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HAT IS ITER?

Seven ITER Members—China, the European Union, India, Japan, Korea, Russia and the United States—are collaborating to build the world's largest tokamak, a donut-shaped device that has been designed to prove the feasibility of fusion

Based on the same energy source that powers our Sun and stars, fusion in the laboratory has only been achieved up to now for very short, intense bursts. ITER will take a major step forward by generating 500 MW of fusion power in its plasma for much longer pulses and by reaching a "burning plasma"—an environment in which the energy of the helium nuclei produced by the fusion reactions is enough to maintain the temperature of the plasma, reducing the need for external heating.

Understanding the dynamics of a burning plasma, and learning to sustain and control it, is critical to harnessing fusion power as a source of safe and

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An "international project that aims to demonstrate the scientific and technological feasibility of fusion energy for peaceful purposes, an essential feature of which would be achieving sustained fusion power generation." (From Article 2 of the ITER Agreement)

PROJECT MEMBERS

The People's Republic of China, the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom), the Republic of India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the United States of America are the seven signatories to the ITER Agreement.

THE ITER AGREEMENT

Signed by all Members in November 2006, the ITER Agreement establishes the ITER Organization and defines the joint implementation of the ITER Project.

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Established to construct, operate, exploit and de-activate the ITER facilities in accordance with project objectives; encourage the exploitation of the ITER facilities by the laboratories, other institutions and personnel participating in fusion energy research and development programs of the Members; and promote public understanding and acceptance of fusion energy (Article 3). The ITER Organization is licensed as a nuclear operator under French law.

ITER COUNCIL

The governing body of the ITER Organization. The Council is responsible for the promotion and overall direction of the ITER Organization and has the authority to appoint the Director-General, to approve the Overall Project Cost (OPC) and Overall Project Schedule (OPS), to approve the annual budget, and to decide on the participation of additional states or organizations in the

DOMESTIC AGENCIES

Each Member has created a Domestic Agency to fulfil its procurement responsibilities to ITER. These agencies employ their own staff, have their own budget, and contract directly with industry.

STAC

The Science and Technology Advisory Committee (STAC) advises the ITER Council on science and technology issues that arise during the course of ITER construction and operation.

MAC

The Management Advisory Committee (MAC) advises the ITER Council on management and administrative issues arising during the implementation of the ITER project.

FAB

The Financial Audit Board (FAB) undertakes the audit of the annual accounts of the ITER Organization. (Article 17)

MANAGEMENT ASSESSOR

A Management Assessor is appointed every two years by the ITER Council to assess the management of the ITER Organization activities. (Article 18)

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FOREWORD FROM THE CHAIR OF THE FR COUNCIL

With the passing of Director-General Bernard Bigot on 14 May 2022, the ITER community lost a devoted and talented leader who contributed greatly to project progress over the seven years of his tenure. We will honour him best through our continued efforts, as a global team, to build and operate ITER. I would like to thank Eisuke Tada for leading the ITER Organization during the interim period and the ITER team for their continued efforts.

The ITER Council unanimously appointed Pietro Barabaschi Director-General of ITER Organization in September 2022 at an extraordinary meeting in Paris. Mr Barabaschi brings years of successful experience in fusion engineering, construction, and project management to his new role, which are key assets to lead the project through the critical months and years ahead.

Since the ITER Council approved in November 2016 the new ITER Baseline, schedule slippages have accrued due to pandemic-related supply chain issues, to delays in the manufacturing of first-of-a-kind components, and to technical challenges with the assembly of these components. The discovery of quality issues affecting vacuum vessel sectors and thermal shield cooling pipes will further increase the delays with respect to the 2016 Baseline, making a comprehensive update of the project's technical scope, schedule and cost a top priority. The updating of the Baseline—a joint effort led by an ITER Organization/Domestic Agency task force—is underway now under the leadership of the new Director-General, with the expectation that a new Baseline proposal can be presented for Council consideration and approval in 2024.

As part of its work, the Baseline Development Task Force is revisiting the four-stage approach to ITER operation. Since important delays are unavoidable to achieve First Plasma, an "Augmented First Plasma" is under consideration as a way to enhance the scope and scientific value of ITER's first experimental campaign. Furthermore, merging of assembly and/or operation phases are considered to start the nuclear operation as soon as possible, close to the date planned in the 2016 Baseline. Two distinct nuclear phases are envisaged, designed around the achievement of specific project goals, which would enable a phased approach to ITER licensing. The ITER Council will have to approve this new Baseline based on these proposals from the ITER Organization. The ITER Council encourages the ITER Organization, as a nuclear operator, to develop a licensing approach that takes into account the learnings from the different stages of operation, the possible adjustments and their associated implications, in full transparency with the French Nuclear Safety Regulator (ASN) and under its authority.

The ITER Council also supports the Director-General's initiatives to encourage a project-wide culture of transparency, strengthen quality control measures at all stages of fabrication, improve technical quality culture as a way to mitigate project cost increases, and develop a highly performing construction structure with clear delegations of authority and responsibility. Such a structure is an absolute must for the project's success.

ITER has a historic role to play in determining the future of fusion as a source of energy and in fostering a global scientific and industrial ecosystem around it. The ITER Council will continue supervising the activities of the ITER Organization to ensure that it delivers on its objectives.

> **Massimo Garribba** Luxembourg August 2023

FOREWORD FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

I was deeply honored by the decision of the ITER Council to appoint me as Director-General of the ITER Organization in September 2022. My first priority in taking up my duties was to carry out an exhaustive survey of project status. Although I have a familiarity with the ITER machine that dates back to my participation in its engineering phase, I had much to learn about the people, processes and systems in place and the interaction between different constituent parties to the project. As a first observation, I am pleased to say that there is a very high level of commitment at every level of the ITER Organization and the Domestic Agencies. This is the most important asset as we will seek as a team to deliver Project Phase 1, ending with plasma commissioning.

I consider the project to be at a critical juncture. lust as the challenges of the pandemic years were receding, defects were discovered in the ITER thermal shield and the vacuum vessel sectors. These are recoverable, but their repair/replacement will add delay and cost to the Project Baseline. Competitive tender processes have been launched for this recovery work, and contract signatures are expected soon; however, until the resources and time needed for the repairs have been specified and agreed upon, an update to the Baseline cannot be proposed. In the interim, project performance is tracked against the 2023 Annual Work Plan.

Technical setbacks of this nature are not unusual in firstof-a-kind engineering endeavours; indeed, in the course of assembling the complex ITER machine, we are likely to encounter further challenges. It is up to us to pay close attention to the root causes that have emerged in this instance and to use the lessons learned to grow a robust technical quality culture going forward—a culture in which technical issues can be flagged early, from anywhere in the project.

It is my assessment that a number of organizational changes would contribute positively to a change in culture. We have to establish an incentive structure that is aligned with the needs of the assembly phase of the project, and have clear lines of accountability within a matrix project structure. We need to better integrate the resources of the ITER Organization and those of the Domestic Agencies, and ensure that Domestic Agency specialists can be on site and engaged when their equipment is being installed and commissioned. We need a more agile structure at the ITER Organization, with fewer management layers, no silos, and increased top-down delegation. And we need to simplify our procedures and improve shared tools and processes. I have already taken some steps in these directions and will continue to implement this vision throughout 2023.

