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NGNP Industry Alliance Grows into Mission – Changes for the Future

To prepare for potential international and U.S. opportunities for the demonstration and commercialization of modern High Temperature Gas Cooled Reactor (HTGR) technology, the NGNP Industry Alliance today announced a restructuring and associated leadership changes.

Donald Hoffman, President and CEO of EXCEL Services, was elected Vice Chairman. EXCEL provides professional services to US and international nuclear utilities in the operations, engineering, regulatory/licensing and technical and safety areas. Mr. Hoffman, who founded EXCEL in 1985, is well known in the nuclear industry and is a Past President of the American Nuclear Society. Early in his career, Mr. Hoffman was a senior reactor operator and engineering officer in the U.S. Nuclear Submarine Navy and was a Branch Chief and lead reviewer at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Mark Haynes has been retained as the Executive Director in a new role approved by the Board of Directors on January 18th. In his role, Mr. Hayes will provide day-to-day leadership of the Alliance's efforts to achieve the demonstration and commercialization of modern HTGR technology. Haynes has worked closely with the Alliance since its early roots in 2006 and has been a Senior Advisor since 2011. He has 25 years of experience in advanced fission and nuclear energy development, most recently as President of his consulting firm Concordia Power. Prior to that position, he served for 14 years as a Vice President with General Atomics.

Also announced was Dr. Finis Southworth in a newly formed director position as Chief Technology Officer (CTO). Dr. Southworth recently retired as CTO from AREVA after a 30-year career as a manager, leader, teacher, and scientist in national laboratories, industry, and academia. He remains an active member of the American Nuclear Society and the International Council on Systems Engineering. He has authored 38 technical papers, and has been on the Alliance Board of Directors since its incorporation in 2010.

Chris Hamilton, Chairman of the Board said, "Speaking on behalf of our Board, we are all excited about completing our reorganization and retaining such a pool of talent and experience that we have in Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Haynes and Dr. Southworth. They have been an important part of our past efforts and we have positioned them in leadership roles for the future."

Under the reorganization, the Alliance will locate offices in Rockville Maryland.

Notes to editors

Incorporated in 2010, the NGNP Industry Alliance Limited represents the interests and views of the member companies who have taken a leadership role to mutually support and direct project plans to design, build, operate and use the HTGR technology. The Alliance and its partners are working to ensure that the management and structure of HTGR projects takes full advantage of lessons learned from international efforts and are working with its international partners to enable technology development and deployment ventures.

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