



**Meeting of the 8th Commercial Sub Committee  
Held on August 11<sup>th</sup> 2011  
At Cleator Moor Civic Hall**

Attendees:-

|                 |   |   |
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| Ranald Stewart  | - | Ponsonby Parish Council                 |
| Dr Ian Hudson   | - | Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) |
| Elaine Woodburn | - | Copeland Borough Council                |
| Henry Wormstrup | - | Copeland Borough Council                |
| Fee Wilson      | - | Copland Borough Council                 |
| John Kane       | - | Copland Borough Council                 |
| Phil Hallington | - | Sellafield Ltd                          |
| Dr Ian Hudson   | - | NDA                                     |
| Geoff Suitor    | - | NDA                                     |
| Cath Geil       | - | LLWR                                    |
| Jonathan Evans  | - | LLWR                                    |
| Andy North      | - | Sellafield Ltd                          |
| Karl Connor     | - | Sellafield Ltd                          |

Apologies:-

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| David Moore         | - | Chairman, WCSSG                      |
| Alistair Norwood    | - | Copeland Borough Council             |
| David Southward     | - | Cumbria County Council               |
| Rupert Wilcox-Baker | - | International Nuclear Services (INS) |
| Keith Case          | - | Sellafield Ltd                       |
| Richard Petch       | - | Sellafield Ltd                       |
| Ian Tait            | - | ONR                                  |
| Tom McClain         | - | Sellafield Ltd                       |

Observers:-

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| Martin Forwood | - | CORE                 |
| Mike Davidson  | - | Member of the public |

**Agenda item 1: - introduction by Ranald Stewart, acting Chair of WCSSG  
Commercial Sub Committee**

The acting chairman opened the meeting, welcoming new members. As there was a number of new members the acting chairman felt it was useful to have a round table introduction.

The acting chairman apologised for the delay in holding the meeting. This was administrative and caused mainly by the local council elections.



He further recorded his appreciation for the efforts of the former chair, Mike Davidson, whose knowledge and contribution to the Commercial Sub Committee had been an integral part of the committee's success since its formation.

**Agenda Item 2: - election of chair and vice chair.**

The acting chairman explained that the election of a new chair was necessary because the previous chair, Mike Davidson, had lost his seat in the local council elections.

However it was agreed that with a number of workshops being undertaken to determine the make up of the WCSSG sub committees for the future, it would be prudent to delay the appointment of a full time chair until it was clear whether or not the commercial sub committee would be continuing.

**ACTION 1 (complete) – Karl Connor to ensure that all members are invited to the workshops looking at the future make up of the WCSSG sub committees.**

**Agenda item 3: Approval of Minutes and Actions from previous meetings**

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record.

There were two actions from the previous meeting and both had been completed prior to this meeting:

**ACTIONS:**

1. Peter Buchan to provide answer for Martin Forwood to a question on the amount of Mox fuel to be reprocessed in Thorp.
2. Ian Gordon to look to provide an answer for Martin Forwood as to the quantity of Mox fuel recycled through SMP.

Question one remains outstanding despite numerous calls and emails to INS from several members of the Sellafield Ltd Stakeholder Relations team (who provide the secretariat.) One issue has been the amount of time Mr Buchan has spent in Japan following the earthquake/tsunami. However the group agreed that, despite that mitigation, the delay was unacceptable.

**ACTION 2 – Ian Hudson took a new action to chase INS for a response.**

In terms of question/action two, Sellafield were unable to provide an answer due to commercial sensitivities, as had been expected when the question was put and the action taken.

**Agenda item 4 – Update on the Evaporator D project by Andy North, deputy project manager, Evap D.**



Andy North presented on the latest progress on the Evap D project. He showed slides containing images of module delivery on the beach close to Sellafield and reminded those present of the need for Evap D to be delivered as quickly and safely as possible to support commercial operations at Sellafield.

**ACTION 3: (complete) KC to send out a link to the “toobigforroad.com” website.**

**ACTION 4: AN to find out if cost analysis was done on completing construction of the modules locally and what percentage of the £397 million budget is being spent in the local supply chain.**

**At that stage Councillors Woodburn and Wormstap left the meeting.**

**Agenda item 5 – report in the situation in Japan following the earthquake and tsunami, by Phil Hallington, head of technical and operations support, Sellafield Ltd.**

Phil gave an update on the present situation in Japan, the impact on the wider nuclear industry and the impacts and potential impacts locally.

The acting chair paid tribute to the Japanese response and offered the sympathies of the group to their Japanese counterparts.

**Agenda item 6 – report on the commercial activities at LLWR, by Jonathan Evans, head of commercial, LLWR.**

Jonathan Evans gave a wide-ranging presentation on the commercial activities at LLWR, the plans to further extend the capacity of the site and the innovative ongoing work to reduce waste volumes

**Agenda item 7 – report on the NDA business plan by Dr Ian Hudson, head of the Sellafield programme, NDA.**

Dr Hudson gave a short presentation on the NDA’s recently published business plan.

**Agenda item 9 – topics for future meetings/date of the next meeting.**

It was agreed that it would be better to leave topics for future meetings until such time as it was clear what the future held for the Commercial Sub Committee. The acting chair said he was keen that the next meeting – or whatever replaced it – should hear from the Commercial directorate at Sellafield on the procurement arrangements and proposed changes to them.

There being no other business the meeting closed.

PLEASE NOTE: a full transcript of the questions and answers for each presentation accompanies this summary.

