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Record of Proceedings, Including Reasons for Decision

In the Matter of

Applicant Nordion (Canada) Inc.

Subject Application to Transfer Nordion (Canada) Inc.'s
Operating Licence

Hearing Date August 7, 2014

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Applicant: Nordion (Canada) Inc.

Address/Location: 447 March Road, Ottawa, ON K2K 1X8

Purpose: Application to transfer the Nordion (Canada) Inc.
Operating Licence

Application received: June 11, 2014

Date of hearing: August 7, 2014

Location: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC)
280 Slater St., Ottawa, Ontario

Members present: M. Binder, Chair

Secretary: M. Leblanc

Recording Secretary: M. Hornof

Licence: Transferred

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1. Nordion (Canada) Inc. (Nordion) has submitted a request to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission¹, under subsection 24(2) of the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*² (NSCA), to transfer its Class IB Nuclear Substance Processing Facility Operating Licence for its nuclear substance processing facility (NSPFOL) located in Kanata (Ottawa), Ontario. The current licence, NSPFOL-11A.04/2015, expires on October 31, 2015.
2. Following the acquisition of Nordion by STHI Holding Corp. (Sterigenics), Nordion will be assigned a new corporate number under the same name, Nordion (Canada) Inc. Nordion requests that the Commission transfers its current NSPFOL to this new corporate identity.
3. The Nordion facility is located adjacent to industrial and residential property in Kanata (Ottawa), Ontario. The site includes several storage pools, hot cells and labs to store and process nuclear substances for medical and industrial applications.

Issue

4. In considering the application, the Commission was required to decide, pursuant to subsection 24(4) of the NSCA:
 - a) if Nordion is qualified to carry on the activity that the transferred licence would authorize; and
 - b) if in carrying on that activity, Nordion would make adequate provision for the protection of the environment, the health and safety of persons and the maintenance of national security and measures required to implement international obligations to which Canada has agreed.

Hearing

5. Pursuant to section 22 of the NSCA, the President of the Commission established a Panel of the Commission to review the application. The Commission, in making its decision, considered information presented for a hearing held on August 7, 2014 in Ottawa, Ontario. During the hearing, the Commission considered written submissions from Nordion (CMD 14-H111.1) and CNSC staff (CMD 14-H111).

¹ The *Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission* is referred to as the “CNSC” when referring to the organization and its staff in general, and as the “Commission” when referring to the tribunal component.

² Statutes of Canada (S.C.) 1997, chapter (c.) 9.

2.0 DECISION

6. Based on its consideration of the matter, as described in more detail in the following sections of this *Record of Proceedings*, the Commission concludes that Nordion has met the conditions of subsection 24(4) of the NSCA. Therefore,

the Commission, pursuant to section 24 of the *Nuclear Safety and Control Act*, transfers the Class IB Nuclear Substance Processing Facility Operating Licence NSPFOL-11A.04/2015 issued to Nordion (Canada) Inc. (corporate number 396383-7) for its nuclear substance processing facility located in Kanata (Ottawa), Ontario to its new corporate identity Nordion (Canada) Inc. (891613-6). The transferred licence, NSPFOL-11A.05/2015, is valid until October 31, 2015.

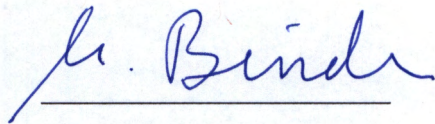
7. The Commission includes in the licence the conditions as recommended by CNSC staff in CMD 14-H111.

3.0 ISSUES AND COMMISSION FINDINGS

8. CNSC staff noted that the recently amended section 24(2) and 24(4) now provide for the transfer of an existing licence when dealing with corporate and administrative reorganizations.
9. CNSC staff confirmed that the changes to Nordion's corporate structure would not impact operation and management structure. Nordion confirmed that its obligations made to the Commission remain unchanged and that no changes to the financial guarantee or information in support of the current operating licence will occur. All property, facilities, nuclear substances and personnel required for the licensed activities will remain with Nordion (Canada) Inc.
10. CNSC staff has assessed the licence transfer request and have determined that it is administrative in nature.
11. CNSC staff concluded that, given its administrative nature, the proposed licence transfer would not instigate adverse impacts on the environment.

4.0 CONCLUSION

12. The Commission has considered the information and submissions from Nordion and CNSC staff, and is satisfied that the requested amendments are administrative in nature and will not adversely impact the safety of the Nordion nuclear substance processing facility operations.



Michael Binder
President,
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission

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Date