

**Update on COVID-19 NEWS from Sellafield Ltd****Thursday 6 August 2020**

## **Introduction – Steve Glasson, Head of Supply Chain Strategy & Planning**

Alan (Hartley) is having a well-earned rest and holiday this week; hence you have an introduction from me.

The past month has seen an increasing focus on returning to something like 'normal' or at least a new version of it. As a business we have continued to progress our restart plans, with more and more workfaces opening each week. This is enabling our site-based contractors and suppliers to return to what they do best, supporting the delivery of our mission. The on-going 'restart' will continue throughout the remainder of the summer after which we aim to be ever closer to business as usual.

The levels of collaboration with our supply chain demonstrated throughout this period continues to be one of the key factors in the success of our restart so far. While it may not always be easy, the relationships we have allow us to find solutions through ongoing, open and constructive dialogue.

Looking forward, we will be welcoming Susan Lussem, our new Supply Chain Director in September. Susan brings experience from her previous leadership roles in oil and gas, working around the world. As a leadership team we are looking forward to working with Susan to build upon the excellent progress we have made to date.

In this edition you can read more about the ongoing work we are doing to improve our risk management approach and some examples of recent successes for our supply chain. There are still lots of opportunities being published across many sectors, including nuclear. Take a look at our twitter feed where we publish some of them <https://twitter.com/SELLtdBusiness>

## **Risk & Resilience**

As part of our Supply Chain Transformation Programme, we have recently launched our Supply Chain Risk and Resilience Workstream. This aims to increase the resilience of the Sellafield supply chain to ensure that we maintain site safety and security, and to support successful delivery of our operations, projects and programmes.

Continuously improving the way that we manage risk is crucial to ensure that we achieve our objectives set out in our Supply Chain Strategy. Risks can bring opportunities as well as challenges. It does not have to be all about the negatives - of course, we still want to see even more of the great innovations suppliers have introduced over the past few years.

With the risk of a Covid-19 second wave in the UK and around the world, Brexit transition period coming to an end and other threats that may affect supply chains, it is important that we, and our supply chain partners, increase our efforts in risk and continuity management so that we all come out stronger and more resilient than before.

As we develop our approach we will be looking to our supply chain to inform best practice and contribute to the work. If you would like to know more contact [carl.j.holding@sellafieldsites.com](mailto:carl.j.holding@sellafieldsites.com)

## **KTN-iX Challenge**

KTN-iX is a cross-sector programme that matches industry challenges to innovative organisations from a wide range of sectors.

It does this through putting large businesses with technical needs in contact with organisations who have innovative technology for faster development of novel solutions.

The challenge owner selects the ideas that best fit the challenge and then looks at how they might collaborate.

Its latest challenge will support existing decommissioning activities to identify tools and techniques for the containment and mitigation of underground leaks while minimising the risk of potential damage to surrounding sensitive structures.

For the full challenge statement see the KTN-iX website: <https://www.ktninnovationexchange.co.uk/challenges/single/62>

## **Game Changers Challenge**

A prior information notice has been issued by National Nuclear Laboratory for a technology study which will be initiated through a Challenge Statement on Game Changers.

The scope includes developing standardised robotics control architecture which in the future may be used to operate all of Sellafield's robots.

The Challenge Statement will be published on the Game Changers website [www.gamechangers.technology](http://www.gamechangers.technology) during August 2020. Details of the PIN can be viewed [here](#)

## **Lunchtime technology talk**

The next Game Changers Technology Talk session will take place on Tuesday 11 August from 12 – 1pm.

The topics this month are innovative waste management and image processing for enhanced visual inspection of nuclear waste packages. Register [here](#)

## **Sellafield's Logistics Service Provider**

Following a rigorous and competitive tender process, Peterson (United Kingdom) Ltd has been successful in the recent tender for Sellafield's Logistics Service Provider requirements.

The scope of work includes managing inbound logistics and secure distribution of goods from the distribution centre at Lillyhall.

Work will now start on final legal completion and signature of the contract and agreeing the timelines for transition.

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## Lead Team Profiles

Gerry Lennon, Head of Category Engineering Equipment, Systems and Products (EES&P)



I've been with Sellafield Ltd for over seven years, based in Warrington and Cumbria. Before joining the company I was the Head of Purchasing for ScottishPower Energy Networks for 16 years. Prior to that I worked at Ericson Telecoms and GEC in manufacturing and new product development and design.

My portfolio includes commercial management to two of the four value streams – Spent Fuel Management and Special Nuclear Materials.

I am supported by category managers who take a lead on key areas: Sam States for Value Streams; Richard Taylor for Plant & Equipment; Rob McGarel for Manufactured Products and Steph Atkinson for Boxes.

Much of our work is focused on manufactured products required by Sellafield, either directly to site operations or via the PPP framework. Recently, we have increased activity and progress on a number of strategically important procurements required for site - High Integrity Stainless Steel Containers, 63 Element racks and 3m3 boxes.

During Covid-19 the team have worked to ensure the value streams are supported through re-start activities and maintaining key site-based operations. This has included undertaking risk-based analysis to ensure contingency plans are required.

The next area of focus is the formation of the Manufactured Products Intelligent Client (MPIC) organisation that will be the principle delivery mechanism for all new and existing manufactured products.

We will develop new product introductory processes to ensure all products are designed for repeatable manufacture. The team will consist of relevant Sellafield Ltd representatives and the supply chain working collaboratively via multi-discipline teams with shared objectives and outcomes.

## Sellafield contract will boost local economy

A west Cumbrian company has been awarded a £30m contract to manufacture nuclear waste containers for Sellafield Ltd.

TSP Engineering, of Workington, will produce transport packages for Sellafield's decommissioning programme.

The 50-tonne, lead-lined containers will transfer nuclear waste from the legacy Magnox Swarf Storage Silo to newly built storage facilities on the site. Read the article [here](#)

## Covid-19 - Clarity on test, track and trace

The Sellafield Ltd test, track and trace system has been introduced to complement the national system and help prevent the spread of Covid-19 by ensuring those with Covid-19 are quickly identified and able to self-isolate. To find out more information please click [here](#)

## Our Collaborative Focus on Modern Slavery

As a reminder, Sellafield Ltd and its supply chain recognise the pivotal importance of a collaborative approach to eradicating any forms of modern slavery occurring.

As a result we are following government best practice and guidance, which is explained in our Annual Statement [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/905374/Modern\\_Slavery\\_Act.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/905374/Modern_Slavery_Act.pdf)

## Update from our Chief Executive, Martin Chown - 31 July 2020 – to view the video please click [here](#)

## Staying in Contact

If you have any questions or concerns you can contact [supply.chain.enquiries@sellafieldsites.com](mailto:supply.chain.enquiries@sellafieldsites.com) and we will respond via email or phone.

Alternatively you can book on to one of our Business Open Sessions [here](#) which are 1:1s with a member of the supply chain development team.

## Updates and Announcements

For updates and our latest announcements please [click here](#)

## Contract Opportunities

Remember you can check for live contract opportunities via our Complete Tender Management system (CTM) without logging in, visit [here](#) and click on 'current tender opportunities' on the home page.

## Procurement Plan

Our procurement plan is updated regularly and you can access this [here](#)