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Dear Bob,

REF: Dounreay PBO Competition – Socio Economic Approach

At our meeting with the Dounreay Stakeholder Group on July 14<sup>th</sup> you asked that we update our Competition Programme Board on our discussion and specifically your requirement “that DSG wanted to see the weightings of the criteria and for NDA to respond on whether this would be possible”.

In line with this, when the Competition Programme Board met on August 10<sup>th</sup>, David Hughes briefed them on the discussions which had taken place between us and also your request to see the weightings of the award criteria.

An extract of the Competition Programme Board Minutes is set out below:

“Item 7                      Socio-economics

DH advised that the Dounreay Stakeholder Group (DSG) had formally requested early sight of the award evaluation criteria and weightings, and had asked also to be permitted to participate in the evaluation of socio-economic proposals contained in final tenders. DSG had also asked specifically that governance bodies be alerted to these DSG requests.

A response had been provided to the DSG which stated that:

- The development of the award criteria and weightings is not complete, and these cannot be published or shared until the work is complete and governance approval has been secured via the ITPD.



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- When the ITPD is approved for issue to participants, the NDA will be able to provide sight of the approved award evaluation information.
- The NDA cannot allow 3<sup>rd</sup> party involvement in the evaluation of highly commercially sensitive final tenders. However, the NDA will use its own socio-economic subject matter experts in these elements of the evaluation, and the evaluation will be undertaken against the framework of socio-economic requirements which have been agreed in consultation with local stakeholders.

Whilst noting and acknowledging the DSG's intense interest in this key aspect of the evaluation, the CPB endorsed the content of the response which had been provided." \_

As you can see from this extract, our senior management and governance authorities understand and acknowledge, the importance of socio-economic considerations for the DSG but equally have recognised the clear legal constraints under which the competition must be conducted, and endorsed the position of the competition team.

As agreed in July we are now seeking a date for a further update meeting with DSG in September where we will be happy to provide a more general update on competition progress at that time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Rankin', is written over a horizontal line.

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