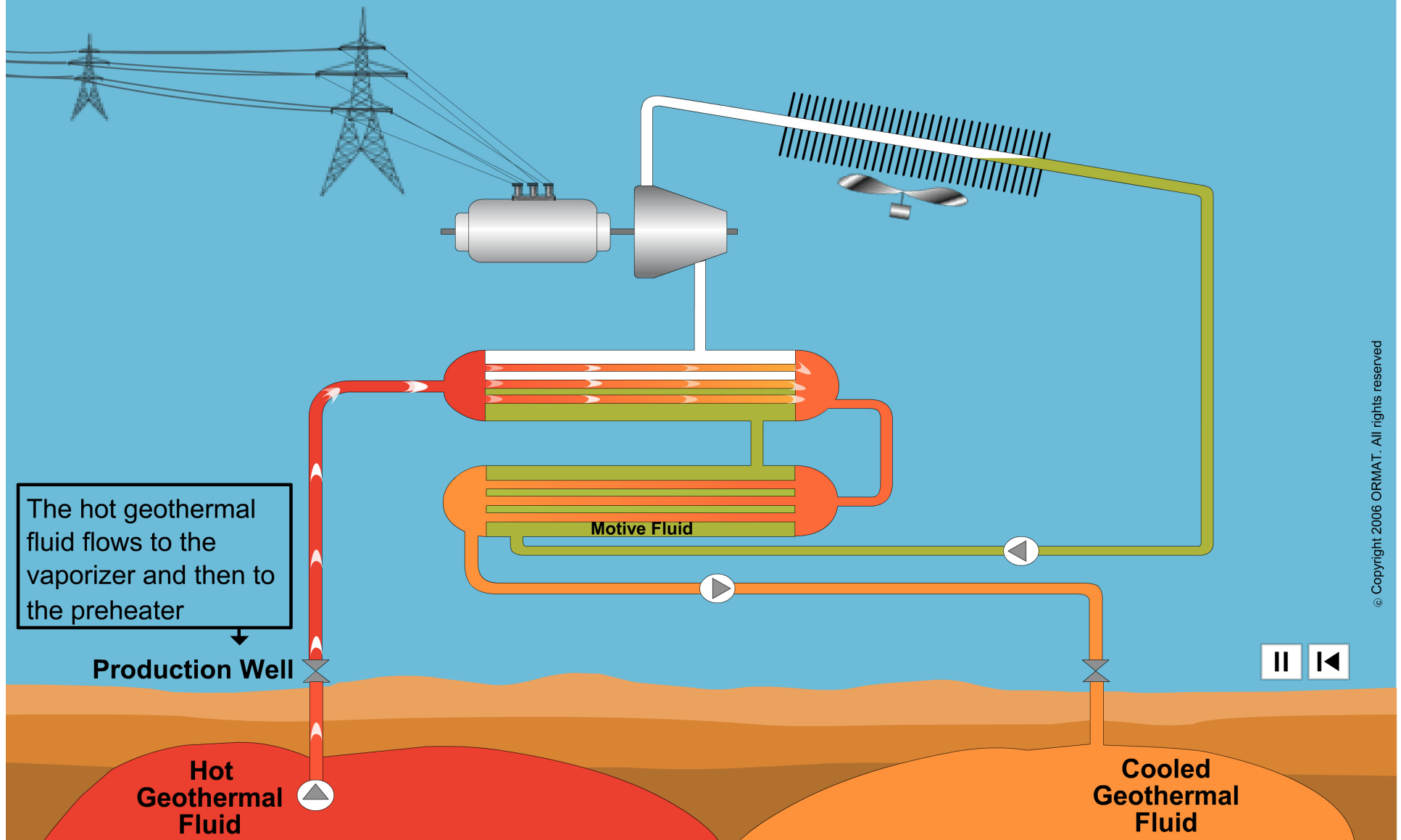
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Geothermal Reservoir



