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BETREFF **Pebble Bed Research Reactor Fuel Project**

Dear Mr. MacWilliams,

With respect to the recent meeting on the German High Temperature reactors (HTR) we refer to the 5. Joint Convention Report of the Federal Government of Germany, published in August 2014 (www.bmub.bund.de/N51273-1/) and submitted to the depositary of the Convention, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna, on 08 October 2014: The AVR and THTR were operated as experimental and demonstration reactors for the purpose of demonstrating the viability of the graphite pebble bed reactor technology. According to this, both AVR and THTR are not classified as commercial nuclear reactors in the report.

In addition one aspect of the research and development was to demonstrate the reliability of the AVR and THTR technology, and the most direct way to show this was to generate power to the commercial grid. This production of power does not make the AVR and THTR reactors commercial reactors.

The official German report provides all information on the classification of German HTR reactors.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

With best regards