The context of reverse works and repair activities in the year ahead is also an opportunity to advance on other fronts. Previously known delays caused by Covid-related stoppages and other challenges related to the manufacturing of first-of-a-kind machine components will be addressed in parallel. The exercise underway to update our assembly hold point nuclear licensing files offers the occasion to revisit the planned four stages to full fusion power and consider adjustments that will enrichen our first operational campaign while limiting delay to the start of deuterium-deuterium and deuterium-tritium plasma operation. Potential future technical risks will be carefully weighed and mitigation strategies proposed.

Transition periods are never easy, and I am grateful for the trust placed in me by the ITER Members, and by my colleagues at the ITER Organization and the seven Domestic Agencies. It is obvious to me that the pride to work toward the ITER goal remains high, and this gives me even more energy to strive to make ITER a wonderful place to work, where all contributions are recognized, and where we work as a team to contribute to the fulfilment of the promise of fusion. I look forward to a productive year ahead.

> **Pietro Barabaschi** St. Paul-lez-Durance June 2023

PROJECT STATUS 2022

The ITER assembly theatre.

PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENT* SIGNATURES

* A Procurement Arrangement is an agreement that is signed between the ITER Organization and the Domestic Agencies authorizing work for the development and manufacturing of the ITER installation.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DECLARATIONS*

Declaration of Generated Intellectual Property, cumulative

- **CHINA 5%**
- **EUROPE 26%**
- INDIA 6%
- **JAPAN 4%**
- **KOREA** 3%
- **RUSSIA 9%**
- USA 8%

* The ITER Organization and the seven Members support the widest appropriate dissemination of intellectual property generated in the course of activities for ITER.

39%

% CREDIT RELEASED (of signed Procurement Arrangements)

(see page 44) 989 1,035 1,069 2020 2021 2022 1,100 1,040 980

STAFF

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE 2022

ITER plant systems are distributed in buildings on both sides of the Tokamak Complex. Some 70% of plant system equipment has been installed.

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Civil structures and building services are constructed by the European Domestic Agency, Fusion for Energy, in conjunction with its Architect Engineer ENGAGE. Each area or building is handed over to the ITER Organization at an agreed level-of-completion milestone. Overall platform coordination is now managed by the ITER Organization.

Buildings in place Buildings in progress Buildings to come

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Site image courtesy of Fusion for Energy.

OKAMAK COMPL A

• Backfilling of penetrations

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- Installation of captive components
- Ducts, supports, cable trays, cables, piping • First pressure equipment (volume control tank) installed
- Vacuum vessel sector module #6 lowered into pit

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• Tritium Building construction reaches level L5

B ASSEMBLY HALL

- First sector sub-assembly created on SSAT tooling Central solenoid lift fi xture tested
- First central solenoid module on assembly platform
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C CRYOPLANT

- Cryobridge to Tokamak Complex erected
- Completion of nitrogen storage area; tanks filled
- Liquid helium plant commissioning

D **MAGNET POWER CONVERSION**

• All First Plasma equipment installed • Sub-system testing and commissioning underway

E CRYOSTAT WORKSHOP
• Last cryostat section (top lid) completed in March

- Building to be converted to the ITER Maintenance Test Facility
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F RADIO FREQUENCY HEATING

• First electron cyclotron high voltage power supplies installed

G STORAGE

• Foundation built for cryostat lid

H SITE SERVICES BUILDING

• Now distributing cooling water and compressed air

I COOLING TOWER ZONE

• Final testing, inspection and walkdown completed • Commissioning underway

J ELECTRICAL SWITCHYARD

• Reactive power compensation low-voltage commissioning

K EUROPEAN WINDING FACILITY

- End-stage manufacturing progressing on PF4 and PF3
- Winding table dismantled
- Cold test chamber mounted for PF4

L **ITER HEADQUARTERS** • Work starts on the Scientific Data and Computing Center

CONTROL BUILDING **M CONTROL BUILDING**
• Civil works completed for non-nuclear building

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- Ready-for-equipment milestone achieved

• First cubicles in server room

N NEUTRAL BEAM POWER SUPPLY

- Foundations completed
- High Voltage Building: structural frame erected Power Supply Building: civil works progressing
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BUILDINGS TO COME

1 HOT CELL COMPLEX

2 EMERGENCY POWER SUPPLY

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ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION - 15

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

EMBLING THE MACHINE INSTALLING THE PLANT

19% BUILDING AND ASSEMBLY HALL WORKSITE 1

> PLANT INSTALLATION IN 16% THE TOKAMAK COMPLEX WORKSITE 2

In May 2022, the first of the nine modules required for the torus-shaped vacuum vessel was slowly extracted from sub-assembly tooling, transported over the wall separating the Assembly Hall from the Tokamak pit, and lowered with sub-millimetric precision onto its supports. The 1,380-tonne lift, which approached the very limits of the mechanical capacities of the overhead cranes and the building structure, required months of planning and a 50-person team to execute; metrology later confirmed that the final in-pit configuration, including coil alignment, was compliant with all operational and engineering requirements. Two and a half years into machine assembly the ITER Organization, its Construction Management-as-Agent contractor MOMENTUM, and the assembly contractors are working together and in concert with the Domestic Agencies who are providing the components to carry out the small and large tasks of the assembly program … and to react to the unexpected.

TECHNICAL SETBACKS – In November, the project reported that vacuum vessel assembly would be halted as two key components—the thermal shield and the vacuum vessel sectors—required repair. The announcement came after many months of analysis by in-house and external experts in order to identify the source and the extent of the problems. For the thermal shield, analysis determined that the instances of stress corrosion cracking found in the cooling circuit were caused by a slow chemical reaction linked to the presence of chlorine residues near the pipe welds, compounded by the bending and welding of the pipes to the panels. Because this problem may affect other panels in time, repairs will involve replacing all cooling pipes. For the vacuum vessel, in-factory welding to form the D-shaped sectors from four smaller segments caused deviations from nominal dimensions in the three sectors that have been delivered. These dimensional non-conformities have modified the geometry of the outer shell field joints where the sectors are to be welded together, compromising the automated welding process. The geometry of these sectors must be restored to specification.

REPAIR PLANS – Experts from within the ITER Organization/Domestic Agency teams and Member industries are contributing to the development of remediation strategies. Planning is also underway to sequence the logistical operations that must precede repairs, including the removal of sector #8 from tooling, the

disassembly of sector module #1(7) in vertical tooling, and the transfer of sector module #6 from the Tokamak pit to tooling for disassembly. In addition to these reverse works, decisions must be made on where to store disassembled components, where to carry out the different repairs, and how to manage the impact on assembly contracts.

