

CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT

among

NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY

and

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

and

NATIONAL NUCLEAR LABORATORY LIMITED

THIS AGREEMENT is made on July 12, 2021.

AMONG

- (1) NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING AUTHORITY whose principal place of business is at Herdus House, Westlakes Science and Technology Park, Moor Row, Cumbria, CA24 3HU ("**NDA**"); and
- (2) UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, whose headquarters is at 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585 ("**DOE**"); and
- (3) NATIONAL NUCLEAR LABORATORY LIMITED, a company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales with company number 03857752 whose registered office is at Chadwick House Warrington Road, Birchwood Park, Warrington WA3 6AE ("**NNL**"),

hereinafter referred to collectively as "the **Parties**" and in the singular as "the **Party**" as the context requires.

BACKGROUND

The Parties wish to hold further discussions and exchange information pursuant to Statement of Intent No.2 among the Department of Energy of the United States of America, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and National Nuclear Laboratory Limited of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for Exchange of Information Concerning Management of Radioactive Waste of 28 February 2012, as modified on 30 September 2014 (the "**Statement**").

Each Party may receive Business-Confidential Information (as hereinafter defined) (including but not limited to Business-Confidential Information concerning management of radioactive waste (the "**Field**") from another Party under the subject areas listed in the Scope of Cooperation of the Statement (the "**Permitted Purpose**"). In order to protect such Business-Confidential Information the Parties wish to make clear the terms and conditions on which that Business-Confidential Information is disclosed.

NOW IT IS HEREBY AGREED as follows:

1. Definitions and Interpretation

For the purposes of this Agreement:

"**Disclosing Party**" shall mean a Party which discloses Business-Confidential Information to another Party (Receiving Party) pursuant to the terms of this Agreement;

"**Commencement Date**" shall mean April 21, 2020.

"**Business-Confidential Information**" shall mean any and all technical or commercial data, know-how, show-how, formulae, processes, designs, photographs, drawings, specifications, samples, details of customers and suppliers, pricing information, samples, prototypes, including information received (directly or indirectly) during visits to any establishment or site of the Disclosing Party, and other sensitive business information which is either directly or indirectly disclosed by or on behalf of the Disclosing Party to the Receiving Party, and is properly designated as "Business-Confidential" by the Disclosing Party, whether orally, in

writing, by data transmission or in any other way. However, if disclosed orally, the Disclosing Party shall specify the "business-confidential" nature of the oral disclosure, and confirm in writing promptly (but in no case more than 30 days after oral disclosure) the business-confidential nature of the information.

"Receiving Party" shall mean a Party receiving Business-Confidential Information from the Disclosing Party pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

2. This Agreement shall enter into force upon the date of the last signature hereon, effective from the Commencement Date, and, subject to paragraph 12:
 - 2.1 shall remain in effect until February 28, 2027; and
 - 2.2 shall be extended automatically for an additional period of five (5) years, and thereafter may be further extended by mutual written agreement of the Parties.
3. In consideration of the Disclosing Party disclosing Business-Confidential Information to the Receiving Party, the Receiving Party undertakes to the Disclosing Party that it will during the term of this Agreement, after its termination, or upon withdrawal of the Receiving Party:
 - 3.1 treat all and any Business-Confidential Information as confidential and ensure that it remains safe from unauthorised access by third parties;
 - 3.2 not use the Business-Confidential Information for any purpose other than for the Permitted Purpose;
 - 3.3 not disclose the Business-Confidential Information to any third party, other than to employees, contractors or authorised representatives of the Receiving Party (in accordance with clause 3.5) without the prior written consent of the Disclosing Party except that the Receiving Party may disclose Business-Confidential Information in accordance with a requirement of any court of competent jurisdiction or by a competent governmental or regulatory or professional body but only to the extent required by law, provided that the Receiving Party (to the extent permitted by law) gives the Disclosing Party written notice of such requirement and the full circumstances of disclosure;
 - 3.4 upon the written request by the Disclosing Party, return to the Disclosing Party all Business-Confidential Information within the Receiving Party's control and all documents, drawings, specifications, records, data, programmes and other media of expression that bear or incorporate any part of the information within the Receiving Party's control, or destroy and provide written confirmation of the destruction all copies of the Business-Confidential Information within the Receiving Party's control, including analyses, studies, compilations and other materials derived from the Business-Confidential Information. For the avoidance of doubt, the obligations of confidentiality and the prohibitions and restrictions as to use contained in this Agreement shall continue to apply in full force and effect for a period of (10) years following expiration or termination of this Agreement, to any Business-Confidential Information so retained.
 - 3.5 disclose the Business-Confidential Information on a strictly need to know basis to employees, contractors, or authorised representatives of the Receiving Party necessary for the Permitted Purpose and shall ensure that each employee of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is made, has been made aware of and is subject to the obligations of confidence and restrictions and prohibitions as to use and disclosure of the Business-Confidential Information.
4. Subject to clause 3.3 above, should the Receiving Party wish to disclose the Business-Confidential Information to a third party (other than an employee, contractor or authorised

