

collaboration between the NDA and Cwmni Eginio that was announced earlier in 2022.

**Tokyo Electric Power Holdings** (Tepco) and **Hitachi Zosen Corporation** have established a joint venture called **Toso Mirai Manufacturing**, which will make and sell transport and storage casks for used nuclear fuel and storage containers for fuel debris. Beginning in 2025, a new facility to be built by the company in Fukushima Prefecture will manufacture nuclear fuel casks for the decommissioning industry. In the future, it will begin making containers for storing cooled and solidified fuel debris from the 2011 accident at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. Toso Mirai's technology is based on technology developed by Hitachi Zosen, which has been making nuclear fuel transport and storage casks since 1978. Another new joint venture, **Toso Mirai Technology**, has been formed by Tepco and **IHI Corporation** to organize the basic design of the systems and equipment needed for expansion of the fuel debris retrieval at the Fukushima site.

**Tepco** and Finland's **Fortum Power and Heat** have signed an information exchange agreement with the objective of "maintaining their good relationship and further promoting the sharing of experience and practices that will improve nuclear safety." The companies have previously cooperated with exchanging information on nuclear safety and with joint sponsorship of workshops and other events. The new agreement covers such issues as design, operation, and management of nuclear power plants, management of radioactive waste, and decommissioning.

**Norwegian Nuclear Decommissioning** (NND) has awarded a large framework agreement to the **Geological Repositories for Norway** (GeoReN) consortium for the development of long-term disposal solutions for spent nuclear fuel and other radioactive waste

streams in Norway. The GeoReN team consists of **A-Insinöörity Oy**, **Mitta Oy**, **Posiva Solutions Oy**, the **Technical Research Centre of Finland**, and the **Geological Survey of Finland** (all of Finland);

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