MACHINE ASSEMBLY THEATRE – The first 110-tonne central solenoid module has been transferred to the bespoke platform designed to support the construction of the magnet tower, formed from six stacked modules and a support structure. After completing superconducting electrical connections, the teams will carry out the final alignment of the first module before adding the second, which is already positioned in the central solenoid assembly zone. At the bottom of the Tokamak pit, contractors carried out preservation activities on poloidal field coils #6 and #5 to ensure that the components are maintained in good condition until commissioning for operation; they also completed the installation of the final bottom correction coil. The successful lowering of vacuum vessel sector module #6 was a major inpit assembly achievement, validating the lifting equipment, the techniques and procedures, the coordination of the team, the safety protocols, and the metrology and alignment activities of an operation that will be repeated many times.

TOKAMAK COMPLEX – The Tokamak Complex is being equipped with a steady inflow of plant equipment, as cryolines, piping and piping supports, fuelling manifold spools, ducts, busbars, fast discharge units, and cable trays and supports are installed by the Tokamak Complex contractors according to planned sequences. A Design Integration Board is active in ensuring that these extensive system installation works are carried out in an integrated, clash-free manner. Another major focus is the installation of magnet feeder segments: 29 feeder segments have now been set in place in the galleries (out of 37 delivered) and contractors have successfully completed the first feeder joint assembly, joining the coil termination box for toroidal field coil #12 to its cryostat feedthrough. The first nuclear pressure equipment vessel, a volume control tank, was installed in 2022. Contractors also worked to place captive components, such as those serving laser and microwave diagnostic systems, in galleries and wall penetrations before access is cut off by other systems.

BALANCE OF PLANT - Just over 70 percent of installation tasks on Worksite 3—covering all areas outside of the Assembly Hall and Tokamak Complex—have been completed. The first activities under balance of plant contract BOP3 (electrical distribution) are underway, as field components and instrumentation and control cubicles are positioned around the site. Cubicle installation has begun in the main server room of the non-nuclear Control Building, and the first electron cyclotron high voltage power supplies delivered by Europe now equip the Radio Frequency Building. The Site Services Building has started distributing compressed air and demineralized water for commissioning activities.

MAJOR COMPONENT ARRIVALS – The on-time delivery of inkind contributions from the Domestic Agencies continues to be a key driver for the progress of ITER assembly and installation. Since 2015, 132 "highly exceptional loads" have reached ITER; in 2022, these included three toroidal field coils (Europe, Japan), one vacuum vessel sector (Korea) and large feeder components (China). In addition, India completed the top lid of the cryostat, Russia initiated the first leg of transport for completed poloidal field coil #1, India delivered its last batch of cryolines, and both Japan and Russia delivered gyrotron sets to the ITER site.

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Prior to final resin impregnation, poloidal field coil #4 (PF4) is manually wrapped *with nine successive layers of glass-Kapton tape for electrical insulation.*

Hundreds of labs and companies around the world, through thousands of contracts, are helping to design, qualify, manufacture, and deliver state-of-the-art components for the ITER machine and plant. In contributing these in-kind contributions to ITER, the Members are also investing in the technological and industrial basis at home for the fusion industry of the future. In comparison with previous years, in 2022 manufacturing and delivery were much less affected by pandemic-related factory closures or shipping backlogs. That said, assembly activities related to the vacuum vessel had to be halted due to non-conformities identified in the bevel joint region of the sectors and the discovery of some instances of stress corrosion cracking in the thermal shield's cooling circuit. To repair these defects, the steps taken to assemble the vacuum vessel sector modules will have to be reversed.

A VACUUM VESSEL

Nine vacuum vessel sectors supplied by **Europe** and **Korea** are necessary to complete the torus-shaped plasma chamber, which houses the fusion reactions and acts as a first safety containment barrier. Five sectors are progressing in Europe, where completion rates range from 84% to 98%. **Korea delivered its third sector (#8) in April**, and has completed final assembly in factory on sector, #7(1). Vacuum vessel port fabrication continues in Korea (equatorial and lower) and **Russia** (upper), and all in-wall shielding has been delivered by **India**. At ITER, the first vacuum vessel module—created by assembling sector #6 with its thermal shield and two toroidal field coils—was successfully installed in the Tokamak pit in May 2022. This operation will have to be reversed in 2023, however, due to the necessary repair of non-conformities discovered on the three delivered sectors and defects in the cooling circuit of the thermal shield.

B CRYOSTAT

The ITER cryostat—the largest-volume stainless steel highvacuum pressure chamber ever built—provides the high vacuum, ultra-cool environment for the ITER vacuum vessel and the superconducting magnets. Manufacturing took place in two stages: the fabrication of 54 segments in **India**, and their subsequent assembly at ITER into four large sections (base, lower cylinder, upper cylinder, top lid) in the Cryostat Workshop on site. **In 2022, the last section—the 665-tonne top lid—was completed**; now, the top lid will be wrapped protectively and stored outdoors until it is needed in the machine assembly sequence. Other elements of the cryostat scope, such as the torus cryopump housing (India) and the rectangular bellows (ITER), are in fabrication. India is also in charge of the welding activities inside the Tokamak pit that will create the final cryostat chamber.

C CENTRAL SOLENOID

The **United States**—responsible for delivering seven central solenoid modules (including one spare), all elements of the central solenoid support structure, and assembly tooling is only a few percentage points from completing its scope. Two central solenoid modules have been delivered to ITER, and work to finalize five others is proceeding at a dedicated contractor facility. **All tooling components were completed in 2022** and are ready for shipment. **The first module has been placed on a dedicated platform** in the Assembly Hall and aligned; over the next years, the 18-metre-tall central solenoid tower will take shape under the responsibility of the ITER Organization team. The central solenoid is the "backbone" of ITER's magnet system, allowing a powerful current to be induced in the plasma and maintained during long plasma pulses. The niobium-tin superconductor for the central solenoid was supplied by **Japan**.

D TOROIDAL FIELD **MAGNETS**

Since 2020, 13 toroidal field coils have arrived at ITER; another two are currently travelling. **Only four coils, including one spare, remain to be finalized** at factories in **Europe** and **Japan**. Two coil pairs have already been mounted as part of vacuum vessel sub-assemblies on site, with coil alignment achieved in-pit for vacuum vessel module #6; these accomplishments will have to be reversed, however, to allow for repair work on the vacuum vessel sectors and thermal shield panels. The primary function of the toroidal field magnets is to produce a magnetic field that confines the plasma particles.

E POLOIDAL FIELD MAGNETS

Like the toroidal field magnet system, the poloidal field magnets are nearing the end of the procurement program (and two have already been installed in the machine). In **Russia**, **all factory acceptance testing on PF1 was completed** in March and the first leg of component transport to ITER initiated; the coil will reach ITER early next year. **Europe**, after procuring PF6 from China in 2020 and completing PF5 and PF2 in its coil assembly facility on site in 2021, is now finalizing the last two coils. After progressing through all fabrication steps, **ring coil PF4 is ready for cold testing**. PF3, expected for delivery in early 2024, has passed the winding pack resin impregnation stage. Six poloidal field magnets will work together to help shape the plasma and contribute to its stability.

