

**DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP  
SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010**

- DSG chairman welcomed Adrian Simper, Richard Arnott, Andrew Edwards and Bill Hamilton, NDA to the meeting.
- It was noted that Simon Middlemas, DSRL was moving to a new job within Babcock (but will still take an active interest in DSRL) and Randall Bargelt, NDA who is leaving the organisation. Both were thanked for their contributions over the years. [NB: Pat Gallagher, Rolls-Royce is also leaving to take up a new position in Bristol – John Hook will take over as General Manager later this month].
- The **Caithness and North Sutherland Community Fund** (fund associated with low level waste facility) had recently advertised the Board Director posts. Interviews were continuing to take place and it was expected that selection to the Board will be announced by the end of September.
- The minutes of the last meeting (DSG(2010)M002) were endorsed.
- The **Business meeting** of DSG (Chair, Vice-chair, Socio economic sub group chair and site restoration sub group chair) was held on 30<sup>th</sup> August.
  - The secretary will investigate insurance arrangements for members travelling on DSG business.
  - DSRL will be asked to provide a written report (replacing the site performance report) for the site restoration sub group.
  - DSG representatives had taken part in a learning journey to Cumbria. Follow up actions will be identified.
- **Site Restoration sub group:** This has combined the site operations and environmental sub groups. George Farlow has agreed to chair sub group.
  - The Vulcan Shore Test Facility is currently shutdown with a mechanical problem and is expected to resume critical operation and trials early in the new year.
  - DSRL have applied for a landfill permit for non-radioactive waste.
  - The investigation into the PFR fire had now been completed and a number of actions for improvement have been identified.
  - The new lifetime plan would be available in December. A presentation to DSG will be made at the December meeting.
  - NII clarified that the investigation into the incident relating to the source was ongoing.
  - NDA were currently awaiting the outcome of the Corporate Spending Review.
  - NDA's re-organisation was currently ongoing.

**In addition:**

- Shetland Islands Council had submitted a letter to DSG asking for DSRL to provide a report on future transportation of radioactive material.
- Scottish Government have issued an annex to the strategic environment assessment report with regard to higher activity wastes.

- **Socio economic sub group** were updated on the Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership activities.
  - John Thurso had raised the issue of attracting IFMIF to Caithness at Prime Minister's question time. The DSG socio economic sub group had previously written expressing an interest in hosting this facility in Caithness.
  - DSG's response to the Northern Isles Ferries review would be submitted next week.
  - DSG had written to invite Chris Huhne and Vince Cable to visit Caithness. A response from Chris Huhne has indicated that he will visit but could not at this stage identify a date.
  - The CNSRP Advisory Board met on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. CNSRP(2010)C096 refers.
- **Viewfirth project** (DSG(2010)C090 refers). Following discussion it was agreed that this project should be disbanded mainly due to financial issues and lack of a champion to lead. Thanks for David Brookfield's efforts were extended. It was confirmed by the NDA that funds realised from the sale of the land were very unlikely to be made available to the community.
- Simon Middlemas provided a brief update on **DSRL's heritage strategy** which was now finalised. While a number of activities will be undertaken the decision not to retain any buildings has been taken.
- **NDA competition**: Following a number of meetings NDA have issued an update response on the socio economic aspects of the Dounreay site contract. DSG(2010)C094 refers).
- NDA provided a presentation on the **NDA's strategy** which is now out for consultation.
- Issues relating to **Buldoo** were tabled – it was agreed that DSRL would take these issues outside the meeting.

**Bob Earnshaw**  
**DSG Chairman**

18<sup>th</sup> September 2010

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*This note should be cascaded by members to their respective organisations.  
 Full minutes will be available shortly.*