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MOX Plant Arbitral Tribunal Issues Order No. 4
Further Suspending Proceedings on Jurisdiction and Merits

The arbitral tribunal established to hear arguments in the MOX Plant Case between Ireland and the United Kingdom today issued Order No. 4 – Further Suspension of Proceedings on Jurisdiction and Merits. Proceedings are now suspended until the European Court of Justice has given judgment in a related case concerning European Community law issues, or until the Tribunal otherwise determines.

Order No. 4 also states that the further suspension of proceedings is without prejudice to certain matters ordered in the Tribunal’s Order No. 3 of 24 June 2003, and extends the time period given in that order for the Parties to provide certain reports and information until 28 November 2003. Additionally, Order No. 4 sets forth new reporting requirements and states that the Tribunal remains seized of the dispute.

History of the Proceedings


Hearings in the case took place from 10 June 2003 until 21 June 2003, after which the Tribunal issued, on 24 June 2003, Order No. 3 – Suspension of Proceedings on Jurisdiction and Merits, and Request for Further Provisional Measures.

The International Bureau of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (“PCA”) is serving as registry for the case. Copies of previous orders, transcripts of the hearings, and the Parties’ written pleadings may be found on the PCA’s website www.pca-cpa.org, under the heading “Recent and Pending Cases”.

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