

DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP**SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2021**

- The minutes of the last meeting, held in June 2021, were endorsed. See [DSG\(2021\)M02](#)
- **DSG Business Meeting:**
 - Meetings continue to be held fortnightly
 - Noted positive outcome of legal hearings for [Space Hub Sutherland](#)
 - Update on Fusion (STEP) project
 - Awaiting UKAEA decision on whether through to next stage
 - Update on Public Service Obligation for Wick/JOG Airport
 - [Secretary’s note: Since meeting HC issued [press release](#) and procurement now underway.]
- **MOD presentation:**
 - Presentation provided on Vulcan decommissioning contract. See [DSG\(2021\)C043](#).
 - Q&A followed – reflected in minutes of September meeting.
 - Collation of further questions underway
- **NDA update:**
 - Presentation provided on Corporate NDA updates. See [DSG\(2021\)C044](#)
- **Dounreay update:**
 - Verbal update from representatives of DSRL, ONR and SEPA
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 - Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) at 0.03.
 - Executive Team recruitment nearing completion
 - Update on decommissioning activities
 - No issues raised by ONR or SEPA
- **Scottish Government update:** Written update provided. See [DSG\(2021\)C039](#).
- **MOD (Vulcan) updates:**
 - Verbal updates received from MOD, DNSR and SEPA.
 - No issues identified
- **General**
 - Road Safety: Concern was raised about speeding traffic on the Forss road. DSRL and Vulcan will be carrying out winter safety communications and will re-enforce the need to stay within speed limits and take care on the road.
 - Professor Ray Kemp is currently undertaking a review of DSG. First stage was observation at the public meeting, followed by a series of telephone discussions with various members and observers.
- **Post meeting note**
 - Following the meeting on the 22 September 2021 an announcement was made on the 23rd regarding DSRL joining with Magnox. The announcement is provided below:

On 23rd September, the NDA has announced its intention to join Dounreay with Magnox in a move to simplify and strengthen the NDA group’s operating model. The work to join our

organisations builds on the close working that already exists, made possible by becoming part of the NDA group in April.

At the point of joining, which is expected to take around 18 months and is subject to regulatory approvals, the Dounreay business and its staff will transition into Magnox and DSRL will no longer exist as a legal entity. The Magnox Board will then oversee the Magnox and Dounreay entity, meaning the Dounreay Board is not separately required. Outside this change in governance arrangements, Mark Rouse will continue to lead the site with his executive team. As part of the new arrangements, Mark Rouse will report into Magnox CEO Gwen Parry-Jones and into the new extended Magnox Board. Magnox will hold the nuclear site licence, environmental permits and other licences for the Magnox and Dounreay sites.

At the point of coming together all DSRL employees will transition to become Magnox employees with terms and conditions unchanged. There will be an ongoing full and meaningful consultation with the trade unions on the transition, and any future changes would be subject to a subsequent consultation.

This move will further enhance our ability to work collaboratively, sharing knowledge and understanding to deliver decommissioning missions that have far more in common than they do differences.

DSG is considering what this means for DSRL and questions from DSG members are being invited to provide views and/or questions in relation to this.

Cllr Struan Mackie

DSG Chair

11 October 2021