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Sent: 30 March 2007 08:20 **To:** Fitchie, Andrew

Subject: RE: Procurement Strategy

Trying to arrange a session for Monday / Tuesday next week to make sure we are all on the same page.

Positive response yesterday from NR on the overall model.

Regards Graeme

Graeme Bissett

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From: Fitchie, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Fitchie@dlapiper.com]

Sent: 29 March 2007 15:19

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Subject: Procurement Strategy

Graeme

Would be okay if I ask for a session on how the **tie** procurement working group has been progressing? We have not been involved on a regular basis since June last year and I have an increasing concern that, with the need to dovetail what is being done at strategic level with TS, BAA and NR with what is being done in terms of contractual frameworks and procurement constraints as well as existing BAA and NR agreements, we are not ideally placed to advise and protect **tie's** interest with confidence and continuity.

I am seeing parts of papers and parts of discussions and being asked to answer questions where I understand only part of the context and feel that we have already answered the question within a different subset or different of questions.

I understand obviously that pressure may result in work streams diverging or issues fragmenting but there have been occasions recently where uncertainty about communication was apparent -as an example, Lesley raised a series of concerns about the BAA agreement under negotiation and how it might adversely affect contracting and procurement strategy.

A steer would be appreciated.

Kind regards
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