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As discussed – short note ahead of the (potential) SoS / Areva meeting on Wednesday.

It only covers off the renewables side, which is currently the 'live' issue for Areva and where we believe there are significant developments that Luc will brief SoS on - however Areva of course also have nuclear interests that aren't covered here (cc'ing REDACTED S.40(2) & Hergen in OND to be aware).

I will also bring a paper copy up shortly,

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Offshore Wind Manufacturing Investments: Possible meeting with Luc Oursel of Areva

Wednesday 17 October 2012

Issue

Areva have been developing plans for an offshore wind manufacturing facility in the UK, REDACTED S.43(2). This meeting is a chance to hear from Luc about the state of play, and stress the importance the UK attaches to UK economic benefit for the development of the offshore wind sector. You recently made these points to Luc in a phone call ahead of their Board discussions. REDACTED S.43(2)



State of play on Areva's UK manufacturing project

1. Areva have been working up plans for a REDACTED S.43(2) UK factory REDACTED S.43(2)
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3. REDACTED S.43(2) Areva were one of the signatories to the letter that prompted the Times' "Go Green or We Quit" headline last week). REDACTED S.43(2)
4. We believe Areva are **now likely to sign a public MOU with Scottish Enterprise**, saying that they will work together to identify suitable locations(s) for a manufacturing cluster. Alex Salmond is likely to be going to Paris on the 19th November, and he and Luc Oursel (Areva CEO) aim to sign the agreement then. REDACTED S.43(2)
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Suggested aims of the meeting

- **To keep an important potential wind turbine manufacturer on board:** Areva have the potential to bring innovative technology and reduced costs to the turbine manufacturing process, with a knock on effect for the costs to UK consumers.
- To hear what is likely to be an update from Luc on their UK plans, REDACTED S.43(2)
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- And to stress that while we very much want to see them in this market, **UK economic benefit – jobs, employment – are part of the deal.** Growth and job creation are a top priority for the whole of the government. That's why the aim of Developers to reach 50% UK content in the offshore wind supply chain is so important – it's a key part of a sustainable, cost-effective future for the industry, and it is a crucial part of the overall argument for UK offshore wind, as we make the case to consumers for the higher bills they face.

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Previous high-level discussions with Areva

- This call follows your recent telephone discussion with Luc Oursel on the 28th September, where you reiterated our support for Areva's project ahead of Areva's Board meeting **REDACTED S.43(2)** .
- We arranged a short chat between the Deputy Prime Minister and Julian Brown (who heads their UK renewables activities), where the DPM highlighted the importance of having a clear and growing role for the UK supply chain, and that this is politically important for the continued public support for renewables.
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