

NDA ARCHIVE UPDATE OCTOBER 2015

NDA Archives Ltd

NDA Archives Ltd Board has been established as a wholly owned subsidiary of the NDA and will oversee the management of the Commercial Partner. The Board is chaired by NDA's Business Services Director (Rob Higgins) with the Head of Information Governance and Chief Information Officer, Simon Tucker, as its Managing Director. Lady Janet Balfour has been appointed as a non-executive director together with an Archiving expert with 30 years' service in the nuclear industry, Sue Connell, and the NDA's Head of Legal Jo Sinar.

Design & Build contract – managed by NDA Properties

The contract is about 7% complete. Morrisons encountered harder than expected rock as the foundations were being built and some previously undetected sub-surface structures on the site. Despite this additional work, at 5 November the ground works and drainage were almost complete. The archive slab flooring is complete and concrete walls are being installed. The wall installation suffered minor delays due to high winds in October and a remediation plan is in place to make up time. Construction of the Archive entranceway is underway and structural steel work is due to commence in mid-November.

Eight subcontractors are working at the site of which 4 are Caithness-based companies (G&A Barnie, John Gunn & Sons, GMR Henderson Ltd, Steven Blackwood Fencing Ltd).

Morrisons have appointed a Trainee Site Manager. The appointee previously worked offshore and was unemployed. He will be provided with certificated training appropriate to a Site Manager's role. It is understood that apprentices working on other construction projects in the area will be brought into the project at a later stage for additional experience (bricklaying and joinery). In addition a local unemployed young person who had shown an interest in the project and a willingness to work by doing unpaid voluntary work has been taken on for training.

Morrisons involvement with local schools will continue including an Eden Court initiative bringing a participative dramatic arts project to the North School early next year.

Letter drops to households in the immediate area were carried out by Morrisons to make people aware of the project and who to contact if they have any concerns. Weekly meetings are held with Wick Airport and the police, fire and ambulance services have been made aware. Regular update to be provided to local organisations/media (in collaboration with NDA) and a small scale Stakeholder site open day is to be arranged in Spring 2016 once the building is at a point where there is more to see.

Commercial Partner (CP) Contract - managed by NDA

Crimson was purchased by Restore plc earlier in the year. The introduction of a parent company will not negatively affect proposed delivery of the contract. Crimson has opened a local office based in the Naver Business Centre and had a series of meetings with stakeholders including discussion of potential relocation of other work to the area.

Crimson has joined the Caithness Chamber of Commerce and encouraging its suppliers to do similar.

Arrangements are being put in place for a briefing to Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership members before the end of the calendar year to provide more information on Crimson's plans to deliver the socio economic element of the contract.



