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**INVITATION OF USNRC OFFICIALS TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS
WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATOR (NNR)**

Dear Dr Paperiello

The NNR understands that the USNRC is planning to participate in the HTR 2006 conference, to be held October 02-04/2006 in Johannesburg South Africa. For your information the NNR is also participating in this conference and will present two papers related to the NNR licensing activities of the PBMR in South Africa.

Within the framework of our bi-lateral agreement and in terms of the USNRC potential interest in High Temperature Gas Cooled Reactor (HTGR) Technology as well as in the Pebble Bed Modular Reactor, the NNR wishes to extend an invitation to the USNRC staff to meet with the NNR.

The purpose of the meeting will center around the exchange of information related to the NNR licensing activities of the PBMR. Issues to be discussed will include licensing criteria, licensing requirements, licensing guides, licensing framework, licensing reviews and issues etc.. The meeting will also explore potential future interaction between the USNRC and the NNR related to the PBMR.

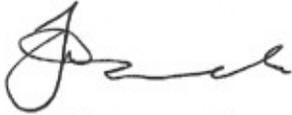
The NNR proposes that this meeting takes place, at the NNR offices in Centurion (near Pretoria), over a period of two days back to back with the HTR 2006 conference. We propose that the meetings be held on the 5th and 6th of October 2006. Upon confirmation of these dates by yourselves, we would then firm them up.

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Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please direct all enquiries on this matter to Mr. Guy Clapison, Senior Manager responsible for power reactors.

Yours sincerely

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