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DSG Chairman

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Dear David

## PHASE 2 OF LOW LEVEL WASTE VAULTS

Thank you for your letter regarding socio economic benefits associated with the low level waste vaults. We have a continued commitment which is the community benefit package; this is the real positive socio economic benefit associated with the operation of the LLW Disposal Facility and equates to £300K per annum.

As mentioned in your letter, we also expect the same benefits to the local area that a significant subcontract at Dounreay brings and although these benefits cannot be mandated they are real and visible in the community.

We remain committed to delivering socio economic benefits from the overall Dounreay programme. Most recently, we have continued our apprenticeship and graduate intakes for this year; are progressing a significant recruitment campaign and have had a positive engagement at the recent supply chain event held at the New Weigh Inn, in which over 80 companies were represented to engage with DSRLs current and future requirements.

The support and engagement offered by the Dounreay Stakeholder Group, Caithness Chamber of Commerce and NDA is a significant part in achieving real local socio economic benefits. With this support and engagement, we develop and progress our overall socio economic plans.

We have a continued focused approach in achieving our programme delivery through the support of local employment and skills, which are supported by links with the University of the Highlands and Islands, local schools, internships and our involvement in community projects.

We firmly believe that the long term health of the local supply chain is based on being able to win work competitively and will ensure that our Socio Economic criteria are used effectively to ensure they are able to do so on a level playing field. These prevalent socio economic activities continue to demonstrate DSRL's commitment to our local community and innovative thinking relating to socio economic plans, in which we always welcome the Dounreay Stakeholder Group, Caithness Chamber of Commerce, and NDA's involvement and suggestions.

Yours sincerely

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