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of the Monju fast reactor in Japan. Cavendish is part of a team from the United Kingdom that is working with JAEA to use the skills and experience Cavendish has gained during the ongoing decommissioning of the fast reactors at Dounreay in Scotland. According to the company, the main elements of the contract with JAEA involve the technical support for creating a lifetime plan for the decommissioning of Monju and a feasibility study on the treatment of sodium coolant from the Monju site. In 2018, Japan's Nuclear Regulation Authority approved a 30-year plan by JAEA for the decommissioning and dismantlement of the Monju reactor. The value of the contract was not disclosed.

On September 11, Cavendish Nuclear announced that it has secured a contract through a strategic partnership with **Calian Nuclear**, a Canadian nuclear solutions provider, to deliver consultancy services to support the licensing of a spent nuclear fuel transportation package and assessments for long-term spent fuel storage in Canada. According to the company, work is already being delivered against the contract scope, which involves the delivery of fuel burnup calculations and specialist nuclear materials assessments to underpin the relevant safety cases. Cavendish is a subsidiary of Babcock International Group, which is well established in Canada. The value of the contract was not disclosed.

■ On August 28, **Posiva** announced that it has awarded a contract worth about €17 million (about \$19 million) to Finnish mining company **YIT** for excavation work at the ONKALO deep geological repository at the Olkiluoto power plant in Finland. The contract agreement covers the second phase of excavation work for two central tunnels and five deposition tunnels connected to them. According to Posiva, the deposition tunnels to be excavated are unique on a global scale and subject to strict quality requirements. Work under the contract will start in 2019 and is expected to take about two-and-a-half years. The tunnels excavated by YIT will be the first ONKALO deposition tunnels approved by the Finnish Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority for the final disposal of spent nuclear fuel, Posiva said.



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