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Björn

I have received today the attached e-mail by Simcha Stroes Gascoyne. She informs me of a brief work that she did to informally help her husband while he was working for SKB. We still consider that Simcha qualifies for the review team, but we would like to check with the SSM as well.

Kind regards

Claudio



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Subject: Question re ToR

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Dear Claudio,

I have read the ToR again, especially with respect to the clause on impartiality:

- The chosen expert shall not have been directly, or indirectly through sub-contracting, involved in work for the Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Co (SKB), any of its subsidiaries, or the Finnish counterpart Posiva during the last two years.
- The chosen expert should not have made any significant contribution to SKB's (or Posiva's) safety case over the past 4 years.

In light of the above, I want to let you know the following:

My husband Mel Gascoyne performed a review of a report on hydrogeology for SKB last October, while on a contract with SKB. While Mel worked on this, he asked me to review a small section (about 6-8 pages) for him on the subject of microbiology in that report. I did this for him, as a favour. I gave him some written comments he included in his review and in his report to SKB he let them know that I had reviewed those few pages.

I did this as a favour and I was not paid, or otherwise benefitted from this.

My question is, does this constitute a conflict of interest with respect to my involvement with the OECD-NEA review? I have never had a contract with SKB nor have I been paid by them (or Mel) in any way or form. In my opinion, my contribution was not significant, but it is your opinion that counts, and I want to make you aware, in case you see a problem with this.

I started thinking about this when I looked at the above clause again. I was asked last week by Posiva to do some work for them but the above clause probably prevents that.

I look forward to hearing our opinion.

Best Regards,

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