**Introduction**

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

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**Wednesday 22 April 2020**

**Further extension to pause on work across site**

Our pause on construction work has been extended to Monday 4 May 2020.

The time will be used to allow further planning and preparation work to considering limited restarts on the BEPPS/DIF and SRP project in addition to continuing work needed to maintain the functionality of the site and keep it safe and secure.

This work is being done during a time of considerable uncertainty and we want to ensure we get it right. Please take some time to read the latest edition of OS for more information on how we are restarting work.

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 our ability to keep it safe and secure.

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 30 April.

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**Friday 24 April 2020**

**Update from our Chief Executive, Martin Chown**

Earlier today I was informed about an accident that occurred on site this morning. It is really sad that one of our colleagues has been injured, and my thoughts are with him and his family. An investigation into the accident is already underway and further information is available below.

Nuclear and conventional safety are always our number one priority and I want to share with you some thoughts with that in mind as we plan for a progressive return to operations.

Our return to normal operations: how, when and why.

Thanks to your professionalism and commitment, in March we were able to quickly ramp down site operations in response to the spread of Covid-19. Since this time, approximately 1,500 colleagues have remained safely working on the site, with thousands more supporting our operations from home.

In common with other major national infrastructure projects, as soon as we completed the ramp down work, we began the work of planning for a return to normal operations recognising that the post-Covid-19 ‘normal’ will be different to that which we have become used to.

We will share the details of this over the coming weeks, but first I want to share with you the thinking behind our planning.

Our return will be guided by all the relevant government advice and national and local Covid-19 management plans. Please keep in mind that where nuclear safety, security and protection of the environment require us to do so, we must undertake all necessary work. For the full story please click here.
Firstly, we are assessing the unique challenges that the pandemic represents to our supply chain. Initially, this work has focused on the near-term requirements to verify that the most important supply lines could be maintained. As we move towards a more controlled and gradual remobilisation of key operations and projects, we will continue this work to assess our readiness to proceed.

Meanwhile, we will be working with suppliers to assess supply chain capability and build a fuller picture to identify if there are any new risks and to collaborate on any mitigations so that the next few months of remobilisation are as smooth as possible.

**Procurement Policy Notice (PPN) - Progress Update**

We have been working with the NDA to ensure a consistent Group wide approach to the implementation of PPN 02 20 - Supplier relief due to COVID-19. Together we have developed a set of practical implementation tools to ensure we can effectively and efficiently provide the support needed by those we have considered to be central to our mission and therefore in scope of the PPN.

We have now engaged with all of our Tier 2 partners who we consider to be in the scope of the PPN to explore which aspects of their supply chains should also be considered in scope and where the provisions under the PPN need to be cascaded.

**Sellafield procurement activity during Covid-19**


It appears that remote working, both at Sellafield and the supply chain, is now becoming more effective, which creates an opportunity to move forward on high priority competitions if some basic criteria can be met.

These include the number of potential organisations that are able to respond, the ability of the evaluation team to run compliant competitions, and the availability of sufficient technical support. A set of guidelines and approaches are being prepared and further information will be communicated as we move closer to a position where can restart.

**A message from Alan Hartley, Interim Supply Chain Director**

Having been with Sellafield Ltd for almost three years and recently being appointed as Interim Supply Chain Director, COVID-19 pandemic is not something I, nor anyone would have been prepared for. I’m really encouraged however at the sense of community that has been created in terms of being in this together that’s fostered greater levels of openness, trust and collaboration, enabling Sellafield to maintain its nationally important operations. This could have not been achieved without the invaluable support of the supply chain, for which I wanted to take the opportunity to say thank you.

As we plan, prepare and carefully execute the stages towards progressively restarting operations, when the time is right to do so, it’s imperative that we sustain and continue to build on the positives and the learnings that have risen out of this unique challenge in order for Sellafield to continue to deliver its mission.

We have received positive feedback regarding our approach to our communications with the supply chain during the COVID-19 pandemic and I would like to assure you of our continued commitment to publishing regular, meaningful and impactful communications both during and after COVID-19.

I hope you find this bulletin informative, as it includes an update on progress with PPN 02/20, support for vulnerable suppliers and our preparation for competition restarts.

I look forward to engaging with you more over the months ahead and when environment permits, on a face to face basis.

Thanks again for your continued support and commitment to Sellafield and in delivering our mission.

Sellafield Ltd values the capabilities within its broad supply chain, and we 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 offer from government - as well as guidance available from other sources – [click here](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/sellafield-procurement-activity-during-covid-19)

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.

**Twitter**

We are regularly tweeting the latest information on COVID-19, to keep updated make sure you follow us at: [@SELLtdBusiness](https://twitter.com/SELLtdBusiness)