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Dear Trudy

WORKFORCE TRANSITION PROGRAMME

On behalf of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group (DSG) Socio economic sub group members, I would like to thank you for the update you provided on the programme of activities being proposed for workforce transition.

The DSG is an independent body which represents over 20 community organisations and those who attended the sub group meeting were very impressed with the coordinated approach to this proposal and the partnership working which is crucial to ensuring that this initiative moves forward.

With the inevitable decline of jobs on the Dounreay site and the impact on the local supply chain it is important that we act now to ensure there are jobs and a suitably skilled workforce available to attract new opportunities to the area.

We are delighted to see that a partnership approach is being adopted and wish you every success in securing the necessary funding requirements to take this very ambitious programme of work forward.

Yours sincerely

Derrick Milnes DSG Socio Economic Sub Group Chairman