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HOLTEC HIGHLIGHTS

(A Summary Report to Our Clients, Suppliers, and Company Personnel)

EXELON'S DRESDEN STATION CONCLUDES HI-STORM LOADINGS SUCCESSFULLY

Dresden's third campaign in as many years to defuel its pools came to a successful closure on Sunday, June 9, 2002. Five HI-STORM overpacks were loaded with 340 fuel bundles from Dresden's Unit 3 pool in MPC-68 canisters, bringing the total number of loaded overpacks at the Dresden ISFSI to eighteen (fourteen HI-STORMS and four HI-STARs). Next year, Exelon plans to load a minimum of five MPC-68s with fuel taken from the Unit 2 pool (Dresden Units 2 and 3 pools are not interconnected). Last year, Dresden Unit 1 became the first commercial reactor to be completely defueled. According to the Project Manager, Mike Mikota, both heavy-load handling devices, namely the Cask Transfer Facility (a turnkey installation by Holtec) and the Reactor Building crane, as well as all ancillaries, worked flawlessly. Mr. Mikota offers the following assessment of his project: "I believe that with further process improvements (i.e., decreased pool drain down time, reduction of vacuum dry times) a single cask load evolution of less than six days is achievable. My project team looks forward to this challenge for the 2003 campaign. Both dose and loading time came down as the crew gained in experience. I am proud of my team and privileged to have had the opportunity to lead this very important project for my company."

Dresden and FitzPatrick (which finished loading last month) were the two scheduled HI-STORM loadings in the first half of 2002. The next plant in the 2002 HI-STORM loading line-up is Southern Nuclear's Plant Hatch, where seven HI-STORMS will be loaded beginning in late August. Southern Nuclear has two previous successful loading campaigns at Hatch under its belt. Columbia Generating Station plans its maiden MPC loading effort also in August. Trojan, where Holtec has a turnkey key responsibility, will begin loading in December, subject to timely approval by the NRC of the site-specific license amendment currently under review.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

USNRC's last inspection of our QA program and its implementation occurred on May 6-9, 2002. The inspection was principally focused on the "corrective action" segment of the company's program. The inspection, led by NRC veteran, Paul Narbut, uncovered no deficiencies. NRC's Form 591, NRC Report No. 72-1014/02-202, was issued by the NRC on May 14, 2002.

"Audits and surveillances by a succession of teams consisting of the company's present and prospective clients over the past six months have provided ongoing corroboration of the excellent state of our company's quality assurance. We thank all those involved in the audits/surveillances for the invaluable feedback and constructive comments which help us to further enhance the effectiveness of our QA program", says Mark Soler, Holtec's QA Manager.

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