<u>Graduation success for our future</u> <u>project managers</u>

A cohort of Sellafield Ltd Project Management Degree Apprentices have graduated at Carlisle Cathedral this week.

These students are one of the first in the country to graduate with a Level 6 Integrated Degree in Project Management.

The 4-year degree apprenticeship is delivered in collaboration with the University of Cumbria.

During this time, they have completed a number of professional qualifications and training courses, such as the Association for Project Management — Project Management Qualification (APM PMQ).

Their apprenticeship has involved a combination of academic learning and practical project experience across Sellafield Ltd.

Placements have taken place across the project professions including construction, commissioning and pre-operations, risk, project controls and project management.

The final stage of their apprenticeship was successful completion at the end point assessment which consists of a professional discussion and a work based project report.

After graduation, the apprentices will be placed in project delivery roles across Sellafield Ltd, ranging from areas such as: legacy ponds, various value streams and the Sellafield Information Services Organisation (ISO).

Now that they are qualified, our apprentices will begin their journey to progress through Sellafield Ltd's APM accredited project management career pathway.

Andy Sharples, Project Director, Sellafield said:

Congratulations to our project management degree apprentices who have recently graduated from the University of Cumbria.

The success of this programme is a combination of fantastic candidates, a dedicated apprenticeship team and placement managers who ensure it's a success, year on year.

These graduates will be central to delivering our purpose of creating a clean and safe environment for future generations.

Their exceptional degree results are a reflection of their hard work and efforts — they are a credit to our organisation. I wish

them every success for their future with us.

University of Cumbria, Associate Professor of Workforce Education and Development Ian Sinker, said:

Our graduation ceremony demonstrates the breadth of our employer partnerships and reinforces our role in contributing to workforce development, with our longstanding relationship with Sellafield Ltd an integral part of this.

We are delighted that our first project management degree apprentices have graduated this summer, completing their 4-year journey.

Graduating alongside this first group from Sellafield Ltd have been other graduates from Rolls-Royce and other employers.

We are proud to deliver Sellafield Ltd's Project Academy, now in its 7th year, and securing a new contract with Sellafield Ltd for the future delivery of this project management degree apprenticeship.