Air-Cooled Binary Geothermal Power Plant



Geothermal – Key Attributes

- Utilities' renewable energy of choice:
 - Base-load generation
 - Cost-competitive
 - Highly reliable; >>95% availability
 - Proven technology: ~10,000 MW deployed worldwide
- No fuel cost risk; Fixed long-term pricing
- Sustainable & environmentally friendly
 - Closed loop system with near zero emissions
 - No water consumption [Mt. Spurr plant will be air-cooled]
 - Minimal surface and visual impact
- Creates long-term, high-quality jobs



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Geothermal – Development Inhibitors

- Resources are scarce
- High upfront CAPEX and risk required in order to discover and confirm the resource



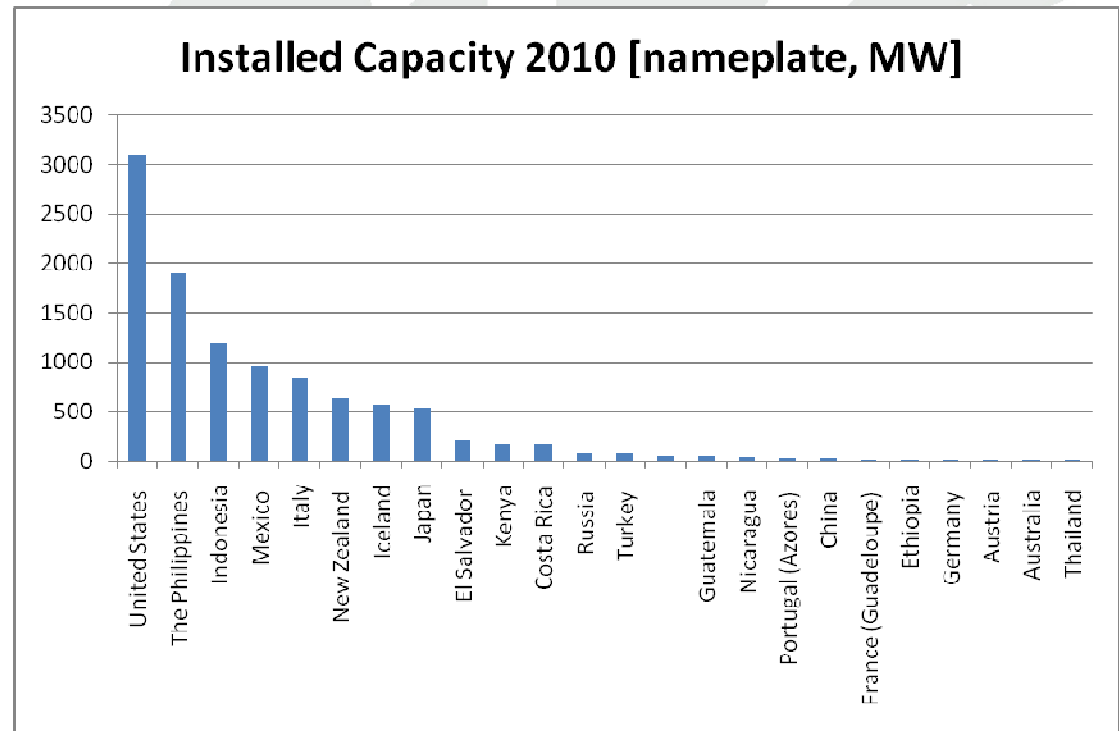
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Worldwide Deployment

- Approximately 11,000 MW deployed world-wide
- 24 nations have utility-scale geothermal generation
 - US is the world leader, with plants in CA, NV, HI, UT, ID
- Supportive policies have been key to success in all nations

Source: International Geothermal Association



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Mt. Spurr Geothermal Project



