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THOR Treatment Technologies to Treat Waste As Part of Idaho National Laboratory Cleanup

Aiken, South Carolina – THOR Treatment Technologies announced today that it has entered into an agreement to provide proprietary technology and support for a \$121 million project to treat and stabilize radioactive waste as part of the seven-year, \$2.9 billion cleanup contract awarded to CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC at the U.S. Department of Energy's 890-square-mile Idaho National Laboratory (INL) site in Eastern Idaho.

THOR Treatment Technologies is a joint venture of Studsvik, Inc. and Washington Group International created to provide non-incineration thermal technology to treat radioactive and hazardous wastes at DOE sites throughout the United States.

The joint venture will utilize patented THORsm Pyrolysis/Steam Reforming Technology developed and owned by Studsvik to cut the cost and time needed to stabilize sodium bearing nuclear waste at the Idaho site.

"Our technology has been proven at our plant in Erwin, Tennessee where since mid-1999 we have treated radioactive waste for the commercial nuclear industry, said Tom Oliver, president of Studsvik Development, Inc. and chairman of the joint venture's board of directors. "It is well suited for the destruction, conversion, or neutralization of certain constituents found in a broad range of radioactive and other waste materials – including some of the more problematic and costly waste streams at the Idaho site."

CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC is a partnership of Denver-based CH2M HILL and Boise-based Washington Group International (Nasdaq: WGII).