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DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP
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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- The minutes of the March meeting were endorsed following two minor amendments.
- Following a discussion regarding Ministry of Defence Police patrolling outside the Vulcan site an action was placed on Vulcan to provide DSG with factual information on this subject.
- Dounreay's safety performance was discussed. A safety culture survey has been carried out. NDA and regulators content that site management is taking safety seriously and was first priority.
- ONR are currently discussing organisational changes with site management to ensure that the site's Assurance Directorate is adequately resourced.
- SEPA and the Environment Agency have jointly approved the methodology for substituting some intermediate level waste (which was due to be returned to foreign customers). This waste will be substituted with vitrified waste from Sellafield. This is in line with Government policy.
- NDA are continuing the recruitment process for a Programme Manager for the NDA site facing team under a revised financial package .
- Dounreay site plan to increase apprentice and graduate numbers for 2013 to 2014. A review of the strategy for 2015 onwards is ongoing.
- CNSRP Programme Manager provided a presentation on the progress of Caithness and North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership.
- Roy Kirk, HIE Area Manager for Caithness and Sutherland outlined plans for an International Marine Energy Development Cluster.
- NDA has committed funding for phase 1 of Wick harbour's development plan. This is conditional on HIE funding coming forward.
- DSG chairman will write to Rob Gibson, MSP regarding the Berriedale Braes study to ensure this is completed as quickly as possible to ensure it can be made a shovel ready project.
- DSG acting chairman provided a summary of a number of meetings attended over the last quarter including Scottish Government Scottish Sites Meeting, Scottish Government Higher Activity Waste Implementation Project Steering Group and NDA Site Stakeholder Group Chair's forum.

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- The DSG welcomed four new members to the group – David Broughton, Roy Blackburn and Tor Justad (members of the public) and Mike Favell (replaces Ross Mackenzie, Health Service).

Bob Earnshaw
DSG Acting Chairman
21st June 2013