



Sellafield Ltd

Sellafield Ltd quarterly business update April-June 2008



**Where we are now,
*Where we're going...***

Successes and achievements from across Sellafield Ltd

A message from the Managing Director



We now know the identity of the preferred bidder for the role of the Parent Body Organisation for Sellafield Ltd. However, the competition process is still ongoing and won't formally conclude until the placing of the Parent Body Agreement, with Nuclear Management Partners, currently scheduled for 6 October.

It can't be denied that this competition has had an unsettling effect on the company for nearly two years and this announcement represents a major step forward in producing certainty and clarity.

The statistics, within this bulletin, should speak for themselves but we continue with the two themes I have consistently pushed.

First safety, and we are continuing to see steady improvements in all areas. Those of us who visit the plants regularly will be aware of the ever improving level of nuclear safety culture with 'Nuclear Safety Focus Boards' and 'Nuclear Safety Dashboards' appearing everywhere.

Many improvements in business efficiency are coming through and one example, which proves to me that functional areas are getting as heavily engaged as are our plants, is from our recruitment team.

They have reduced the time it takes to recruit a new employee by 80% and simultaneously managed to reduce, by three, the number of people they need to run the recruitment process.

We stand fully prepared for our transition both in respect of the transition itself and the business improvements we need to carry through to the other side.



Barry Snelson,
Managing Director
Sellafield Ltd

Preferred bidder is announced...



Bob Pedde, proposed managing director, Nuclear Management Partners

July 11 saw the NDA's announcement that Nuclear Management Partners was the preferred bidder for the role of Parent Body Organisation for Sellafield Ltd.

Sellafield Ltd is pleased that this significant milestone has been reached. The transition process will run its course and we will continue to focus on safe operations and the good work that we have been delivering across our sites.

We will also continue to work with the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority to bring this process to a smooth and effective conclusion.

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Success and achievements from across Sellafield Ltd this quarter...

First for Capenhurst

Capenhurst has become the first UK nuclear site to use rope access instead of scaffolding to access areas that cannot be reached by scaffolding or scissor lifts.

Hanging 25m above thousands of drums of depleted uranium and uranium hexafluoride, contractors have installed a new smoke detection system in the site's former diffusion plant, now used as a uranic storage area.

"Finding new ways of working, such as using rope access instead of scaffolding, is essential for the successful future of this site." Phil Malem, head of site, Capenhurst.



"One of the best construction sites ever seen..."

That was the description given by Deputy Director, World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) Paris Centre, Jan Bens, following a WANO visit to the site of the new Encapsulated Product Store 3 (EPS3), back in May.

Business Improvement Academy launched

Aimed at supporting employees with training in business and continuous improvements, May saw the launch of Sellafield Ltd's Business Improvement Academy.

Courses completed at the Academy will lead to an EAL Award (the recognised qualification for the engineering and technology sector) in Business Improvement for each participant, as well as significant benefits for the company as a whole.

Highest achieving environmental management diploma

Congratulations go to Hayley Hebson, an environmental advisor within Legacy Ponds and Silos (LP&S), who recently won the Martin Bessant Award for the highest achievement in the NEBOSH (National Examination Board in Occupational Safety and Health) Specialist Diploma in Environmental Management.



"I decided to take the diploma to gain more technical knowledge particularly on things such as abatement technologies and environmental management systems. I am now looking into full and chartered membership of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment." Hayley Hebson

"Hayley's award is a fantastic achievement; it firmly sets the standard to which others can aspire to." Mark Sarrington, head of safety, LP&S.

International recognition for purchasing team

June was the month to celebrate as Sellafield Ltd announced that it had scored a hat-trick after being shortlisted for three prizes at the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) Awards 2008.

Designed to celebrate and reward excellence in the field of purchasing and supply management, the company has been nominated for:

- **Purchasing and Supply Management Professional of the Year**
Steve Morgan, commercial and contract management director
- **Young Purchasing and Supply Management Professional of the Year**
Linda McLean, commercial manager
- **Best Contribution to Corporate Responsibility, Sellafield Ltd**
Dave Henderson in his role as supply chain ombudsman

Safety success benefits charity

The workforce within the High Level Waste Plants (HLWP) have achieved a fantastic one million hours worked without a Lost Time Accident (LTA).



The Tuberous Sclerosis Association – who have provided support to the family of a HLWP team member – is going to benefit to the tune of £500 as recognition of this achievement.

"This is a tremendous achievement for the operators who work in facilities containing the most radioactive waste on site."

Dr Paul Robson, head of strategy and programme delivery (HLWP)

More than £2million in waste storage savings made with potential for a further £6million at Capenhurst

220 tonnes

of magnox fuel decanned this quarter

50 tonnes

of fuel sheared within Thorp this quarter

91%

meeting room occupancy rate during the month of June for the newly launched Sellafield Centre

More than 4.5 million

hours worked without a lost time accident in the Plutonium Finishing and Storage facility

127 containers of vitrified High Level Waste have been put to store running ahead of schedule this quarter

1,140 days

without a lost time accident at Capenhurst

Nearly £90,000 given to the local communities and educational programmes surrounding Sellafield Ltd sites

750,000

man hours without a lost time accident for the Sellafield Product and Residue Store team

Over 200

tonnes of metal processed for free release

Sixth consecutive RoSPA award and third gold award for safety at Capenhurst

Safety success for construction sites

The first concrete pour on the Sellafield Dry Pack Box Transfer Facility (SDPBTF), Sludge Packaging Plant 1 (SPP1), an Encapsulated Product Store 3 (EPS3) have been successfully completed. All three projects have demonstrated exceptional safety levels with SPP1 and the Silos Direct Encapsulation Plant complex (which includes the SDPBTF) reaching four and five years respectively without a single Lost Time Accident.

Centre hosts newspaper awards

The Sellafield Centre recently played host to the region's leading journalists as they were invited to this year's North West Newspaper Awards Ceremony on 20 June.



Now in their seventeenth year, the awards, which were presented by ITV Border's Fiona Armstrong, are designed to recognise outstanding journalistic achievements within the North West region.

West Cumbria Domestic Violence donation

One of the biggest financial donations made during this quarter was in May when Sellafield Ltd handed over £2,500 to the West Cumbria Domestic violence society which provides help for victims of domestic violence in the local area.

"Domestic violence is often a hidden issue, which is difficult to tackle because many people are afraid to talk about it. It's not always easy to raise funds to support victims, and that's one reason we're so grateful for Sellafield's support. Sellafield's funding will help us educate victims and perpetrators to understand ways they can change their lives. This money makes a real difference" Carole Launder, councillor from the West Cumbria Domestic Violence Support.

Science and engineering week

From building go-karts to taking part in a travelling maths circus, Science and Engineering Ambassadors from Sellafield Ltd worked with over 530 children to help support science and engineering week, held at the end of June.



Designed to celebrate educational activities that promote science and engineering in local schools, the highlight of the week for pupils involved travelling through the night skies to learn about the myths and legends of the constellations in the visiting inflatable planetarium.

"The feedback from the teachers, pupils and the Science and Engineering Ambassadors has been fantastic; the only trouble is they want to come back for more!" Pauline Farrell, education and community relations officer

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