Mt. Spurr Summit – 6 Aug 2009



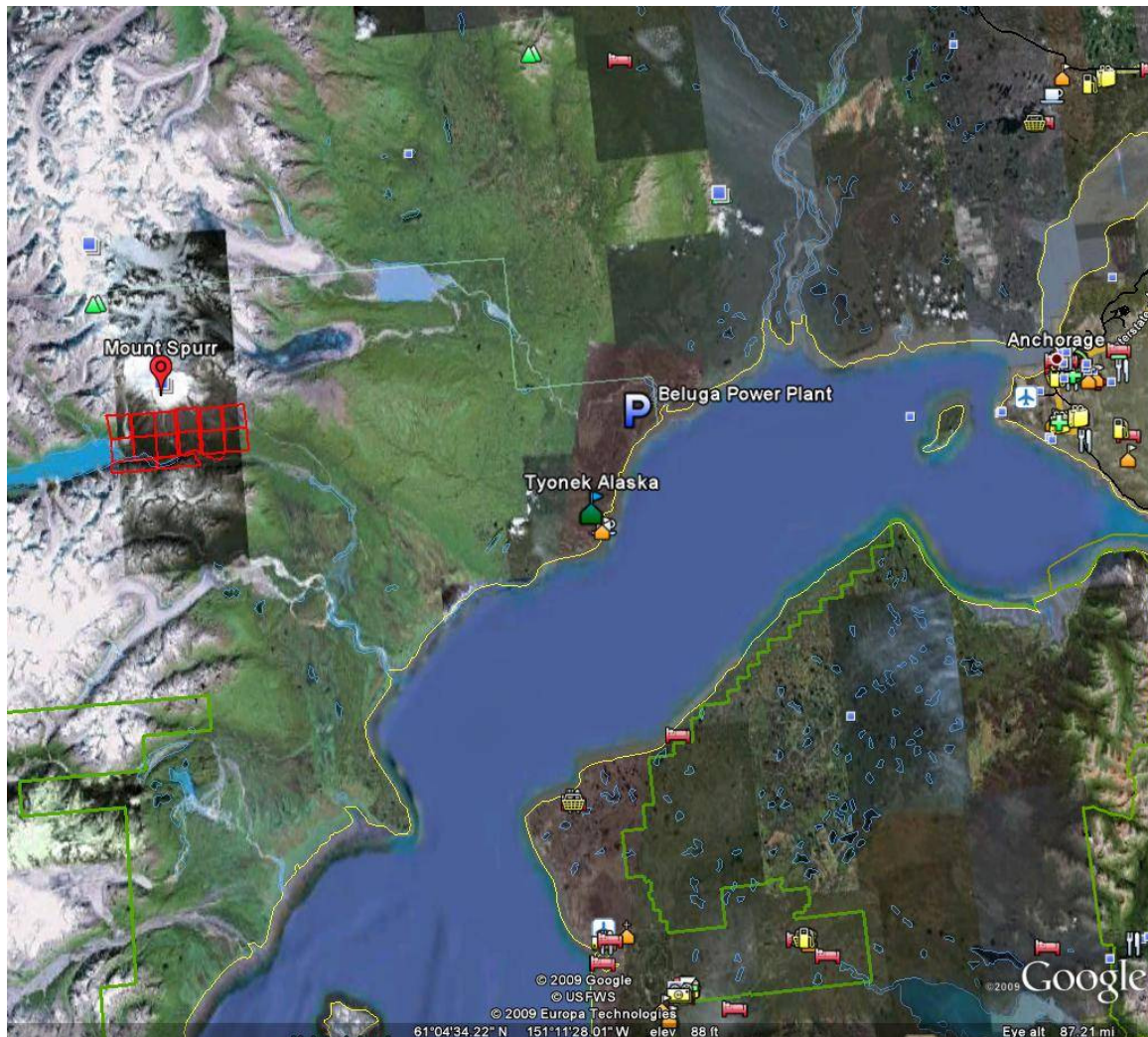
Core drilling, September 2010



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Location



West Cook Inlet

~75 miles west of
Anchorage

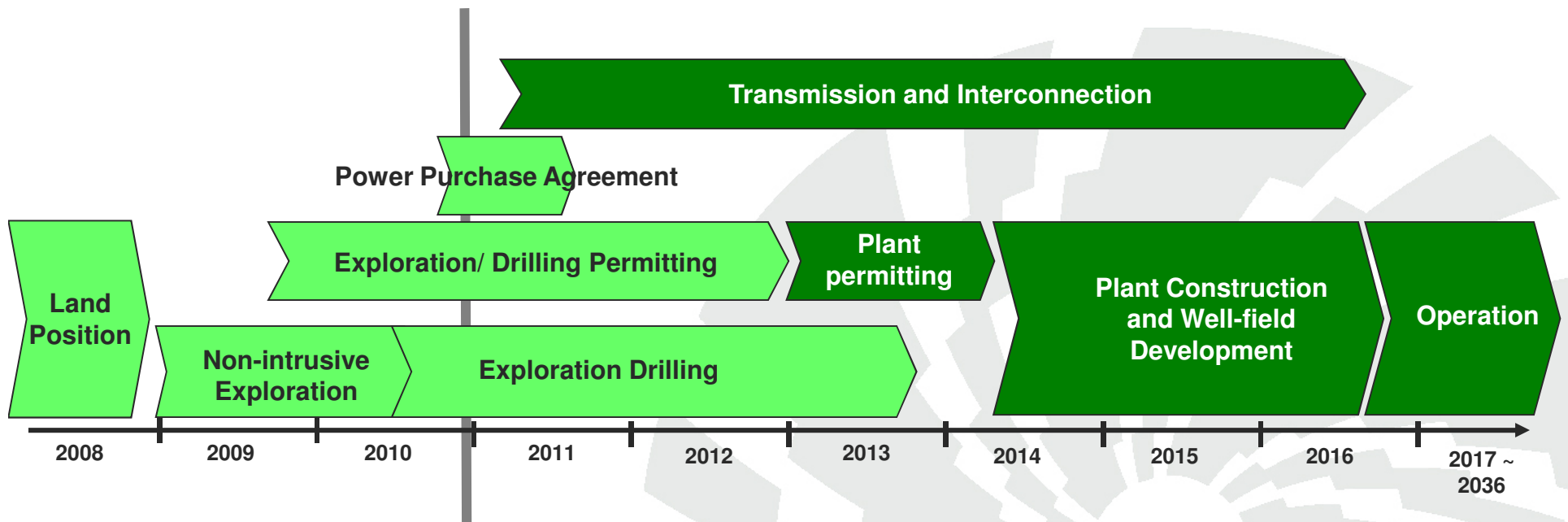


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1. Mt. Spurr – Estimated Timeline



- 36,000 acres of state lands leased in October, 2008
- Non-Intrusive exploration conducted summer of 2009 and of 2010
- Two exploration core holes (~1,000 ft) drilled in September 2010



