



Supply Chain BULLETIN

Weekly Update on COVID-19 NEWS from Sellafield Ltd

Friday 17 April 2020

Introduction

This bulletin provides a round up of recent COVID-19 pandemic information for our supply chain companies.

Friday 3 April 2020

Video message for employees from Chief Executive, Martin Chown - Friday 3 April 2020 - [Click here](#)

Monday 6 April 2020

Supply Chain Covid-19 procurement notice 02-20 response with a slight positive amend to bullet 10.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/supply-chain-covid-19-procurement-notice>

Monday 6 April 2020

PPE Appeal

We wanted to reach out to our supply chain both current and future, to ask if you are able to support doctors, nurses and care workers to respond safely to help address the impact of coronavirus.

Sellafield Ltd has recently donated personal protective equipment (PPE) to priorities established by the Cumbria Resilience Forum. Initially, Sellafield Ltd, its contractors and suppliers have donated items including 2500 disposable respirators; around 500 suits, gowns and lab coats and several hundred pairs of gloves. But there is obviously a continual requirement to enable our doctors, nurses and others on the frontline to do their essential work to care for those who are or may be suffering.

As such we are asking that if you have any of the following available you consider donating it to the NHS:

- Masks FFP2 and FFP3
- Gowns / Tyvek suits
- Wrap around safety glasses / goggles
- Visors
- Gloves – Disposable Nitrile
- Surgical masks
- Disposable aprons

Further details can be found [here](#)

To make a donation please contact mast@cumbria.gov.uk

We thank you for your continued support.

Tuesday 7 April 2020

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Sellafield Ltd is pausing all but essential procurement activity. This means that most planned procurements will be held until the conditions are such that they can be delivered effectively and with open and fair competition.

This is a temporary pause and the situation is being constantly reviewed. With this in mind, Sellafield Ltd will not be issuing revised dates for planned procurements until they can be predicted with a higher level of confidence.

Please note, for specific updates on 'live' procurements can you please contact Sellafield Ltd via CTM. Meanwhile for 'pipeline' procurements, please contact the Sellafield Ltd lead category manager for a specific update.

We recognise the disruption this uncertainty may cause to suppliers business planning activities, however we are all responding to the unprecedented consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, and we will be in touch as soon as we have a procurement update.

Kind Regards
Supply Chain Enquiries Team

Wednesday 8 April 2020

Further extension to pause on work across site

Our pause on construction work has been extended to Monday 27 April while we continue to identify the key work that needs to continue and which of our key workers and supply chain are needed on site.

This work is being done during a time of considerable uncertainty and we want to ensure we get it right.

The pause includes all construction work currently being undertaken by the Projects Delivery Directorate and most other project work on-site, with some key exceptions where stopping work could impact on nuclear safety.

Our contractor community has been informed of the decision to extend the pause. An update on the next steps will be issued no later than Thursday 23 April.

Thursday 9 April 2020**Update from our Chief Executive, Martin Chown**

It's the end of another difficult week that none of us could ever have imagined, and so I want to update you on where we are and where we are going.

We continue to operate the site with a significantly reduced workforce and our office-based workforce are largely working from home.

All our construction sites are paused at a time when we are in a significant site ramp up with Programme and Project Partners as well as having teams working hard to complete our current projects such as Main Site Command Facility, Box Encapsulation Plant and Box Encapsulation Plant Product Store Direct Import Facility.

You will know that we are very likely to be in this situation for weeks to come and new challenges will continue to present themselves to the business, to the site and to us as individuals. That said; I am confident that we are in control and have excellent resilience in place as we always must.

In a situation as dynamic as the one we find ourselves in, we must consider every possibility as we plan for recovery when the time is right. We've been assessing and analysing everything we can since the very beginning of this crisis; how to maintain the safety and security of our site and our employees, how to best protect our supply chain, how to help our communities and how and when can we begin the process of increasing operations. These are some of our daily considerations.

There will be more on recovery planning in the next couple of weeks and you may be involved as part of the work to ensure we can restart all operations over time. As I said in the video message last week, the work we do now will minimise the losses to our schedule and mission.

We are still achieving significant results this week we have received 2 licence instruments from ONR which required a huge amount of work, we have repaired our electrical infrastructure to improve our site resilience to almost full capacity, we have completed our financial close out for the year and have signed off all of 20/21 targets.

Thank you for your continued vigilance, professionalism and care.

Thursday 9 April 2020**Updating our guidance to support longer term volunteer roles**

If you have volunteered to support the NHS then you may be contacted in the coming days to support local recovery centres.

Because these volunteer roles are likely to be a 12 week commitment we have been working over the weekend to amend our volunteering process. The amended process will help us to manage our own resource needs, that is the number of roles we will need to keep Sellafield safe and secure, while still supporting your desire to volunteer in the local community.

If you are approached by the NHS to support recovery centres please provide them with all of the information that they need in order to start the process, but don't make a final commitment until our updated guidance is published either later today or tomorrow morning.

Thank you for your patience and for your support to our business and local communities.

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Sellafield Ltd values the capabilities within our broad supply chain and are keen to ensure that when this pandemic is over, we still have a healthy and resilient supply chain ready to re-mobilise and help us all continue to deliver our mission.

The information we have made available on our website should help suppliers to navigate the support on offer from government - as well as guidance available from other sources - [click here](#)

More information is available via the links below;

UK Government – [Guidance for Employers and Businesses](#)

UK Government – [Support for Businesses](#)

UK Government – [Support for self-employed](#)

This information is constantly evolving so please keep checking.



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