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Serco Assurance Awarded £10m Contaminated Land Contract at Sellafield

Serco Assurance, in technical partnership with Golder Associates, has been awarded a £10m two-year contract to examine and develop plans to clean-up contaminated land at Sellafield.

Under the contract with Sellafield Ltd, Serco Assurance and Golder Associates will examine the levels of contamination in the Separation Area, which has been identified by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority as one of the highest priority areas of Sellafield for clean-up. The work will include assessment of the condition of the land and groundwater, mathematical modelling, development of a strategy for dealing with the contamination and identifying the technologies and actions needed for clean up.

Chris Theobald, Managing Director, Serco Assurance, said:

“The volume and nature of the historical operations mean that problems with contaminated land at Sellafield are more significant than at other nuclear-licensed sites in the UK.

“The Serco Assurance and Golder Associates team brings world-class experience and expertise of the examination and the planning for clean-up at nuclear sites. We look forward to working in partnership with Sellafield Ltd to start the process of cleaning-up these priority areas on the Sellafield site.”

A study of contamination outside Separation Area was completed by Sellafield Ltd in 2004. This new contract is a second phase of work, designed to improve understanding of land quality in the area where historical leaks to ground occurred.

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Serco Assurance is a technical services unit providing consultancy in partnership with both the public and private sectors, including the nuclear, defence, utilities, and transport. It is a leading provider of independent safety, risk and environmental management, plant performance and integrity, and engineering services.

Serco Assurance has completed nuclear environmental work at many nuclear licensed sites in the UK, including many sites operated by Sellafield Ltd, and has world-leading experts in examining and developing plans cleaning-up contaminated land at nuclear sites. Serco Assurance is based at Risley, near Warrington in Cheshire and has offices at Harwell and Culham in Oxfordshire, Winfrith in Dorset, Quedgeley near Gloucester, Derby and Dounreay.

Further details on Serco Assurance can be found at <http://www.serco.com/assurance/>.

Golder Associates is a global group of consulting companies delivering environmental, ground engineering, mining and waste management solutions for over 45 years to clients around the world.

Golder Associates is a leading supplier of environmental services to nuclear operators, including British Nuclear Group, and has experience in working on most UK nuclear licensed sites.

In the UK, Golder Associates employs over 225 people across 7 offices (Belfast, Chelmsford, Leeds, London, Nottingham, Oxford and Maidenhead).

Further details on Golder Associates can be found at <http://www.golder.com/uk>

Sellafield Ltd is a Specialist Site Management and nuclear clean-up business. Part of the BNFL Group, its strategy and focus is to deliver accelerated nuclear clean-up programmes, safely and cost-effectively for customers in the UK and overseas. Further details on Sellafield Ltd can be found at www.sellafieldsites.com

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