F DIVERTOR

Responsible for exhausting unspent fuel and helium ash from the ITER plasma, the divertor is built from 54 cassette assemblies attached to rails at the bottom of the vacuum vessel. These assemblies include a cassette body and three plasma-facing "targets" covered in tungsten tiles (the dome, inner vertical target and outer vertical target). Two suppliers in **Europe** are advancing the **series production of the intricately shaped cassette bodies**, with deliveries planned between 2025 and 2027. **Manufacturing is also starting for the plasma-facing elements**: in **Russia**, sub-parts of the dome have entered production; in **Japan**, manufacturing readiness reviews have been passed for the outer vertical target and steel support structure; and in Europe, the first production contract has been concluded for the inner vertical target.

G BLANKET

In a tokamak, the blanket shields the steel vacuum vessel and external machine components from high-energy neutrons produced during the fusion reaction. ITER has chosen a modular system, with 440 actively cooled blanket modules covering the inboard and outboard surfaces of the plasma chamber—each composed of a massive shield block and a plasma-facing first wall. In **China** and **Korea**, **shield block manufacturing is proceeding row by row, with 50% of scope completed**. The fabrication of ancillary systems such as module connectors (Russia) and cooling manifolds (Europe) is also progressing. Teams in China, **Europe** and **Russia are qualifying full-scale first wall prototypes**, including factory acceptance and high heat flux testing. These prototypes are critical to demonstrating that the challenging sub-millimetric tolerances specified for plasma-facing surfaces can be achieved.

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• Contributors to Europe's toroidal field coil procurement program gathered in May to celebrate the completion of TF14 the eighth toroidal field coil out of ten to be supplied to the ITER Project. This long-term procurement project in Europe, which will conclude in 2023, has mobilized 40 companies and 700 people. © SIMIC 1

• Correction coils installed between the major toroidal and poloidal field magnet systems will act to correct field errors caused by deviations in the shape or position of the main coils. All six bottom coils are in place in the machine; 12 others are in fabrication in China. Fully 85% of the manufacturing scope has been completed 2

• The technical specifications for ITER's full complement of in-kind diagnostic systems are contained in 54 Procurement Arrangements/Complementary Diagnostic Procurement Arrangements (CDPs) representing 66 projects. All Arrangements have now been concluded with the seven ITER Domestic Agencies, and just over 40% of the total work scope has been realized.

• India is making progress on elements of the diagnostic neutral beam, including the beam source and beamline components. The probe beam from this diagnostic will detect helium ash in the plasma.

• Eighty-five large rectangular bellows will be used between the ITER vacuum vessel, the cryostat and the walls of the Tokamak Building to isolate the ultra-high vacuum inside the cryostat from the building environment and to compensate relative movement that can occur. With the successful conclusion of the Manufacturing Readiness Review, series production is now underway in China under an ITER Organization contract.

• Tokamak exhaust processing is the tritium plant subsystem responsible for separating hydrogen isotopes from impurities. The system is currently in the final design stage under the responsibility of US ITER.

• The neutral beam cell, a two-story gallery inside the Tokamak Building that will house ITER's heating and diagnostic neutral beam injectors, will be equipped with a remote handling system for scheduled and non-scheduled maintenance tasks. An important part of the handling system is the monorail crane, which will move along ceiling rails to access different parts of the gallery. A prototype has been successfully tested, opening the way for the European Domestic Agency to award a contract for the final design phase of the system $\overline{3}$

• The smallest of ITER's six ring-shaped poloidal field coils, PF1, passed all factory tests in Russia in March. The 160-tonne coil has left Saint Petersburg and will be delivered to the ITER site in early 2023. 4

• The European Domestic Agency is supplying the mechanical components of the MITICA test bed—a full-scale prototype heating neutral beam injector that is in construction now at the ITER Neutral Beam Test Facility in Padua, Italy. Two major components, the beam source (photo) and the cryopump, are at an advanced stage of fabrication. 5

• Plasma disruptions—which create a sudden loss of stored thermal and magnetic energy—occur on all tokamaks, but ITER's size and high plasma current mean that the stored energies are at least an order of magnitude larger than on previous devices. The ITER Organization is planning a disruption mitigation system to protect machine components against excessive heat loads and electromagnetic forces resulting from these disruptions. Through collaborations with institutions and companies worldwide, strides are being made toward design validation and the development of novel concepts and components for the selected technology shattered pellet injection—which delivers massive amounts of protium and neon in the form of small ice fragments into the plasma to convert the energy into radiation. 6

• Because the blanket and divertor will not have been installed when ITER begins operations, a temporary protective structure composed of first plasma protection components is planned. In China, a prototype limiter has been manufactured for test purposes; other prototype components are also underway.

a corresponding *port cell* in the Tokamak Building; these corridor-like spaces allow heating and fuelling pipes, electricity cables, diagnostic lines and maintenance systems to pass through to the machine from outlying galleries. The ITER Organization is using a realsize mockup to perform safety-related tests and to practice maintenance actions for portbased diagnostic components. 7

• US ITER—responsible for 100% of the design, engineering, and procurement of the Tokamak Cooling Water System—is working closely with the ITER Organization under a worksharing arrangement to expedite the design and fabrication of systems and components needed for First Plasma. Ultimately, over 100 major pieces of equipment, 3,000 valves, and 43.7 kilometres of piping will be required for this system, which provides heat removal during plasma operation from the vacuum vessel, in-vessel components, and the neutral beam injectors, as well as water chemistry control and draining/drying functions.

• To demonstrate the feasibility of producing tritium in a fusion reactor, the ITER Test Blanket Module program is planning for the initial installation and simultaneous operation of four test blanket systems on ITER, each formed from a unique test blanket module concept and ancillary systems (cooling, tritium extraction, control instrumentation, maintenance). R&D activities are underway in the ITER Members, with the aim to complete the systems' preliminary designs in two or three years. **8**

• The magnet support package is close to completion in China, with 80% of supports delivered.

• The Korean Domestic Agency has delivered the first two vacuum vessel gravity supports to ITER. Nine, in total, will be installed between the cryostat toroidal pedestal and the lower port of each vacuum vessel sector.

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• Elements of a micro fission chamber—a diagnostic that measures neutron emission from the fusion reactions have arrived at ITER from Japan. This pencil-sized diagnostic will be installed between the blanket and the vacuum vessel wall in carefully selected locations. 9

• During machine operation, the irradiation environment inside the vessel will make human intervention for maintenance activities impossible. For the repair or replacement of the ITER blanket first wall and shield blocks, Japan is designing a dedicated remote handling system with, at its core, a robotic manipulator that travels along an articulated rail to reach any of the four-tonne modules. Prototype testing is underway. 10

• US ITER contractors are at the prototyping stage for a diagnostic that will measure the electron density profile, the electron density fluctuations, and the poloidal rotation of the plasma—the low field side reflectometer. Captive components for the system were delivered this year to the ITER site. $\boxed{11}$

• The last consignment of group-X cryolines left the French warehouse of an ITER India supplier in March. With this final shipment, the Indian Domestic Agency has completed the procurement and supply of all cryolines and warmlines for the cryogenic distribution system. ¹²

• As part of final design activities for the ion cyclotron upper launcher, the ITER Organization is planning to demonstrate manufacturability and the achievability of tolerances via a quarter-size antenna prototype. A company will be selected in 2023.

