



## **DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009**

Full minutes of the meeting will be available in early July. This document is to allow DSG representatives to cascade to their respective organisations.

- **NDA competition Industry Event:** Following discussion with NDA it has been agreed that the first part of the Dounreay competition industry event will be hosted in Caithness by DSG. The aim is to give potential bidders details of the competition to secure a Parent Body Organisation (PBO) for the Dounreay Site Licence Company (SLC). Hosting the first part of the two day event in Caithness will enable bidders to meet key local stakeholders and hear first hand the socio economic impact of the closure of the site and the Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership's plans to diversify the economy. The second day will be held in Edinburgh or Glasgow and will outline the overall aim and scope of the contract, the detailed timetable, and the process to be followed. *A DSG steering group will be set up to draft an agenda for the day – NDA will resource and fund arrangements.*
- **Reduction of Dounreay Emergency Zone:** Donald Norrie (Highland Council, Emergency Planning) provided a briefing on the planned reduction of the Dounreay Emergency zone.
- **Future of Vulcan:** Nigel Canty, MOD Vulcan provided an update on site operations and responded to a list of questions on the future of the Vulcan site (DSG(2009)C046 refers).
- **NDA Chief Executive:** NDA announced the appointment of new Chief Executive, Tony Fountain who will take up post in October 2009.
- **DSG sub group reports:** Minutes of all sub group meetings were circulated to members.

### Admin and procedures sub group:

- DSG finances were audited with no issues raised.
- Terms of Reference amended following AGM.
- Membership continues to be reviewed.

### Site operations sub group:

- Maintenance programme at Vulcan almost complete.
- Staffing numbers at Vulcan expected to remain until 2012-14.
- DSRL concentrating on safety culture on site.
- DFR NaK Disposal Plant restarted – 10% of hazard reduced.
- Over 31,500 airline suit entries were undertaken on site last year.
- DVD available on [www.Dounreay.com](http://www.Dounreay.com) on decommissioning activities (*members invite to feedback any views*)
- NII moving out of mainstream HSE and into a statutory corporation.
- NDA business plan now published.
- Funding for the site confirmed at £156M, funded at £153M (takes into account 3% efficiencies)
- DSRL lifetime plan submitted to NDA.

### Environment sub group

- All waste options study now submitted to SEPA (information on website).
- Briefing on site discharge authorisation reflecting change from operational to decommissioning activities. (*Presentation will be made available at next DSG meeting*).

- SEPA updated on change of approach for consulting on authorisation for the low level waste facility.
- NDA consultation started on low level waste strategy (*members invited to provide secretary with input*).
- Particles progress update covering offshore clean up, new expert group (Particles Retrieval Advisory Group – PRAG) and update on monitoring beaches. (*ESG invited to consider representative to observe at PRAG meetings*).
- Sandside beach: Members had been informed in afternoon that access to Sandside had been withdrawn. At DSG in the evening a representative from Sandside Estate requested that a statement from the landowner be read out which will be fully minuted in main minutes.

Socio Economic sub group:

- Community fund requests approved (C025 and C034 refer).
  - Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership is now producing one report covering all activities by the key partners.
  - A project manager for the national nuclear archive has been appointed and will start in July.
  - Caithness Chamber of Commerce membership continues to increase and a number of events have been organised.
  - Caithness Conference will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> October with Rt Hon. Jim Murphy MP as keynote speaker. (A youth conference will also be held).
  - DSG/Wick & Thurso Trade Union Councils attended political conferences delivering key messages for regeneration of the area. Representatives also attended the STUC in Perth. A number of follow up contacts will be made.
  - Sale of UKAEA Ltd was noted and the contract for IT services has now been transferred to CSC (Computer Sciences Ltd).
  - DSG sub group had written to NDA supporting a submission for funding for National Mod activities.
  - North Highland College provided an update on the engineering training facilities and expansion of the environment research institute.
- Community development fund: Progress continues. DSG working group still in existence, working in partnership with Highland Council, to identify funding body and process of setting up funding organisation.
- Attendance at Scottish/National events: DSG representatives attended:
- Scottish Sites meeting in Edinburgh
  - Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances (SCORRS)
  - CoRWM workshop
  - Plutonium workshop (precursor to consultation)
  - Site Stakeholder Group Chair's forum
  - NDA National Stakeholder Group