

Rolls-Royce – Submarines
Vulcan Business Operations Update: March 2015

“Current Rolls-Royce Business Operations at the Vulcan Site remain focussed on continuing to safely deliver our current PWR2 Reactor Operations and submarines nuclear support programmes.

Safety Performance remains our Key focus with Target Zero and a clear Vision of: Zero Injuries. This continues to be achieved and sustained through the Safety Performance Improvement programme and is very much a key Business Operational focus for the Company and our People.

We are continuing with increased capacity on the detailed preparations for the specific work and nuclear operations on site in the immediate / short term period: now until 2020 – 2022. This aligns with the demands and requirements of the overall MoD UK submarine programme associated with the current Vulcan site, plant and operational delivery.

The overall UK submarine programme with the Rolls-Royce designed Next Generation PWR3 reactor core and plant along with the continued support and appropriate development of current in service operations with PWR2 Plant submarines underpins the overall submarines Business going forward in excess of 40 years. These programmes remain key to the specific Future Business planning for our Capability, Skills and Personnel currently at Vulcan and longer term in Caithness. Immediate tactical focus is on safe and accelerated delivery of the various preparations for the defuel and fuel movement programme. We are however progressing at increasing and appropriate aligned pace on our Business planning and development for utilisation and deployment of our nuclear skills in Caithness in 2022 and beyond. Fundamental to this planning is ongoing flexible and informed transitional alignment to the overall Rolls-Royce submarines Business demands and the UK’s submarine and nuclear programmes. It is appropriate to note this continues to be the case across the entire submarines Business and Enterprise in the UK. Our Business planning in Caithness is also fully aligned to our rapidly developing Civil Nuclear programme in the UK and our civil nuclear market across the world.

A total of 16 Rolls-Royce apprentices continue in training at Vulcan as part of the overall Company Training scheme. We are currently progressing recruitment of an additional 6 new apprentices for the 2015 intake – who will start their nuclear careers with Rolls-Royce in August / September this year.

We continue to recommend our Website (www.Rolls-Royce.com/nuclear) which covers our Nuclear Business development, acquisitions, progress and position.