• After 16 years of design, validation and manufacturing, contractors to the European Domestic Agency have delivered the first four "cold valve boxes." These technologically complex components will regulate the forced flow of supercritical helium to each of the eight cryopumps of the ITER vacuum system.

 \bullet A new 740 m² building on site houses the ITER vacuum laboratory, where high-performance vacuum sealing, cryopumps, and other vacuum components can be tested before installation in the machine. There is also a space reservation in the building for the testing of prototype and first-production fuel cycle components. • In Japan, where the qualification phase for the divertor outer vertical target is advancing, contractors have successfully completed prototypes of the steel support and the plasma-facing units.

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• A set of tools designed under ITER Organization contract for the installation of four types of in-vessel component systems—blanket shield blocks, blanket first wall panels, cooling manifolds (bundles of piping), and in-vessel ELM coils—has demonstrated betterthan-required accuracy during factory acceptance testing. The test facility, which reproduces the volume and geometry of the ITER vacuum vessel environment (photo), will now be transferred to ITER to be reassembled as a technician training facility. ¹³

• All equipment required for First Plasma has been installed in the Magnet Power Conversion buildings, including transformers and converters from China (photo) and Korea, busbars and switching equipment from Russia, and cooling loop equipment from India. ¹⁴

• The European Domestic Agency has been working with several European contractors to mitigate technical risks and ensure the best manufacturing technologies for the divertor inner vertical target. Following the successful qualification of full-scale prototypes, Europe has launched the manufacturing phase by signing a first production contract for 13 units. **15**

• Europe is moving into the manufacturing phase for its part of the electron cyclotron resonance heating system. In 2022, contracts were signed for the production of six microwave-generating gyrotrons, and for the waveguides and upper launchers (photo) that will inject the microwaves into the plasma. ¹⁶

• Contractors to US ITER have started to fabricate the first elements of the electron cyclotron transmission line system, including waveguide prototypes.

• Of eight gyrotrons expected in total for First Plasma, four have been delivered from Russia (photo) and two from Japan. 17

• Planning for the ITER Hot Cell Facility is the coresponsibility of the ITER Organization (responsible for requirements engineering, conceptual design, and the design, procurement, installation and commissioning of process equipment) and the European Domestic Agency (construction and commissioning of civil works and building services). During the year, further optimization of tokamak maintenance strategies and related requirements as well as the implementation of a designto-cost methodology for the Hot Cell Facility design and layout development have been implemented in the project.

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The fi rst sector module—representing one-ninth of the torus-shaped vacuum vessel—is lowered into the Tokamak pit in May. The successful accomplishment of this major lift operation has served to validate equipment, coordination and sequences for similar operations to come.

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SCIENTISTS AND CLOUD COMPUTING PUSH THE BOUNDARIES OF ITER PLASMA DISRUPTION SIMULATIONS

To understand and predict the complex behaviour of hot, strongly magnetized plasmas in future reactor-scale tokamaks such as ITER and DEMO, scientists rely on numerical simulations to describe the dynamics of plasma transport. As supercomputers become more and more powerful and the fidelity of plasma simulations improves, scientists are able to make better predictions; nevertheless, there remain particularly challenging tokamak plasma phenomena such as disruptions in which the thermal and magnetic energy stored in the plasma is lost on very rapid timescales. Modelling these events to understand how to avoid them or mitigate their impact on tokamak operation pushes the limits of today's simulation capabilities.

A simulation showing how the ''donut-shaped'' magnetic surfaces, which confine the plasma, break due to the onset of a disruption. The left figures show the intersections of

magnetic field lines with a poloidal cross-section after several toroidal turns (see the arrows in the bottom-right figure for the toroidal and poloidal directions). Field lines that quickly intersect the walls are shown in blue, while red shows confined lines that do not leave the plasma or that leave it after hundreds of toroidal turns. On the right, iso-surfaces of plasma current density are shown together with the vacuum vessel currents (black arrows).

In present tokamak experiments, a disruption may occur when operating near plasma stability limits or when systems malfunction. Although disruption events are rather short (expected to be less than 150 milliseconds in ITER), magneto-hydro-dynamic simulation codes need months of computations and millions of computer hours to simulate a few tens of milliseconds. For such tasks, supercomputers are really the only approach with which results can be obtained in a reasonable time. In 2022, thanks to a collaboration with Google, scientists from the ITER Organization and the Max Planck Institute for Plasma Physics in Germany simulated ITER mitigated disruptions to demonstrate a cloud computing proof of concept. Extensive Google Cloud services, together with those of the ITER Scientific Data and Computing Centre and the EUROfusion Marconi supercomputer, were leveraged to push towards more realistic plasma descriptions.

While there are still several modelling aspects to be further refined, these simulations confirm that the ITER disruption mitigation system will be able to reduce the global magnetic forces acting on the ITER vacuum vessel, blanket/first wall and divertor. Such forces arise during the loss of the plasma magnetic energy known as the "current quench" phase of the disruption, in which the plasma current decays very rapidly. During this collapse phase, electric currents induced in the vacuum vessel and in-vessel components drive the production of magnetic forces. A March 2022 paper* in Nuclear Fusion describes the benefits of a fast current quench (compared to the decay time of the vessel currents) in reducing these forces. The ITER disruption mitigation system will control the speed of the current quench by cooling down the plasma with cryogenic pellets—a technique demonstrated on research tokamaks such as ASDEX Upgrade, DIII-D, KSTAR and JET with the coordination of the ITER Disruption Mitigation Task Force.

** F.J. Artola et al 2022 Nucl. Fusion 62 056023*

FAVOURABLE IMPURITY DYNAMICS IN ITER CONFIRMED BY EXPERIMENT

Atoms eroded from the wall of fusion devices that enter the plasma risk diluting the fusion fuel and cooling the plasma due to the emission of radiation (visible, ultraviolet and X-ray light). Because both factors reduce fusion power production, the proportion of these "impurities" in the plasma needs to be kept at very low values. This is especially the case for tungsten—the material used for the ITER divertor. The amount of tungsten in an ITER high-fusion-gain plasma has to be kept under ~ 0.005 percent.

In detailed studies carried out a decade ago to simulate how tungsten atoms from ITER's walls penetrate the fusion plasma, some surprising results were obtained. They showed that ITER edge plasma characteristics are very effective in screening the fusion plasma from the tungsten atoms coming from the wall (Figure a), a behaviour never seen before.

> This favourable tungsten behaviour was included in the planning of the ITER scientific program due to the solid physics basis of the predictions; however, an experimental demonstration remained outstanding. Further analysis of the physics involved in the original studies showed that this ITERspecific behaviour also had one less-desirable consequence edge instabilities called ELMs would actually bring impurities into the plasma (Figure b). This is unlike in currently operating tokamaks, where such instabilities are employed to expel impurities from the plasma.

