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Decommissioning Technology Exchange
Special Agreement with Japan

Under the terms of the NEA-OECD International Decommissioning Technology Exchange Agreement which AECL has signed and entered into, there is a provision for "Special Arrangements" among member countries. These special arrangements are intended to be invoked when two particular countries find that they have a decommissioning subject matter of common interest which is on a more detailed level than would otherwise be expected for the complete exchange program. During the recent TAG meeting in Montreal of the participants, Japan indicated a very significant interest in AECL's decommissioning cost estimation methodology and proposed that we enter into a special arrangement with them on this subject. The recognition by JAERI of AECL's capability in the area of decommissioning cost estimation should be considered as a significant achievement.

In a meeting 86-03-13 with Dr. TSUATAO HOSHI and SHUN-ICHI MIYASAKA of the Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute, we discussed the general concept of this special arrangement. They left us with a description of their efforts in this area and suggested very strongly that AECL's practical knowhow gained through Gentilly-1 Project would assist them in validating and furthering their cost estimation capability for the JPDR project. Unfortunately, the spirit of the International Decommissioning Technology Exchange Agreement precludes financial compensation for work and exchange of information. We explained subtly to the Japanese visitors that our project at Gentilly-1 was complete and that our budget situation was limited. They understood and we agreed that we could probably continue our collaboration in a written form up to a certain point. Then, they would send one or more of their specialists to our offices for detailed meetings to continue the collaboration.

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Depending on the extent of our efforts in this venture, we may have to seek out additional funding, presumably from G.L. Brooks' Development Budget. As and when the need arises, we will address this item.

B. Gupta, C. Pappas, M.S. Schafer are to be congratulated on their conceptual and detailed work on the DECOM code which has resulted in this international recognition.

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