

March 15, 2006

ORGANIZATION: PEBBLE BED MODULAR REACTOR (PTY) LTD.
PROJECT: PEBBLE BED MODULAR REACTOR PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW
SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING WITH PEBBLE BED MODULAR REACTOR (PTY) LTD. FOR FAMILIARIZATION WITH PEBBLE BED MODULAR REACTOR DESIGN, LAYOUT, AND SYSTEMS

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff met with representatives from Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (Pty) Ltd. on February 28 through March 2, 2006, to discuss design principles, layout, and systems of the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor (PBMR). The purpose of the meeting was to familiarize NRC staff with the PBMR design, in support of future white papers that will be submitted to NRC for design certification pre-application review. The meeting notice with agenda was published on February 14, 2006 (ML060450482). PBMR requested this meeting on February 2, 2006 (ML060370388) pursuant to a plan transmitted by letter dated December 8, 2005 (ML053420601) and discussed at the public meeting on December 12, 2005 (ML053630306).

The meeting was a Category 1 meeting and observed by the public and interested stakeholders. The attendance list for the meeting is shown as Enclosure 1 and the agenda is included as Enclosure 2. PBMR's meeting handouts can be accessed through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession No. (ML060650129). If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the handouts located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdrc@nrc.gov.

The following areas of the PBMR design were discussed in the meeting:

- (1) PBMR Program Overview - Information was provided about the South African project activities and the technological basis for the design.
- (2) PBMR Design Principles - Information was provided about the core, fuel and thermodynamic parameters of the gas cycle.
- (3) Reactor Unit and Main Support Systems - Functional descriptions were provided for the main elements of the reactor unit and support systems, including the fuel handling system.
- (4) Power Conversion Unit - Information was provided about the Brayton Cycle and the sensitivity to various internal and external parameters. Descriptions were also provided of subsystems in the power conversion unit, such as the helium pressure boundary.
- (5) Auxiliary Systems Overview - Information was provided about key auxiliary systems such as the reactor cavity cooling system.
- (6) Civil Structures and Equipment Arrangements - Information was provided about the confinement philosophy and the building layout of the South African demonstration plant.

(7) Automation Systems - Information was provided about the control functions and the human-system interfaces.

(8) Electrical Systems - Information was provided about loads on the electrical systems and the standby power systems.

(9) Wrap-up - PBMR reiterated their objectives for the pre-application process and identified the topics for the planned March 15-16, 2006, meetings on safety design, plant operations, and events.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006 9:00 A.M. TO 5 P.M., T-2 B3
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PBMR Safety and Design Familiarization

Session 1 - Plant layout and systems, and fuel design / fueling operations

Tuesday, February 28, 2006, Room T-2 B3

9:00 a.m. Introductory Remarks

9:15 a.m. PBMR Program Overview

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. PBMR Design Principles

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. Reactor Unit and Main Support Systems

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Reactor Unit and Main Support Systems (Cont'd)

4:00 p.m. Open Discussion

Wednesday, March 1, 2006, Room O-13 B4

9:00 a.m. Power Conversion Unit

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Auxiliary Systems Overview

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15 p.m. Auxiliary Systems Overview (Cont'd)

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. Civil Structures and Equipment Arrangements

3:45 p.m. Open Discussion

Thursday, March 2, 2006, Room O-13 B4

9:00 a.m. Automation System

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Electrical System

11:30 a.m. Wrap-up Discussions