> For ITER, this meant reformulating the ELM control strategy that had originally been considered. The new strategy relies on the suppression of these edge instabilities as soon as possible in the execution of the Research Plan, and in particular before high power (requiring radiative divertor operation) is applied. This strategy would allow ITER to benefit from the enhanced screening of tungsten predicted by physics, while avoiding the drawbacks of ELMs in such plasma conditions.

> Despite the importance of this plasma physics behaviour for ITER scenario development and for the achievement of high-fusion performance with low tungsten concentration in the plasma, an experimental demonstration had never been achieved. That has now changed. As reported in a paper* published in December 2022 in Nuclear Fusion, scientists at the European tokamak JET were able to reproduce this ITERlike tungsten behaviour. The demonstration relied on the achievement of peripheral plasma parameters in JET that are comparable to those in ITER and on the development of complex analysis tools to determine tungsten behaviour

Modelled tungsten (W) density between ELMs (a) and after an ELM (b) showing the good screening of W in the ITER plasma periphery between ELMs and the increase of the W density following an ELM. (Modelling carried out by UKAEA under a Fusion for Energy Task Agreement with the ITER Organization.)

from the acquired measurements in a quantitative way. These experimental findings provide key confirmation of the physics basis for tungsten transport at the edge of fusion-producing plasmas in ITER and of the strategy for tungsten impurity control adopted in the ITER Research Plan.

**A.R. Field et al 2023 Nucl. Fusion 63 016028*

NEW SOLPS-ITER CODE VERSION LAUNCHED

Like with so many other physical systems, what happens at the boundary of tokamak plasmas is critically determinant to their overall behaviour.

For fusion plasmas like those envisaged in ITER, two boundaries are of special interest. The first is the last closed flux surface, or separatrix, which encloses the magnetically confined plasma. The second is the vacuum vessel wall and its material surfaces. Plasma that leaks out of the separatrix is carried on the open magnetic field lines to meet these material surfaces. The divertor at the bottom of the machine is designed to be the place where most of these interactions take place, and the magnetic field lines direct the plasma to that region. The region between the separatrix and the divertor is called the scrape-off layer (SOL). Understanding and controlling the plasma behaviour in the SOL and the divertor regions has been a major focus of fusion research for many decades. In particular, various computational tools have been developed over the years to model these plasmas and improve our knowledge of them.

One such modelling tool is the SOLPS-ITER code suite. The SOLPS (Scrape-Off Layer Plasma Simulation) code grew, in the mid-1990s, from the union of the B2 (later B2.5) plasma fluid solver and the EIRENE Monte-Carlo kinetic code for neutral particle transport, which had both been developed in the 1980s. It became the main workhorse for ITER simulations during the divertor design phase. In the process, it also attracted a wide user base worldwide, and different research groups furthered the code development in different directions. In the mid-2010s, the ITER Organization took the initiative to regroup all the various code developments into a single common version, named SOLPS-ITER, which was launched in 2015. The ITER Organization manages and freely distributes the SOLPS-ITER code suite to fusion research institutional partners within the ITER Member States. With that support structure in place, the code is now one of the most common SOL plasma simulation tools in use across the ITER Members.

Of course, the code is not static, and the ITER Organization and many other research groups continue to advance its physics model and improve its numerical abilities. Indeed, one of the major limitations of SOLPS-ITER was that its plasma computational domain was limited in the SOL to magnetic field lines that start and end on a divertor structure, and

thus could not properly take into account some important phenomena occurring at places where the plasma particles encounter other solid structures in the main vacuum vessel. Starting in 2017, a consortium led by Wouter Dekeyser (KU Leuven, Belgium) and Vladimir Rozhansky (Peter the Great St. Petersburg Polytechnical State University, Russia)—both current members of the ITER Scientist Fellow Network—was charged under an ITER contract with the challenging task of extending the code beyond that limit, to be able to model the full vacuum vessel cross-section. After two years of intensive

work, and a near-complete rewrite of the code base, this goal was achieved in 2022.

As many in the plasma edge physics community have eagerly been awaiting this new code capability, a series of workshops for users has been organized.

UNDERSTANDING CURRENT FLOW DURING PLASMA DISRUPTIONS

In tokamaks, disruptions are sudden losses of the thermal and magnetic energy stored within the plasma that occur when operating near plasma stability limits or when systems malfunction and plasma control is lost. Disruptions, particularly on large devices like ITER, can lead to high power fluxes and mechanical forces on in-vessel components, impacting their lifetime. A major contributor to these loads are the electric currents that circulate between the plasma and the components during the "current quench" phase of the disruption when the plasma current collapses. The amplitude and distribution of these electric currents (the so-called halo currents), together with the strong magnetic fields always present in tokamaks, determine the local mechanical stresses on the in-vessel components and thus need to be understood in detail to refine expectations for ITER.

Physicists from the COMPASS tokamak team at the Institute of Plasma Physics (Prague, Czech Republic) and from the ITER Organization collaborated to perform a series of experiments designed to measure the halo currents circulating between the plasma and surrounding components during disruption current quenches. The result is a unique database of high spatial resolution measurements of these currents.

The experiments, reported* in June 2022 in Nuclear Fusion, have demonstrated (Figure 1) that the local value of the halo current cannot exceed the local value of the plasma particle flux to the in-vessel components. This physics limit—already known for decades to apply under standard plasma conditions in the cool plasma edge where magnetic field lines intersect solid surfaces—has been found on COMPASS during these extremely transient disruptive phases using arrays of dozens of tiny, finely spaced electric sensors known as Langmuir probes embedded in the divertor target surfaces. This probe system captured the halo and the plasma flux simultaneously for the first time during purposely triggered disruptions. The experiments also confirmed previous findings elsewhere that the global value of the halo current is proportional to that of the current flowing in the plasma before the disruption. This, together with the new limit identified in these experiments, means that the area of in-vessel components over which the halo current flows grows with increasing current when the limit is at work. This spreads the halo current across the invessel components and lowers the local stresses compared to what would be predicted if such a limit were not applied.

The results show that inclusion of the newly identified halo current limitation in the simulation of disruptions is essential to reproduce plasma behaviour observed on COMPASS. To consolidate predictions for ITER disruptions, it is important to experimentally determine the role that the newly identified limit plays on the dynamics of disruptions across other operating tokamaks and to reproduce the observations using the simulation codes applied to model ITER. This will make it possible to both better understand and predict the loads expected during disruptions in ITER and to optimize their mitigation.

** J. Adamek et al 2022 Nucl. Fusion 62 086034*

Locally measured halo current during disruptions in COMPASS versus local plasma flux (both measured in Mega-Amperes per square m) over a range of plasma currents. A set of experiments performed by a joint Czech Academy of Sciences/ITER Organization team has provided the first experimental evidence of a physical limit to the flow of electric currents between the plasma and tokamak components during these events. This

finding will help scientists to refine models and provide improved predictions of plasma dynamics and the associated forces on in-vessel components during ITER disruptions.

