

## **DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP**

### **Highlights from DSG meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

#### **Business meeting**

- Dates for DSG and sub group meetings for 2012/13 have now been issued.
- DSG currently carrying out a review of its role and remit. David Collier, external consultant, will undertake the review. He will attend sub groups in January and also conduct telephone interviews with a number of members. A report will be available for the March meeting.
- Vulcan: plant remains shutdown for maintenance. DNSR's inspection programme has continued and has shown pleasing results. DSG has written to Rolls Royce asking them to reconsider their membership. Rolls Royce has responded that they will provide a high level written report for DSG meetings for the future.
- DSG has written to ONR to ask for further clarification on risk assessments for the shipments of nuclear material.

#### **Site Restoration**

- Eleanor Scott has been appointed independent chair for the Buldoo Liaison Group. Eleanor will provide a written update to DSG Site restoration sub group.
- DSRL and its' supply chain were congratulated for the British Council Safety Standard awards (for both safety and environment).
- DSG submitted views to the NDA on the credible and preferred options for DFR breeder. NDA have announced that the preferred option will be to transport the nuclear fuel to Sellafield.
- DSG also submitted responses to ONR's strategy consultation and bulk quantities waste.
- SEPA anticipate public consultation for DSRL's consultation will take place in late February 2012.
- Discussions at the last site restoration sub group meeting included an update on particles clean-up, the 14<sup>th</sup> COMARE report and remediation of radioactive contaminated sites.

#### **Socio Economics**

- DSG has written to Crown Estates noting disappointment that the wave and tidal project manager's replacement was based on Edinburgh and not in Caithness.
- Alan Ogg, North Highland College provided members with a presentation on the Engineering, Technology and Energy Centre (ETEC).
- Community fund requests were endorsed. This year a total of £35,000 has been awarded to various organisations.

DSG representatives are reminded that they are responsible for cascading information relating to the DSG to members of respective organisations.

- Caithness and North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership (CNSRP) provided a written report (DSG(2011)P054 refers).
- DSRL's annual socio economic development plan will be the subject of discussion at the next sub group meeting held in January 2012.
- DSRL (in partnership with NDA and Babcock) have opened a socio economic information room on the Dounreay site to provide updates on CNSRP's activities. Information is now available in various locations including Thurso, Wick and Bettyhill.
- The Caithness Chamber of Commerce is progressing well with Make the Right Connections programme.
- DSG submitted a response to the Aviation Policy framework consultation and also to SSE's consultation on the Orkney to Caithness 132KV transmission line.
- DSG has written to Fergus Ewing, MSP inviting him to visit Caithness.
- Members of DSG attended the launch of the Caithness and North Sutherland Fund (fund set up in association with Dounreay's low level waste facility).

#### **Site competition**

- NDA announced on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 that the preferred bidder was Babcock Dounreay Partnership (BDP). BDP is now going through a transition phase and will take over the management of the site from the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012 following share transfer.
- Graeme Rankin, Head of Competition introduced Roger Hardy, BDP's Managing Director (designate) and Roger Hardy provided DSG with a presentation.

*Please note that the current management team are still responsible for the activities of the site until the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Dialogue with BDP will be limited until after share transfer.*

#### **Next meeting**

- The next meeting of the DSG will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012. This will commence at 1830 hours with the Annual General Meeting followed by a full DSG meeting.

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

17<sup>th</sup> December 2011