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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON NEW £3M DE-SCALING FACILITY

New development to help the oil and gas industry to clean naturally occurring radioactive mineral scale waste

Construction has started on a new treatment plant at Stoneyhill, near Peterhead in Aberdeenshire to clean and recycle equipment from North Sea oil and gas operations affected by Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM*).

NORM is a by-product of the oil and gas industry and develops as a mineral scale on the inside of pipes and valves over time.

The development of the new processing plant at Stoneyhill near Peterhead will present the North Sea Oil & Gas industry with the means to comply with new environmental regulations.

The new facility is being constructed by Nuvia SITA NORM Limited, a specialist joint venture company bringing together the nuclear industry experience of Nuvia Limited, one of the UK's leading radiation protection and radioactive waste experts, with the recycling and waste management capabilities of SITA UK.

Initial construction works include the refurbishment of a building that will house the treatment process along with the installation of a containment system and ultra high pressure water jetting (UHPWJ) pumps and systems.

The de-scaling facility will operate under a Radioactive Substances Act (93) Authorisation which is expected to be issued by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) following consultation under the Euratom Treaty, Article 37 requirements.

NORM affected equipment delivered to site will be treated in a fully contained area with UHPWJ to safely remove mineral scale. Once de-scaled, metals and pipework may be reused or recycled and any scale removed will be de-watered and encapsulated in cement. This waste will then be consigned to landfill under authorisation at SITA UK's adjoining Stoneyhill site.

Major works are scheduled for completion by the end of July with commissioning of the plant following soon after. The recycling facility will bring extra employment to the region, with around 30 jobs during the construction and installation phase and an anticipated 13 positions when the facility becomes operational in the autumn.

- * NORM is the term that is used to describe radioactive materials that exist naturally in the geological environment. NORM is found in a variety of bulk commodities, process wastes and commercial items, such as sands, china clays and soils, granite, coal, groundwater, oil and gas.

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[Nuvia](#) is a nuclear specialist, covering both civilian and defence sectors, across the complete lifecycle from new build, through operations and maintenance, to final decommissioning and waste management as well as providing a comprehensive radiation protection service. Nuvia has over 20 years' experience in the provision of NORM descaling and management services to the Oil & Gas industry, including the design and operation of two onshore descaling facilities in the UK, in addition to facilities in the Middle East and mobile facilities at clients' sites. Nuvia's current purpose-built facility at Winfrith has serviced the Oil & Gas industry in southern England since 2002, and utilises ultra high pressure water jetting and abrasive scabbling techniques to descale a wide range of equipment including tubulars, pumps, valves and well-head components. Nuvia is a member of the Nuvia Group with over 2000 staff and a turnover of ~190M Euro. The Group is part of Soletanche Freyssinet, a world leader in specialised civil and geotechnical engineering and a wholly owned subsidiary of VINCI, the world's largest integrated concessions and construction group.

SITA UK

SITA UK, a subsidiary of SUEZ ENVIRONNEMENT, is a recycling and resource management company, generating environmental value, social value and economic value from our nation's waste. The company delivers environmentally responsible and increasingly innovative solutions for the public, local government, industry and commerce, enabling our customers to reduce their impact on the environment. SITA UK serves over 12 million people and handles more than 9 million tonnes of domestic, commercial and industrial waste through a network of recycling, composting, energy-from-waste and landfill facilities. SITA UK employs over 5,500 staff and has an annual turnover in excess of £750 million.

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