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TRANSLATING PHYSICS LIMITS TO MILLIMETRES

The millimetre-level alignment tolerance targets for ITER's magnetic and first-wall components are determined by physics requirements. Because the plasma must be as close to perfectly symmetric as possible, precise physics principles must guide their assembly to ensure that the machine can achieve its fusion goals. But translating physics limits into assembly millimetres is a delicate exercise: set them too large and the machine may not attain its goals; set them too small and the machine is impossible to assemble.

Close collaboration between the assembly, reverse engineering, blanket and science teams has enabled the development of a set of "just right" physics assembly guidelines. Together with parallel compliance assessments of the machine's mechanical interfaces, these guidelines form a grounded alignment strategy based on physics acceptability and engineering feasibility.

In 2022, the assembly of vacuum vessel sector module #6 and its positioning in the Tokamak pit was successfully implemented according to this integrated alignment strategy

for the toroidal field coils. An extension of this approach is underway to include the remaining major coil systems in ITER so that it may be applied to the complete tokamak assembly process.

INTEGRATED CONTROL IS SUPPORTING COMMISSIONING

Integration and commissioning of plant system instrumentation and control progressed in 2022 as more systems—additional cooling water, electrical, liquid and gas, and buildings; reactive power compensation; cryoplant—were added. The scope of completion for First Plasma reached 18 percent as measured by the number of energized instrumentation and control (I&C) cubicles or the number of integrated process variables (data points).

The steady state electrical distribution system is complete on the southern side of the ITER platform. Supply and distribution of compressed air and demineralized water

Screen shot of real-time human machine interface of electrical distribution.

is operated routinely from the temporary main control room in ITER Headquarters (see below) as are three out of six secondary cooling water loops. Reactive power compensation completed low voltage commissioning and the cryoplant started the first liquid helium compressors. The integrated control system supported all these activities, operated either from the temporary main control room or from local temporary control rooms close to the equipment. The cumulative amount of archived data from these systems reached 3 TB. Applications were developed to access realtime data on the web or smart phone to further facilitate commissioning in the field.

MAIN CONTROL ROOM OPERATING TEMPORARILY OUT OF ITER HEADQUARTERS

ping pumps, running sub-systems—from the temporary main control room in ITER Headquarters, operators are now helping to commission systems and supporting operators in the field.

Since November 2022, operators have been supporting commissioning activities from a temporary main control room (T-MCR) at ITER Headquarters. Staffed all week by a rotating team from the Operations Division, it deploys the same CODAC workstation, with the same human-machine interface, that will be used in the main control room when it opens in the Control Building. T-MCR operators are already helping to commission the secondary cooling loops, the heat rejection system, and liquid and gas systems; next year, the coil power supply and electron cyclotron heating systems will join the list. In close coordination with operators in the field, they start and stop pumps, monitor target flow rates, and track pressure and temperature levels. Systems already in operation—such as the distribution of compressed air to the cryoplant or the Assembly Hall, or demineralized water to the building for reactive power control—are also run and monitored from the T-MCR.

Through these activities, operators are fine tuning procedures, training on the interface, and practicing interaction with operators in the field—acquiring valuable experience before systems move from commissioning to operation.

The tokamak is an experimental machine designed to harness the energy of fusion. ITER will be the world's largest tokamak, with a plasma radius (R) of 6.2 m and a plasma volume of 840 m³.

CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE 2022

JANUARY

 Members of the European Parliament tour ITER

MARCH

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- **Visit of US Senator Joe Manchin**

APRIL

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- **Launch of new postdoctoral program for junior physicists and engineers**

MAY

- **First vacuum vessel sector sub-assembly lowered into the Tokamak pit**
- **ITER mourns the loss of Bernard Bigot (ITER Director-General, 2015-2022)**
- **Eisuke Tada becomes ITER Director-General interim**
- **ITER Robots competition, 11th edition**
- **Gabriela Hearst, creative director of Chloé, visits ITER**

JUNE

- \blacksquare **30th Meeting of the ITER Council**
- **Public Open Doors Day**

JULY

- **The ITER Organization is a founding partner of Women in Fusion (www.womeninfusion.org)**
- **ITER International School #11 is held in San Diego, California**
- **High-level delegation from Korea (Vice Minister Oh Tae-Seog and former UN head Ban Ki-Moon)**

SEPTEMBER

- **Pietro Barabaschi is appointed ITER Organization Director-General (to start on 17 October)**
- \blacksquare **10th ITER Games**
- **2nd Safety Day: staff and construction personnel re-commit to "Safety First"**
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- **Chief scientist Tim Luce testifies to US Senate Committee**

NOVEMBER

- \blacksquare **31st Meeting of the ITER Council**
- **Public Open Doors Day**
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DECEMBER

- **Highest-ever number of visitors to the ITER site in 2022: 19,559**
- **A new group of Monaco Fellows arrives at ITER**

The facade of the Tokamak Complex glows at the end of an October day.

ORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS ²⁰²²

Just as the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic were receding—as factory shutdowns, disruptions to supply chains, and transport delays improved—the ITER Project was confronted with the first major technical setback of the machine assembly phase: defects discovered in key machine components will require extensive repair. The new Director-General of the ITER Organization has announced that his priorities as repairs advance will be to improve the technical quality culture across the project, to re-evaluate the mitigation strategies for other project risks related to first-of-a-kind components, and to re-align incentive structures by integrating the ITER Organization and the Domestic Agencies more closely.

CHANGE AT THE HELM – Bernard Bigot, who had been Director-General of the ITER Organization since March 2015, passed away on 14 May 2022 due to illness. An inspirational leader for more than four decades across multiple fields of science and energy, his personal dedication and commitment to ITER over his seven-year tenure shaped every aspect of the project; he will be remembered for his profound sense of duty and for his unwavering belief in the promise of fusion. His deputy Eisuke Tada assumed the interim role of Director-General until the ITER Council, in an extraordinary meeting in Paris on 15 September 2022, unanimously appointed Pietro Barabaschi as the fourth Director-General in ITER Organization history. Director-General Barabaschi took up his appointment on 17 October 2022.

In memory of Bernard Bigot, ITER Director-General (2015-2022).

The 31st Meeting of the ITER Council in November.

REVISED CONSTRUCTION STRATEGY – The need for substantial repair works on major machine components has affected the effort underway to update the project's 2016 Baseline. Uncertainties related to the schedule of repairs and their effect on major assembly contracts, as well as the project's actions to minimize the overall impact of the technical setbacks, must be clarified through technical discussions between the ITER Organization, the Domestic Agencies, and external experts before an optimized approach to completing the Construction Baseline can be proposed. These discussions are taking place within the framework of the New Baseline Development Task Force. While Baseline updating is on hold, the ITER Organization has prepared a 2023 Work Plan reflecting the work that can realistically be expected to be accomplished based on the most recent information; a draft budget for 2023 will be submitted to the ITER Council early next year based on this Work Plan. Going forward, reverse works and repairs on the vacuum vessel sectors and thermal shield will be managed as a distinct sub-project, and progress will be reported quantitatively and qualitatively as works proceed. The procurement process for the work is well advanced, with the evaluation of tender offers underway. In 2023, an expert panel established by the Management Advisory Committee (MAC) will analyze and advise on the ITER Organization's contracting strategy, with a focus on the renegotiation of major assembly and installation contracts based on the ITER Organization's comprehensive review of these contracts. A feasibility study is also planned to examine the possibility of performing cold tests on some toroidal field coils as risk mitigation; the results of this study will be reported to the ITER Council.

