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Dear Vincent

Thank you for your letter dated 27 October, inviting me to speak at the EDF Energy Nuclear New Build Suppliers Conference, on the 13 December.

Regrettably, diary pressures prevent me from being able to accept your invitation on this occasion.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful event.

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Dear Charles

EDF Energy Nuclear New Build Suppliers Conference

Following your successful address at EDF Energy's Nuclear New Build Suppliers Conference last year, I would be delighted if you could speak at the forthcoming conference on the morning of 13th December 2011 at the QEII Centre in central London.

Given the importance of this year's conference to the nuclear sector and a substantial proportion of the UK's construction and engineering industry, I would be grateful if you would consider our invitation to address the hundreds of businesses in our supply chain.

This year is a year of action and delivery for EDF Energy as we expect to begin work to prepare our first site at Hinkley Point in Somerset for a nuclear power station. We have already committed to supply chain contracts in excess of £500m with British companies, with spend against those commitments already totalling £150m.

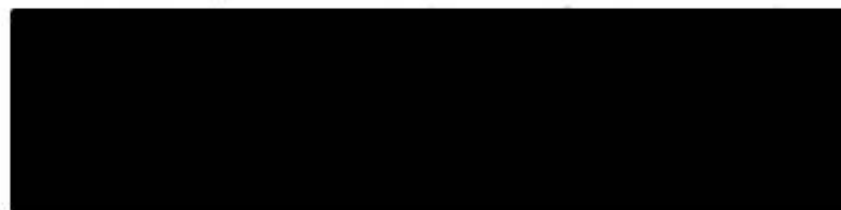
This will be EDF Energy's third annual conference for companies hoping to become suppliers for our nuclear new build project. As you know, last year's conference attracted around 650 businesses and benefitted greatly from addresses by you and the Secretary of State for Business.

This year the Commercial Secretary to the Treasury, Lord Sassoon, has agreed to give an address from a business growth perspective and I believe this audience would benefit greatly from hearing your views on the role of nuclear in electricity generation.

There are already 800 supplier companies who have registered interest this year, including construction companies local to our first proposed construction site and well-known successful British companies such as Rolls-Royce, BAE Systems, Babcock International and AMEC.

Should you be willing to speak, I will ask my Public Affairs team to contact your office to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely



Vincent de Rivaz