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Dear Ms Blumfield

## **APPRENTICE TRAINING**

I was asked to write to you, on behalf of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group. At its meeting in March there was a question raised as to whether JCI were planning to recruit new apprentices this year.

We believe your company is not planning to recruit this year due to the fact your contract at the Dounreay site has been extended for a further two years which means that you would not be in a position to provide a full apprenticeship training scheme if unsuccessful in a further extension to the contract.

The DSG has an interest in the Dounreay site and is aware of the work ongoing at the North Highland College to increase the apprentice intake.

I am writing to you to ask if you could reconsider your position on apprentices – we believe that even if you were unsuccessful in securing a further extension to the contract it would be incumbent on the new provider to take the apprentices on to allow them to complete their apprenticeship.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

P Derrick Milnes

DSG Socio Economic Sub Group Chairman