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Horizon welcomes step forward in reactor licensing process

Horizon Nuclear Power today welcomed confirmation that the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has asked the nuclear regulators to begin formal discussions with Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy, Ltd., (Hitachi-GE) regarding the Generic Design Assessment (GDA) of the UK Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR).

An application to DECC was made by Hitachi-GE earlier this month and relates to the reactor technology that Horizon proposes to use for its planned developments at Wylfa on Anglesey and at Oldbury in South Gloucestershire.

Horizon Chief Operating Officer Alan Raymant said: "This is a significant early step forward. The GDA reactor licensing process plays a key part in enabling our plans to develop a new nuclear power station at Wylfa."

"GDA is a rigorous and demanding process and we are committed to supporting Hitachi-GE and developing Horizon's ABWR expertise in the process. The ABWR is a proven operational technology which we believe will bring significant benefits to Wales, including 6,000 jobs during construction, around 1,000 long term quality jobs during operation and major opportunities for companies in the supply chain."

Discussing Horizon's longer term plans Raymant said: "We look forward to setting out more detail on our strategy and programme in the next few months. As always, we will work closely with the local community and its representatives on Anglesey as we progress our plans."

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Notes to editors

- Horizon Nuclear Power was formed in 2009 to develop new nuclear power stations in the UK, and was put up for sale by its founders in March 2012. The company was acquired by Hitachi of Japan on 23 November 2012.
- Hitachi-GE Nuclear Energy, Ltd., (Hitachi-GE) is the technology provider and delivery team leader for Horizon's developments at Wylfa on the Isle of Anglesey and Oldbury-on-Severn in South Gloucestershire. Hitachi-GE is owned 80.01% by Hitachi and 19.99% by GE.
- The Generic Design Assessment (GDA) process is conducted jointly by the Office for Nuclear regulation (ONR) and the Environment Agency (EA). The process is completed with the issue of a Design Acceptance Confirmation (DAC) and Statement of Design Acceptability (SODA).
- Horizon's developments at Wylfa and Oldbury will represent multibillion pound investments in the UK's infrastructure. Each is expected to create up to 6000 jobs at peak during the construction phase, and around 1000 during operation.

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