



June 13, 2007

Ms. Julie Olivier
Senior Project Manager
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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Ms. Olivier,

I wish to provide you with an update on the new enrichment project we discussed during our meeting in May. Since we met, the AREVA board has given the project its approval to proceed with the activities necessary to site and license a new enrichment facility in the U.S. We have initiated a site selection effort with the objective of selecting a site suitable for this facility by the end of 2007, followed by an application for combined Construction and Operating License from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in mid 2008.

The team appreciated the warm reception received from you during our visit. We believe as you do, that this project will reinforce our country's infrastructure for nuclear energy and provide the U.S. with additional domestic capacity to meet rising demand for enrichment services, while maintaining a viable and competitive domestic enrichment industry.

With the AREVA board decision to move forward in our planning activities, the existence of the project is no longer confidential. However, AREVA does not plan any public announcements at this time.

Attached is an Affidavit signed by me requesting that some of the material presented to the NRC on May 21 be held from public disclosure. Also attached is a non-proprietary version of the same presentation with the proprietary information removed.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at (301) 841-1656.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sam Shakir'.

Sam Shakir
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AFFIDAVIT OF SAM SHAKIR

(a) I am the General Manager of the Strategic Enrichment Program reporting directly to the President and CEO of AREVA NC, Inc. ("AREVA"), and as such have the responsibility of reviewing the proprietary and confidential information sought to be withheld from public disclosure in connection with our intent to prepare an application to construct and operate a uranium enrichment facility. I am authorized to apply for the withholding of such proprietary and confidential information from public disclosure on behalf of AREVA.

(b) I am making this affidavit in conformance with the provisions of 10 C.F.R. § 2.390 of the regulations of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC"), and in conjunction with AREVA's request for withholding, which is accompanied by this affidavit.

(c) I have knowledge of the criteria used by AREVA in designating information as proprietary or confidential.

(d) By this submittal, AREVA seeks to protect from disclosure certain proprietary and confidential information contained in the following documents:

» *Expanding the U.S. Nuclear Infrastructure
by Building a New Uranium Enrichment Facility (Presentation)*
dated May 21, 2007.

*Affidavit of Sam Shakir, General Manager, Strategic Enrichment Program, AREVA NC,
Inc.*

The Presentation includes, for example, preliminary proposals regarding AREVA's commercial plans to construct a gas centrifuge enrichment facility. These proposals are not public. In addition, because of the preliminary nature of the material with respect to development of an enrichment facility, the information could create inappropriate financial speculation regarding AREVA generally and the proposed enrichment facility specifically.

(e) Pursuant to the provisions of 10 C.F.R. § 2.390(b)(4), the following is furnished for consideration by the NRC in determining whether the proprietary information sought to be protected should be withheld from public disclosure.

- (i) The information for which protection from disclosure is sought has been held in confidence by AREVA. This information is proprietary to AREVA, and AREVA seeks to protect it as such. The information proprietary to AREVA is found in the documents listed in paragraph (d), above. AREVA has separated the proprietary information from non-proprietary information in these documents and is submitting a non proprietary version of the document with this affidavit.

- (ii) The information sought to be withheld is of a type that would customarily be held in confidence by AREVA. The information consists of commercial and financial information that provides a competitive advantage to AREVA.
- (iii) The information sought to be withheld is being provided to the NRC in confidence, and, under the provisions of 10 C.F.R. § 2.390, it is to be received in confidence by the NRC.
- (iv) The information sought to be withheld is not available in public sources, to the best of AREVA's knowledge and belief.
- (v) Public disclosure of the proprietary information AREVA seeks to protect is likely to cause substantial harm to AREVA's competitive position within the meaning of 10 C.F.R. § 2.390(b)(4)(v). The proprietary information has substantial commercial value to AREVA.

For all of the reasons discussed above, AREVA requests that this proprietary information be withheld from public disclosure in its entirety.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct

Executed on June 13, 2007.



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