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As I promised in my letter in September, I am writing to confirm that the sale of UKAEA Ltd to Babcock International Group was completed as planned on 31 October.

This is an excellent outcome, which reflects the strong commercial position which UKAEA Ltd has already built up in the UK and overseas commercial market for decommissioning and nuclear consultancy services. In our discussions with Babcock over the last few weeks, we have established operational links, which are helping us to see how best to use our complementary skills and expertise.

The two site licence companies, currently owned by UKAEA Ltd - Dounreay Site Restoration Ltd (DSRL) and Research Sites Restoration Ltd (RSRL) - also form part of the sale and move into the private sector with UKAEA Ltd. The sale does not, however, affect their status as separate companies wholly owned by UKAEA Ltd.

Throughout this whole process, we have been determined that it should not affect our priority of delivering our programmes safely, securely and efficiently to all our customers. I believe that, through the commitment and hard work of all our staff, we have been successful in achieving this.

This marks an exciting new phase, both for UKAEA Ltd, and also for the remaining United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, whose focus will now primarily be on fusion research at Culham and the pursuit of commercial fusion energy.

If you have any immediate queries about the sale, please do let me know and I will do my best to help. Please also accept my thanks for the interest and support which you have given us over these last crucial months.

Yours sincerely

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