

## James Fisher Nuclear meets IRID

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On 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013, James Fisher Nuclear Ltd (JFN) were delighted to attend a one to one meeting with the Japanese Government organisation, IRID.

Since the events at Fukushima, the Japanese Government have set up the organisation International Research Institute for Nuclear Decommissioning (IRID) to develop decommissioning methodologies, and in particular solve some of the challenges of the Fukushima clean up. Being a new organisation, IRID welcomes relevant information from industry experts in decommissioning, especially experience in addressing similar remote handling challenges.

JFN met a delegation from IRID who were in the UK to give briefings on their forthcoming request for information on fuel debris retrieval. IRID have begun retrievals of spent fuel from the reactor 4 storage pond; an important stage in developing methodologies for the more complex challenges to come. This RFI relates primarily to reactors 1 to 3 which are in a less well understood condition. IRID selected four British companies to attend one to ones and JFN's proud heritage in ROV deployments and Remote Handling in support of the UK's decommissioning programme led to them being asked to attend.

The IRID team included Mikihiro Nakata (Deputy Manager, International and Alliance Department), Shigeru Yukinor (Deputy General Manager, Research Promotion Department), Masahiro Echizen (General Manager, International and Alliance Department) and Mr. Hirofumi Kinoshita (Deputy General Manager, Research Promotoin Department).

IRID's key interests are JFN's:

- track record of delivery not theory.
- relationship with Brokk / ROVs in pond and on land.
- good relationship with the NDA and UK Operators and SLCs.
- ability to provide solutions.
- history of remote handling solutions (full lifecycle) with a particular focus on reactor decommissioning, high hazard plant and ponds.

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In the meeting, the two organisations reviewed the initial Japanese proposals for FED recovery, which was followed by a constructive dialogue on the challenges faced by the project and relevant JFN experiences.

JFN welcomed the opportunity for an enlightening and intelligent discussion bringing together the experiences of both parties and look forward to reviewing the FED RFQ once issued and assessing areas to which JFN could contribute further.



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## About IRID:

IRID research and develop technologies for nuclear decommissioning, promote cooperation with international and domestic organisations on nuclear decommissioning and develop human resources for research and development.

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