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Core Drilling



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Encouraging Results to Date

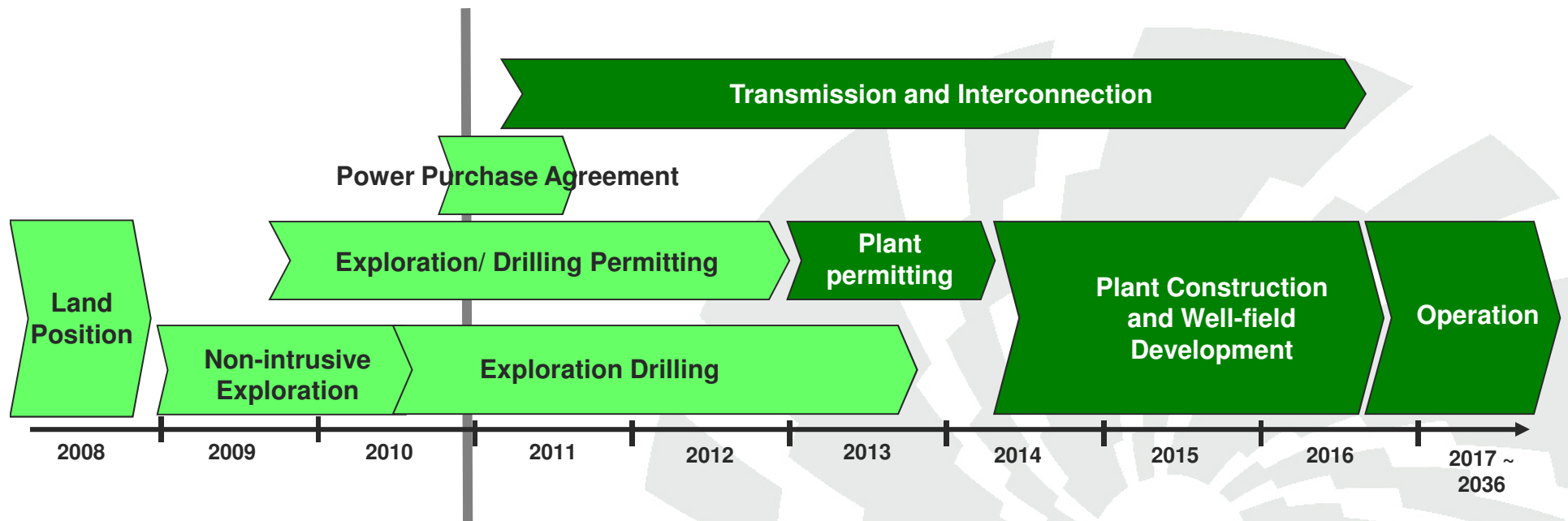
- Shallow water shows mixing with hot geothermal fluids
- Evidence of multiple geologic faults that could be accommodating geothermal resources at depth
- Geochemistry indicating high temp resource at depth
- But, additional drilling is required in order to confirm the existence of a commercial geothermal resource at depth



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Mt. Spurr – Expected Next Steps




- Additional, deeper (up to 4,000 ft) core holes planned for summer 2011
- First full-size production well planned for 2012

