



Press Information

Croft Wins Contract To Supply Magnox With Containers For ILW

Croft Associates, the UK's foremost developer of packaging, storage and transportation solutions for radioactive waste, has been included in a substantial framework contract to provide robust self-shielded waste containers to store Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) generated by Magnox nuclear power stations in the UK.

The containers are central to Magnox's strategy for decommissioning and delivering eight UK nuclear sites into care and maintenance. Once filled, the containers will be stored in purpose-built facilities at a number of sites until a national repository becomes available. The contract will run over a period of six years.

Clive Beattie, CEO at Croft, said: "We are delighted to have come to this framework agreement with Magnox, which underlines the confidence that the organisation has in the quality and long-term functionality of our Safstore range. Safstore containers were specifically designed to store and transport ILW, and have already received early stage endorsement for disposal in the Geological Disposal Facility being developed by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA). Safstore containers are designed to help nuclear sites to accelerate hazard reduction, decommissioning and site clean-up, whilst also lowering the costs associated with the process."

"This type of contract offers many real benefits, including increased value for money, improved security of supply and it opens up programmes of work and increased opportunities for the UK supply chain" commented Dr Peter Walkden, Magnox Commercial Director.



Croft is one of four companies to be awarded framework contracts by Magnox. The total number of containers required by Magnox under these contracts is estimated to amount to more than 2000 units, and in total the contracts are worth in excess of £200million. Croft is expecting its first order for 50 containers as part of the framework early this year.

The Croft Safstore range of robust self-shielded waste containers includes containers for low specific activity materials and surface contaminated items as well as containers for Type B contents. These containers are made from ductile cast iron and contain a number of unique Croft design features, over which Croft has a patent pending. They represent a new generation in design that provides significant advantages over earlier generation containers which relied predominantly on concrete for meeting performance requirements.

Further details on Croft are at: www.croftltd.com

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