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Atkins joins NGNP Industry Alliance

Clean, Sustainable Energy for the 21st Century

Atkins, one of the world's most respected design, engineering and project management companies, has joined the NGNP Industry Alliance Limited to support the mission of commercializing the High Temperature Gas-cooled Reactor (HTGR).

Established in 1938 and today with some 18,300 employees worldwide, Atkins sees advance nuclear reactor technologies as a driver for climate-friendly energy that is near-term in the HTGR. "Atkins will be a major player in our Alliance and provides decades of experience that will play a crucial role in moving our mission forward", said Chris Hamilton, CEO and Chairman of the Alliance.

"Atkins is dedicated to nuclear power as a current and future source of energy and we are involved in a number of major future nuclear energy projects around the world. The inherent safety of the HTGR design gives the reactor a true passive safety claim, providing maximum protection to the public. The high outlet coolant temperature provides unique flexibility in applications beyond electricity generation and affords a distinctive business model relative to other energy sources," said Michael Corum, Vice President of Operations in Atkins' Energy North Americas business.

For more on Atkins see http://www.atkinsglobal.com/energy

Notes to editors

Atkins (www.atkinsglobal.com) is one of the world's most respected design, engineering and project management consultancies, employing some 18,300 people across the UK, North America, Middle East, Asia Pacific and Europe. We build long term trusted partnerships to create a world where lives are enriched through the implementation of our ideas. You can view Atkins' recent projects on our website.

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Background on the NGNP Industry Alliance

Incorporated in 2010, the **NGNP Industry Alliance Limited** represents the interests and views of the member companies who have taken a leadership role to mutually support and direct project plans to design, build, operate and use the HTGR technology. The Alliance and its partners are working to ensure that the management and structure of HTGR projects takes full advantage of lessons learned from international efforts and are working with its international partners to enable technology development and deployment ventures.

For more on the NGNP Industry Alliance, see www.ngnpalliance.org