



Press Release

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CECA: Wylfa Cancellation Would Be A “Serious Blow” To Future UK Energy Security

Civils contractors have today described the cancellation of a new nuclear power station at Wylfa in Wales as a “serious blow” to the UK’s future energy security.

The Japanese firm Hitachi has announced that it is to suspend work on the £20 billion scheme, with the loss of 400 jobs.

Commentating, CECA Director of External Affairs Marie-Claude Hemming said: “This is an extremely disappointing decision that throws doubts on the future energy security of the UK.

“CECA has long campaigned for new nuclear as a vital component of the mixed portfolio of electricity generation Britain will rely upon in the coming years.

“New nuclear power remains the best way of ensuring a secure future supply of low-carbon base load energy that is not reliant on external factors such as the weather.

“Once completed, Wylfa Newydd will create up to 850 permanent jobs, stay online for sixty years, and offer employment to future generations of skilled workers. Its cancellation would be a serious blow to hopes for regeneration to the economy not only of Wales, but the whole UK.

“We call on the UK Government to act quickly to provide certainty, demonstrate its commitment to the nuclear sector, and to engage with both industry and potential investors to ensure the scheme goes ahead.”

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Notes to editors

1. The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) represents over 300 contractors of all sizes, covering approximately 80% of the civil engineering market in Great Britain. Our members build infrastructure that provides the basis for economic sustainability and quality of life in communities across the country.
2. You can read CECA’s release on Moorside [here](#).