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1, June 2009.

Former Royal Ordnance Factory, Bishopton, Renfrewshire

Dear Sirs,

BAE Systems have outline planning permission for the regenerating the former Royal Ordnance factory (ROF) at Bishopton, Renfrewshire, and at the moment are undertaking detailed investigations and risk assessments in support of further detailed planning applications (June 2009) for the remediation of the site.

Currently BAE Systems are assessing the suitability of the former explosive manufacturing site for residential, recreational open space and commercial end uses.

As part of the overall regeneration of the ROF site, the site will be required to be remediated in a phased approach, which is currently anticipated to take between 5-15 years. Throughout this period of time, there will be workers on-site, involved in the day to day remediation works. The detail of the remediation works are yet to be fully finalised however will include tree felling, asbestos removal from buildings, construction of a landfill, handling of contaminated soils, demolition of buildings, general earthworks and civil engineering works

During the current risk assessment process, it is considered that the exposure to an individual worker is likely to be short term (acute risk) and would be mitigated by compliance with current Health and Safety regulations, including CDM (2007) regulations. We are of the opinion that prior to commencement of any works potential risks to a worker would be mitigated by undertaking a full and proper assessment of the risks and devising detailed methodologies to mitigate those risks.

Renfrewshire Council, the planning authority, have indicated that given the potential longer term periods of exposure for an individual worker, they consider that the risk to an individual worker may be potentially longer term (chronic risk), and have therefore asked BAE Systems to seek assurances from the HSE that compliance with current H&S legislation and regulations would indeed ensure that the health and safety of workers could be fully addressed in this longer term scenario.

BAE Systems would be pleased if you could give your opinion on this matter.

Yours faithfully



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(please reply to Bishopton Address above)

Copied for information to Dr Andrew Train – HSE Bootle

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For the attention of David Croke, Principal Consultant

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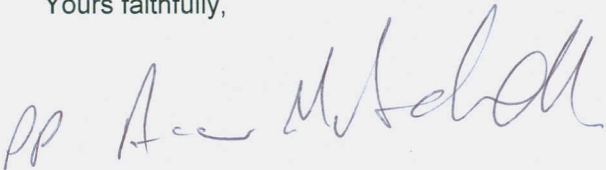
FORMER ROYAL ORDNANCE FACTORY, BISHOPTON, RENFREWSHIRE – PLANNING QUERY

Thank you for your letter of 1 June 2009.

As you will be aware, the health and safety legislative regime within the UK is goal setting. It is the employers involved in the above project who have the responsibility for assessing and managing risks to the health and safety of employees (and others who may be affected by their activities). This includes longer latency occupational health risks.

HSE does not provide the type of assurances you are seeking.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'pp Iain Brodie', is written over the typed name.

Iain Brodie
HM Principal Inspector of Health and Safety

c.c Dr Andrew Train – HSE Bootle