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We are facing a time of great opportunity and challenge in the nuclear industry at the moment with the current fleet of EDF reactors moving towards the end of their life and the Magnox stations revising their approach to decommissioning. The Covid-19 situation is creating a period of great uncertainty, both for industry spend and the adjustments in working practices. Additionally, the changes in structures of Site Licence Companies (SLCs) and the future funding for decommissioning are all adding to our business challenges.

The UK has a fantastic array of skills and experience in the nuclear decommissioning field and we have a broad and deep supply chain to draw upon. I recognise that the future of decommissioning is critical to a wide range of businesses from Tier 1 to Tier 4, whose capabilities range from recruitment and law, engineering and energy generation, and decommissioning and consultancy. It is vital that all of our businesses are as informed about, and engaged with, the industry as they can be to enable us to make the best decisions we can. I would like to build on the good work Corhyn Parr has achieved as Chair of the Decommissioning and Existing Generation (DEG) group and be a part of a successful future for both the industry as a whole and all its supply chain companies.

What I Would Like to Achieve Together

- Encourage attendance and engagement from nuclear SLCs and the holders of large contracts.
- Develop the structure of the meetings so that they work seamlessly both in person and in an online environment.
- Increase the interaction and dialogue between SLCs, large Tier 2 organisations and SMEs, to create and foster an environment where companies can openly discuss opportunities and explore potential to collaborate.
- Increase the collaboration the DEG has with other industry groups and organisations to provide a greater insight into opportunities: domestically, internationally and in other industry sectors.

My Commitment

- I would like everyone to have the opportunity to contribute and help guide the direction of the group. I will reflect the views of our members and ensure everyone is heard.
- I will help promote and develop diversity in all its forms in the industry.
- I will develop our meeting sessions to be more engaging, increase the interaction between our members and maximise the value we all get from our attendance at the quarterly meetings.

A Background of Collaboration

I am an approachable and open-minded individual and have worked hard in my career to support collaboration within the nuclear industry. This includes support to the Nuclear Institute's Young Generation Network and my local Nuclear Institute branch. I have always been a keen supporter of and participant in many STEM activities, promoting the industry and helping to develop the talent of the future.

For the past eight years, I have helped businesses in the North West through my work with the Northern Nuclear Alliance (and its earlier guise, the North West Nuclear Forum). In my role on the steering group and as Meeting Chair of the NNA, I set up meetings and engagement events with informed and influential speakers from around the UK.

I have been a Business Development Manager in the industry for over sixteen years with NSG. During this time, I have built up a large network of friends and contacts and am well known within the industry. Previous to my role at NSG, I worked domestically and internationally in both the automation industry and pharmaceutical sectors.

I am a great believer that the nuclear industry is not a 'zero sum game'. Greater value can be created through collaboration between companies; a team can often open up new avenues to new markets, greater than the sum of which the individual companies are able to achieve on their own.