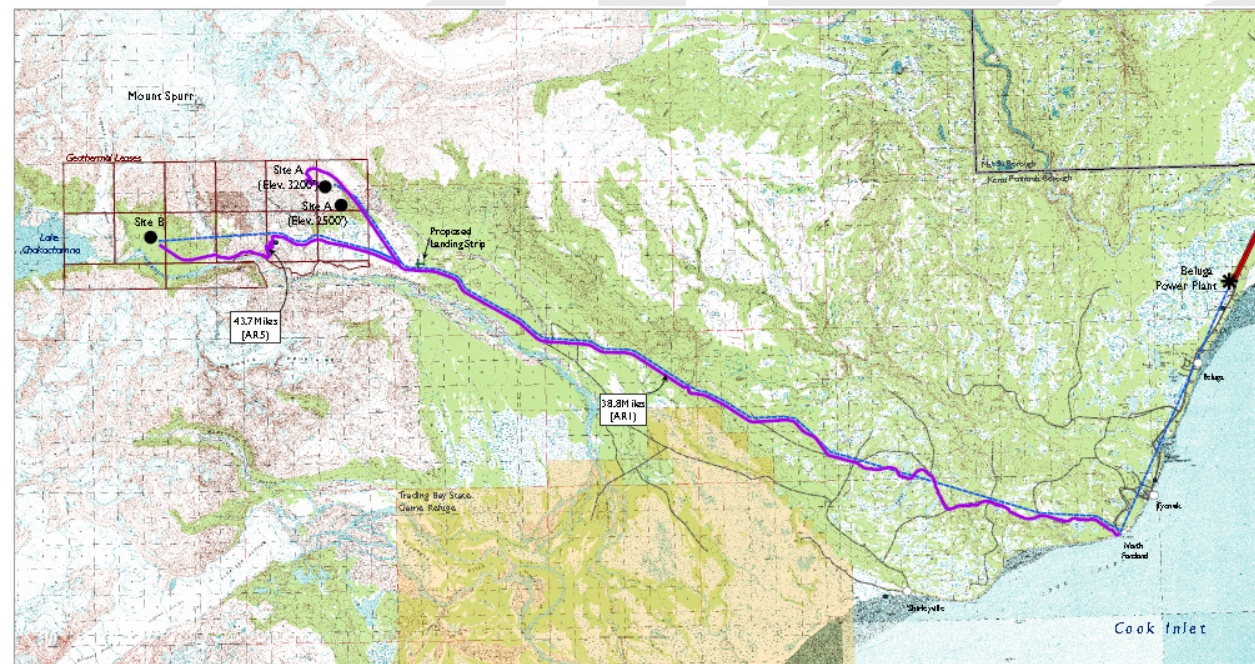


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2. Infrastructure Needs

- ~40 miles of T-line to Chugach Electric's Beluga plant
 - Chugach plans to commence a detailed routing study in 2011
 - ~25 miles of permanent access road
 - \$70 - \$80m
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- An aerial photograph of a coastal region, likely Alaska, showing a proposed pipeline route. The route is marked with a red line that follows the coastline and then turns inland. The terrain is a mix of green (vegetation) and brown (bare ground or water). A small inset map in the bottom right corner shows the location of the project area within a larger regional context.




Recommended Alternatives

Legend

- Recommended Transmission Line
 Existing Transmission Line
 Trading Bay State Game Refuge
 Recommended Access Road
 Other Roads
 Proposed Landing Strips
  Communities
 Geothermal Leases

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1 in = 3 miles



0 5 10 miles

Mount Spurr Geothermal

Figure 6



3. Expected Amount of Power to Railbelt

- Estimated at 50~100 MW net
- At 95% availability: 416.1 ~ 832.2 GWh / year



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4. Likelihood to Completion

- Technology-wise: Very likely
 - Practically no technology risk
 - Ormat has built dozens of plants worldwide, ~1300 MW
- Resource-wise: Likely
 - Preliminary geological analysis is encouraging; however
 - Significant exploration required to prove and size the resource
- Business-wise:
 - Need a Power Purchase Agreement
 - Need State commitment to build transmission line and access road



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5. Permitting Roadblocks

- Area was studied by DNR and findings were published as part of the leasing process
- Ormat working with all relevant agencies (DNR, ADEC, AOGCC, USF&WS, etc.)
- All permits for the 2010 exploration and drilling campaigns received on time with no major issues
- No major challenges identified looking forward
 - Little to no impact on wildlife, water sources , wetlands, etc.



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6. Project Endorsed by:

- All Railbelt utilities: ARCTEC and ML&P
- Nearest communities:
 - Tyonek
 - Kenai Peninsula Borough
 - Anchorage
- Environmental and renewable energy communities:
 - Cook Inletkeeper
 - Renewable Energy Alaska Project (REAP)
 - Homer Electric Association Members Forum (HEAMF)
 - Alaska Center for Appropriate Technology (ACAT)



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7. Ormat Brings the Cash

- Sources of capital for exploration, development and construction:
 - Mostly Ormat equity
 - Awarded \$2 million from the AEA Renewable Energy Grant Fund, round III, matched by \$2.1 million
 - Recommended for an additional \$2 million in round IV
- Ormat typically re-finances plants using term debt



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8. Cost of Power to Utility(s)

- 12-13 c/kWh (2011 \$\$), with 1.5% yearly escalation
- All green attributes will be conveyed to the off-taker(s)
- No additional integration costs to be incurred by utilities
- Price will be guaranteed for 25 years, regardless of fossil fuel costs



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9. Legislative needs

- SB243 (reduction in geothermal royalties on state lands) passed in 2010 removed a major inhibitor
 - Cut the power to ratepayers by close to 1 c/kWh
- Additional incentives, e.g. a 30% refundable tax credit for geothermal exploration and development, are needed in order to get the cost down to utilities' expectations and enable reaching a Power Purchase Agreement
- Mechanisms will be put in place to make sure that all incentives are passed through to the ratepayer



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9. Legislative needs (cont'd)

- \$70-80 million direct appropriation to fund transmission line to Beluga and access road
 - This appropriation will be contingent on:
 - Ormat's success in confirming the geothermal resource
 - Signing a Power Purchase Agreement
- Additional funding to cost-share the expensive 2012 full-size drilling plan



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Core drilling, September 2010



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