representative) for the Permitted Purpose, in order to obtain written consent pursuant to clause 3.3, the Receiving Party:

- 4.1 undertakes that it will inform the Disclosing Party in writing of the full details of such third party and the Business-Confidential Information that requires disclosure and;
 - 4.2 acknowledges and agrees that prior to such disclosure the Disclosing Party may at its discretion require such third party to enter into a confidentiality agreement with the Disclosing Party containing obligations and restrictions and prohibitions as to use and disclosure of the Business-Confidential Information no less stringent than those set out in this Agreement.
5. The obligations of confidentiality and the prohibitions and restrictions as to use and disclosure hereby undertaken by the Receiving Party shall cease to apply to any Business-Confidential Information which:
 - 5.1 was in the public domain or the subject of public knowledge at the time of disclosure by the Disclosing Party or subsequently falls within the public domain or becomes the subject of public knowledge other than as a result of a breach by the Receiving Party of this Agreement;
 - 5.2 is already known to the Receiving Party prior to disclosure by the Disclosing Party or any other person on behalf of the Disclosing Party (and such prior knowledge is evidenced by the written records of the Receiving Party);
 - 5.3 becomes known to the Receiving Party by disclosure from a third party who has a lawful right to disclose the Business-Confidential Information; or
 - 5.4 is independently developed by the Receiving Party without use of the Business-Confidential Information.
6. No Party shall acquire any rights whatsoever in the Business-Confidential Information disclosed to it other than as set forth herein, and such Business-Confidential Information is and shall remain the property of the Disclosing Party.
7. No Party shall without the prior written consent of the other Parties assign or transfer or purport to assign or transfer to a third party in whole or in part the benefit or burden of this Agreement.
8. This Agreement contains all the terms which the Parties have agreed in relation to the subject matter of this Agreement, and supersedes any prior written or oral agreements, representation or understanding between or among the Parties. No Party to this Agreement has been induced to enter into this Agreement by a statement or promise which it does not contain save that this clause shall not exclude any liability which a Party would otherwise have to the other Parties in respect of any statements made fraudulently by that Party.
9. No variation of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by a duly authorised officer of each Party.
10. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts which, when taken together, shall form one and the same agreement.
11. Each Party is to conduct the activities provided for under this Agreement in accordance with the applicable domestic laws and regulations of its respective country. Any dispute

concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be resolved by consultation between the Parties concerned in the first instance. If resolution cannot be achieved through consultation, a Party may institute litigation in a court of competent jurisdiction with the litigation taking place in England if NDA and/or NNL are the defending Party and in the United States of America if DoE is the defending Party.

12. Subject to paragraph 3 hereof, the Parties may terminate this Agreement at any time in writing by mutual agreement. A Party may withdraw from this Agreement at any time by providing at least 90 days advance notice in writing to the other Parties. The withdrawal of either (i) DOE, or (ii) both the NDA and NNL shall effect the termination of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties have executed this Agreement.

Signed for and on behalf of:

**NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING
AUTHORITY**



Date: 26/6/21

Place: COCKERHOUTH
ENGLAND

Signed for and on behalf of:

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY**



Date: July 12, 2021

Place: WASHINGTON, DC, USA

Signed for and on behalf of:

**NATIONAL NUCLEAR LABORATORY
LIMITED**



Date: 16 June 2021

Place: Warrington
England