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**From:** Geoff Gilbert  
**Sent:** 21 February 2008 09:02  
**To:** Graeme Bissett (external contact); Steven Bell; Susan Clark; Damian Sharp; Andrew Fitchie; Stewart McGarrity; Mark Hamill; Tom Hickman; Matthew Crosse  
**Subject:** RE: Consents - Urgent

Graeme

I started to review your paper last night, but haven't finished and need to get back onto SDS novation. It's not factually correct as it stands The issue is not the SDS Contract or Novation agreement. The issue is primarily that Infracore expected designs to be complete and consents in place before contract award. It is they who are reluctant to take the risk on the delivery of consents. SDS have as a secondary point stated that they envisaged that the designs would be completed before award. However, they have been less vocal on this when we pointed out that their contract provides flexibility to novate at any time in the design process, clearly meaning that it was at least one scenario when their contract was awarded.

Regards

Geoff

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**From:** Graeme Bissett [[mailto:graeme.bissett](mailto:graeme.bissett@infracore.com)] [REDACTED]  
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Colleagues, the attached draft paper addresses the concerns expressed about risks from the consent process. As you know, this is an area of serious concern to CEC and the paper is therefore an attempt to provide proper context for decisions on risk acceptance and a rational analysis of the extent of the risk. I have stolen shamelessly from previous presentations. Could you read it (6 pages only) and let me have comments by return :

1. Factual errors or important omissions / qualifications
2. Additional text in a few places – initials highlight these, keep it short and sweet.
3. Comment on the conclusions and any concerns you may have. Given that there is work still to do / document, these conclusions are WIP and you won't be held to any views expressed at this stage !

A final version will be circulated later tomorrow for approval within tie before it goes to the Council.

Thanks

Regards  
Graeme

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