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Dear Dale

VULCAN DECOMMISSIONING

Thank you for spending time with representatives of the DSG when you were visiting Caithness. At that meeting we discussed a number of issues relating to this project and said we would provide you with a set of key principles.

We understand that the outline business case will be ready by March 2023 and if Ministers approve the transfer of decommissioning from MOD to NDA it would be useful to understand what the decision making process is going forward, with key milestones identified so that timely and meaningful engagement will enable a positive input and influence on the outcomes on the options for taking decommissioning of the Vulcan site forward.

Our working group has agreed some principles and these are attached.

We have addressed this letter to a number of people including representatives from MOD. If the ultimate decision is that MOD are to continue to take forward the decommissioning of the site we would still like to see meaningful engagement with DSG.

We look forward to hearing from you at the appropriate time.

Yours sincerely

Sent via email without signature

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DOUNREAY STAKEHOLDER GROUP VULCAN DECOMMISSIONING PRINCIPLES

The DSG working group has considered the key aim and principles they would like to see being considered as options are developed to take forward the decommissioning of the Vulcan site after operations cease in 2025. These principles remain the same dependent on the decision made in regards of whether NDA or MOD take forward the decommissioning programme.

Overall aim:

- To maximise the benefits of Vulcan decommissioning in the local area in a way that contributes to long-term sustainable socio economic benefits and employment.

Principles:

- Understand the value of Vulcan as it is today to ensure that socio economic activities is commensurate with site decommissioning.
- Include meaningful social impact criteria in any procurement activities to ensure local opportunities are delivered including, but not exhaustive to, sustainable well-paid employment in the local supply chain.
- Seek to understand employment implications in terms of impact on local labour pool.
- Consider innovative approaches to model the structure of Vulcan decommissioning, i.e. better use of local supply chain rather than direct hires.
- Look to understand the facilities on the site and whether some of these building could be used for alternative economic activities prior to decommissioning.

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