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Andrew

As you know, this is a legally complex area and confusion arises easily.

As matters stand, the BBS position is that BBS will not accept liability for uninsured third party losses. This exclusion from liability applies both to the Clause 77 indemnity and to losses arising from breach of contract. As uninsured third party losses could arise from negligence this position holds true in relation to negligence claims (although an analysis of the policy may provide comfort on this point and this exercise is, I understand, ongoing).

I appreciate the need for clarity at this point in time but you will also appreciate that BBS is working hard to understand whether they are able to move on this. That work is also ongoing and the position set out above must be seen in that context.

I note your view that this is a consortium issue. You will recall that I was clear in our discussion on Friday evening that the BB and Siemens position on this was and is consistent.

Whilst the timing of any report to CEC is of course a matter for you and tie, I had understood that BBS would be given time to undertake appropriate investigations. If BBS is able to soften its position it would be a great shame if CEC had been told something else. As you have seen Herbert's e-mail, you are aware that internal meetings on Monday are critical to the expression of BBS's final position on this and I hope that tie remain able to give us the necessary time.

Regards

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Martin

Following Richard's email to Willie earlier this afternoon, we are confused.

Richard's points focus on the exposure to consequential loss for BBS arising from simply executing the works in compliant fashion, and the fact that no counter indemnity from tie is sought by BBS. This was the subject of the earlier

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lengthy con call yesterday pm., but before your call telling Willie that no third party liability would be accepted by BBS at all, under any circumstances - this is consistent with Herbert's e mail this morning which I have also seen. So that I conclude that BB and S at this stage in the procurement have different requirements.

Put simply, my personal view is that this is a Consortium issue and should have been dealt with in the consortium agreement.

Please would you express today as soon as you are able on clear instructions, exactly what the Consortium's position is.

We are now investing time and effort (as no doubt BBS are) to analyse the issue so that an urgent report can be provided to tie and CEC first thing on Monday. This risks being less than fully informative because we have no clear statement, from both the BBS members.

Your assistance on this is very important indeed for all the obvious reasons which we discussed on the call last night.

Thanks for any action you are able to take today.

Kind regards

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Ian

I have been instructed to forward a copy of this to you, following yesterday evening's call in which the BBS Consortium's entirely new position on this matter was explained by Richard Walker and yourself.

Thank you for making the call.

Martin- copy for your information