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Subject: Confirmatory Supplemental Filing in Connection with September 7, 2023 NRC
Correspondence and October 10, 2023 Ansys Reply

Dear Branch Chief Kavanagh and Senior Engineer Zhang:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with us on February 13, 2024, at our request. We were pleased to offer further clarifications in connection with the NRC's June 2023 limited-scope routine inspection at Ansys, Inc. facilities in Canonsburg, PA, your subsequent September 7, 2023 correspondence, and our October 10, 2023 reply. This letter memorializes for the NRC's records the information we provided during our February 13 call.

As we have discussed with the NRC, Ansys's customers, and industry representatives, some nuclear industry customers procure certain of our programs in combination with the optional Quality Assurance Services Agreement that Ansys offers. When doing so, those customers may procure those software programs as a "basic component" for use in safety-related nuclear applications. It is for Ansys's customers to decide whether to procure these optional Quality Assurance Services and how to use Ansys software in the context of their specific requirements. For Ansys's part, we offer these additional Quality Assurance Services with the understanding that nuclear industry customers may find them useful in evaluating suitable uses of the software and in fulfilling their obligations under applicable NRC regulations.

Ansys is proud that customers in the nuclear industry, among other key industries, use Ansys software for simulating complex physics phenomena. Ansys's use of the phrase "commercial grade" to describe its software as standalone products simply reflects that the software is not procured in all cases as a "basic component" as defined in 10 C.F.R. § 21.3. For example, many customers in non-nuclear industries who are not subject to NRC regulations utilize Ansys software, without the additional optional services, for simulation purposes unrelated to the safety of nuclear facilities and processes.

Ansys is firmly committed to supporting the nuclear industry with its engineering simulation software and optional Quality Assurance Services. Ansys is also committed to fostering an environment of transparency and customer engagement in its commercial practices. We value

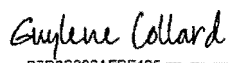


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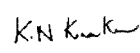
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the opportunity to support the U.S. nuclear industry and we look forward to our continued constructive engagement with the NRC.

Sincerely,

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