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NuGeneration Ltd open for business in West Cumbria

- *NuGen hosts first stakeholder event for West Cumbria*
- *New Office at Westlakes Science Park opens for business*

NuGeneration Ltd (NuGen), the consortium of GDF SUEZ SA (“GDF SUEZ”), IBERDROLA SA (“IBERDROLA”) and Scottish and Southern Energy plc (“SSE”), today welcomed stakeholders from across West Cumbria to an event where plans to develop a new generation nuclear power station of up to 3.6 GW were outlined.

The event, the first of its kind for NuGen, attracted more than 70 guests from the local community, local business forums and political arenas. They filled the lecture theatre at the Samuel Lindow Building on Westlakes Science Park where they were able to hear Olivier Carret, Chief Operating Director, Alfio Vidal, Chief Nuclear Director and Gavin Brydon, Chief Financial Officer speak about the NuGen team, the plans and timetable for new nuclear build and most importantly to hear how stakeholders will have the opportunity to get involved. External guest speakers were Jamie Reed MP and Professor John Fyfe, Ambassador of the University of Central Lancashire who own the building where the event was held.

Speaking after the event Olivier Carret said: “Today was our first opportunity to talk directly to representatives of the West Cumbrian community about our plans to build a new nuclear power station and we were absolutely delighted that so many people were able to join us.

“We have made a strong and lasting commitment that we will involve and engage people in our plans and the opening of our new office today, here in the heart of the business community of West Cumbria, means that we will be able to actively contribute to Cumbria’s “Energy Coast” vision and develop strong and long term relationships with local communities in the area.

”There is a huge amount of expertise and knowledge that comes from the long tradition of nuclear power in this area and we are very much looking forward to working with the people of West Cumbria as our plans progress.”

Addressing the audience, Jamie Reed MP thanked NuGen for the commitment they have made to the area. He said: “I have been significantly impressed by the honest and transparent way that NuGen has approached community partnership.

“The community of West Cumbria are the people that will make this happen and with us all acting as determined and committed partners working in an integrated way all the evidence is there that we will do it.”