

# Sellafield Ltd CEO to step down after five years of unprecedented progress

A senior executive at the Sellafield site since 2000, Paul became Managing Director then the first Chief Executive of Sellafield Ltd in 2016.

As Chief Executive, Paul has overseen unprecedented progress in the mission to make Sellafield safer, sooner.

This progress includes: removing the majority of spent fuel from the world's oldest nuclear fuel pond; creating access routes in to the world's oldest nuclear fuel store and the start of the removal of materials from some of the world's most hazardous nuclear facilities.

In the process, Paul established Sellafield Ltd as a business that delivers more value for money than ever before; Sellafield Ltd is on target to deliver £1.4 billion in efficiencies by 2020 and has pledged a further £1 – £1.4 billion to government by 2029.

As part of delivering these successes, Paul oversaw the introduction of new terms and conditions across Sellafield Ltd and successfully managed the completion of nuclear fuel reprocessing at Thorp, whilst ensuring that every person working at the plant remained in employment. Paul has also Identified and started to tackle issues with regard to equality, diversity and inclusion, including taking personal action to address bullying and harassment.

In recent months, Paul has overseen the creation of a new 20-year, multi-billion-pound partnership contract between Sellafield Ltd and the supply chain partners (PPP) that will enable more progress to be made at Sellafield.

As the first Chief Executive of Sellafield Ltd, Paul has established a new approach towards how the company acts as a responsible corporate citizen. Under Paul's leadership, Sellafield Ltd has recruited record numbers of apprentices, and our new approach towards the social impact of Sellafield's operations has seen Sellafield Ltd invest over £40 million in projects of benefit to the communities closest to the site since 2015, including:

- a £10 million investment in the new Campus Whitehaven
- £1.75 million in the new WELL Project designed to lift educational attainment levels in every West Cumbrian classroom
- £3.6 million into new economic growth and diversification projects in Whitehaven
- the creation of a new community apprenticeships scheme providing apprenticeships for 50 people.

Paul Foster said:

It has been an incredible privilege to serve as the first Chief

Executive of Sellafield Ltd. I have had the pleasure to work alongside some remarkable people on a mission of acute national importance and together, we have ensured that more progress than ever before is being made at Sellafield.

As a new business, Sellafield Ltd is providing more value for the taxpayer than at any point previously. We are making Sellafield safer, sooner, investing in the local community and changing the business to ensure future success for the taxpayer, government, NDA, our workforce and our local communities.

Five years is a significant amount of time to spend as Chief Executive in any organisation. It is the right time to seek a new challenge and I know that the Sellafield workforce will continue to be successful in the future.

Sellafield Ltd Chairman, Lorraine Baldry, said:

Paul has delivered unprecedented progress across the Sellafield site and business and his achievements will be lasting. Five years is a considerable amount of time to serve in such a challenging role and I'm grateful for everything that Paul has achieved. I wish him every future success.

NDA Chief Executive, David Peattie, said:

I'd like to thank Paul for his five years leading the organisation and for his support in building a stronger NDA group. His legacy of cleaning-up the UK's largest and most complex nuclear site is one of national importance.

Sellafield Ltd today is a stronger organisation because of Paul's leadership, progressing hazard and risk reduction on the site and supporting the goals of the UK nuclear decommissioning programme.