

## Press Release

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### **£15m Magnox Technical Support Contract Award to Consortium led by Serco Assurance**

A Serco Assurance-led consortium has been awarded a £15m contract to provide specialist technical and engineering support to the Magnox reactor sites over the next five years.

The services will be provided by experienced engineers and technical experts drawn from a consortium of technical companies led by Serco Assurance and including ASTEC Services, Frazer-Nash Consultancy and Jacobs.

Under this framework contract, a range of specialist nuclear technical services will be provided, including safety case management, systems engineering, analysis of safety-critical structures and systems and specialist outage support including technical advice on waste management.

Chris Theobald, Managing Director, Serco Assurance, said,

“These companies led by Serco Assurance have developed excellent working relationships with Magnox over a number of years and are committed to supporting the UK nuclear industry. We look forward to continuing to work closely with Magnox to define and deliver a range of technical solutions, enabling the Magnox Power Stations to reach the end of their generating lives and proceed with decommissioning safely and successfully.”

Serco Assurance will act as the lead organisation, building on a large group of engineers and technical specialists who were successfully transferred from Magnox to Serco Assurance in 2005.

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### Notes to Editors

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ASTEC Services has been providing engineering consultancy services to the UK nuclear industry since the company was formed in 1994. ASTEC currently support station operators, prime contractors, and Tier 2 consultancy companies across both operational and decommissioning sites. Since 2001 ASTEC has been a preferred supplier of specialist engineering and support services to Magnox. Over the last few years ASTEC's contribution has operated typically at around 100 man years effort per year and ASTEC has been a major supplier of safety case and engineering consultancy services within this contract.

Frazer-Nash Consultancy has 260 permanent employees across six offices - Dorking, Bristol, Burton-on-Trent, Plymouth, Glasgow and the North West, together with a satellite operation in Weymouth, and is focused on the provision of systems and engineering technology. Turnover for 2006 was around £20 million, with consistent growth levels since 1996 of between 20 and 25% per annum. The company operates autonomously within the DML Group, alongside sister organisations LSC Group Limited and Devonport Royal Dockyard Limited. Frazer-Nash's key markets are defence, power, industrial & transport and civil aerospace, with customers including: Airbus, Alstom, Alvis-Vickers, BAE SYSTEMS, BNFL, British Energy, DML, EADS, the Ministry of Defence (DPA, DLO, Dstl), Mitsui Babcock, QinetiQ, Rolls-Royce, Siemens, Smiths, Thales, Ultra Electronics, United Technologies

Jacobs is a leading technical and management consultant with over 44,000 staff world-wide working in nuclear decommissioning, defence, infrastructure, environmental, maritime utilities and property projects and hostings, outsourcing and Public Private Partnerships, which includes 6,000 personnel located in offices in England and Scotland, and Ireland.

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