



INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL

8 November 2022

Dear Mr Mileham,

I have the honour to refer to your letter to me dated 14 September 2022, requesting a Short Term Technical Assistance activity for the Koeberg Nuclear Power Plant Life Extension project. Your letter requested the assistance of the Technical Working Group on Life Management of Nuclear Power Plants to assist the Koeberg engineers with the life extension project. We took note of your emphasis on the significant findings made by our 2022 Safety Aspects of Long Term Operation (SALTO) mission to the Koeberg nuclear power plant and other relevant concerns, and we believe that the Operational Safety Section in the Department of Nuclear Safety and Security in the IAEA is the best avenue for providing such assistance.

I can inform you that the IAEA is ready to carry out this assistance mission to Koeberg Nuclear Power Plant, with the purpose of assisting with the successful implementation of the plant's Life Extension Project. However, typically such requests for an assistance mission come from the host nuclear power plant or its regulatory authority, as it will involve discussions of technical details, logistical preparations, and funding arrangements. Therefore, we suggest that you discuss such coordination with the Koeberg Nuclear Power Plant or the national nuclear regulatory authority for this request.

In addition, please note that the IAEA is not in a position to certify or approve the efficacy of the Koeberg's Life Extension Project, which is normally the responsibility of the Koeberg Nuclear Power Plant management or the national nuclear regulatory authority.

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cc: Permanent Mission of the Republic of
South Africa to the IAEA

If the proposed assistance mission is agreed to by the concerned parties in South Africa, then the IAEA Department of Nuclear Safety and Security would be the focal point and correspondence concerning technical and organizational details should be addressed to Mr Fuming Jiang (F.Jiang@iaea.org), Head of the Operational Safety Section, Division of Nuclear Installation Safety.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RM Grossi', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right and curving downwards.

Rafael Mariano Grossi