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Jim

I have considered all the material I have and my view is that we are close to the point of closing on the principal contracts but not there yet. I suggest we have the series of meetings you suggested starting relevant CEC officers who have the technical up to date info, then a meeting with Willie Gallagher and others from Tie and DLA leading to the planned IPG on Wednesday pm for Directors to take a view. This could be actioned for Wednesday depending on your view and on Donald and Andrew who will be presenting the Report. These discussions will allow us to clearly consider with the right people current risks and remit to Tie what is required to make this cycle. My advice is we need some additional information, advice and then decisions.

Essentially the land entry and consents from First Scotrail need more info , decision and action.

We need to be clear if the Mudfa risks and other consents, approvals risks are all included in current financial contingency at current risk level.

The PI issue and DLA issue you raised need resolved now. I have already started to liaise with Andrew Fitchie .

The SDS issues and impact need to be contained in current financial contingency at current risk level.

From a discussion with WG today the bidder negotiations seem to be strong and on track. We need to be up to speed with these and I will action immediately . Not aware of any showstoppers in these.

WG is very focussed on ensuring costs are contained which we need.

The real issue here is whether or not the position and conditions are right to close with the bidder at this point. Costs of delay not yet known but it would be critical to ensure that BBS do not become concerned and Tie DLA would have more insight here.

WG advised that BBS are aware and will accept novated contract re SDS. There may however be a financial cost here which needs visibility to ensure it could be contained in current contingency.

My advice is for us to continue to do everything possible to ensure we can be on track for this cycle or to clearly know why if this is not the case and balance the impacts.

Can you let me know if you want me to put these meetings in place pl. I am close to UK now!

Gill

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