CORPORATE HIGHLIGHTS 2022

REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT – Exchanges between the ITER Organization and the French Nuclear Safety Authority (Autorité de sûreté nucléaire, ASN) on ITER's safety file for the authorization of machine assembly continued throughout the year, as ITER provided additional elements related to its self-supporting file. This process has now been paused due to the ongoing assessment of quality issues related to the vacuum vessel and thermal shield. The ITER Organization is planning to use this time to re-evaluate key topics related to nuclear safety, including the impact of the technical setbacks on the ITER Research Plan, possible evolutions in the ITER nuclear safety demonstration, and the update of the overall licensing roadmap in the context of the new ITER Baseline. The re-examination of the current four-stage approach to full fusion power—with the potential combination of assembly and/or operation phases—is also being considered. The new Director-General has emphasized his commitment to regular and transparent communication with the ASN on these matters.

STAFFING - As of 31 December 2022, 1,069 people were directly employed by the Organization (+4.7% over the previous year). Contributions to the project were also made by 13 experts, 2 visiting researchers, 17 interns, 231 ITER Project Associates, and 9 post-doctorates who were part of the Monaco-ITER Fellowship Program or recruited as part of the broader ITER Organization postdoctoral program launched in 2022 to attract highly trained early career professionals. Another priority for the ITER Organization overall is to improve the gender and geographical diversity of staff. Specific efforts have been made in this direction, including the creation of a new staff position focused on diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). The ITER Council has also approved the Director-General's request for five new Deputy Director-General (DDG) level positions—two DDGs in a coordinating role for the whole organization, and another three to function as Chief Engineer, Chief Scientist and Construction Project Manager. Recruitment for the first two is already underway.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION - The ITER Organization maintains a large number of cooperation agreements with the labs and educational establishments of the ITER Members, international organizations and others. See pp 56-57 for the full list.

ITER's smallest ring-shaped magnet—poloidal field coil #1 (PF1)— is on its way to ITER from Russia.

STAFFING AN FINANCIAL DATA 2022

This plasma-jet cutting tool is performing precise machining on the cryostat lid. The ultra-hot (30,000 °C) hydrogen-nitrogen-argon plasma slices through steel like butter.

TAFFING TABLES

STAFF BY MEMBER

(1) Includes 5 Monaco Postdoctoral Fellows and staff funded for work on the Tokamak Cooling Water System (TCWS, 25), vacuum system (VAS, 2) and the safety control system for nuclear (SCS-N, 1)

(2) Includes 5 Monaco Postdoctoral Fellows and staff funded for work on the TCWS (29), VAS (3) and SCS-N (1) (3) Includes 7 Monaco Postdoctoral Fellows and staff funded for work on the TCWS (27), VAS (2) and SCS-N (2)
(4) Includes 5 Monaco Postdoctoral Fellows and staff funded for work on the TCWS (25), VAS (2) and SCS-N (2) *(5) Includes 9 Postdoctoral Fellows (6 Monaco and 3 Korea) and staff funded for work on the TCWS (19), VAS (2) and SCS-N (2)*

** "Other" refers to one Swiss and one Ukrainian staff member following ITER Council consultation and approval.*

STAFF BY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT

** For the full names of units, see the Organization Chart on page 58.*

MAIN FINANCIAL DATA

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS IN CASH

Amounts in thousands of Euro

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS IN KIND

Amounts in ITER Unit of Account (IUA)

** Due to a change in presentation, this 2021 cumulative total excludes accrued revenues. This explains the diff erence with the 2021 fi gure published in the 2021 ITER Organization Annual Report.*

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PROCUREMENT HIGHLIGHTS KEY

R&D, manufacturing milestones

Major contracts

ITER Organization – Domestic Agency milestones

Completed package

The figures on the following pages are adjusted annually for changes in credit value due to Procurement Arrangement Refinements (PAR) and Additional Direct Investment (ADI) related to Project Change Requests. Please note that the 2022 figures supersede all previously published figures.

Packages allocated to the ITER Organization (some cryogenics, heating, tooling, tritium plant, and diagnostics) are not represented in these pages.

Vacuum vessel sector #8 is unloaded at Fos-sur-Mer harbour, France.

ITER CHINA (CN-DA)

www.iterchina.cn

PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS*

Fourteen PAs signed since 2007 representing:

 100% in number and

100% of the total value of CN-DA in-kind contributions.

Over 87 design or fabrication contracts related to ITER procurement have been signed with laboratories and industry.

PDR closed for divertor Langmuir probe

 Maturity assessment for all neutron flux monitor I&C (PDR design) completed

*Does not include Complementary Diagnostic Arrangements

Abbreviations : CDR Conceptual Design Review ; DA Domestic Agency ; FDR Final Design Review ; I&C Instrumentation & Control ; IO ITER Organization ; IC ITER Council ; FAT Factory Acceptance Tests ; MIP Manufacturing & Inspection Plan ; MRR Manufacturing Readiness Review ; PA Procurement Arrangement ; PDR Preliminary Design Review ; SAT Site Acceptance Tests

ITER INDIA (IN-DA)

www.iter-india.org

PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS*

Fourteen PAs signed since 2007 representing:

 100% in number and

100% of the total value of IN-DA in-kind contributions.

50 design or fabrication contracts related to ITER procurement have been signed with industry and R&D organizations since 2007.

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www.fusion.qst.go.jp/ITER/english/iter.html

PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS* Fifteen PAs signed since 2007 representing:

 83% in number and

98% of the total value of JA-DA in-kind contributions.

Over 100 design or 800 design or fabrication contracts related to ITER procurement have been signed with industry since 2007.

*Includes Complementary Diagnostic Arrangements

Abbreviations : CDR Conceptual Design Review ; DA Domestic Agency ; FDR Final Design Review ; I&C Instrumentation & Control ; IO ITER Organization ; IC ITER Council ; FAT Factory Acceptance Tests ; MIP Manufacturing &
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https://www.iterkorea.org

PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS*

Eight PAs signed since 2007 representing:

 89% in number and

95.4% of the total value of KO-DA in-kind contributions.

Over 300 design or fabrication contracts related to ITER procurement have been signed with universities, laboratories and industry since 2007.

Transfer line of NAS (vertical shaft 12/13) delivered to ITER site Contract signed for NAS manufacturing (in-vessel and L3 components)

*Does not include Complementary Diagnostic Arrangements

Abbreviations : **CDR** Conceptual Design Review ; **DA** Domestic Agency ; FDR Final Design Review ; I&C Instrumentation & Control ; IO ITER Organization ; IC ITER Council ; FAT Factory Acceptance Tests ; MIP Manufacturing &

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PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS* Twelve PAs signed since 2007 representing:

 100% in number and

100% of the total value of RF-DA in-kind contributions.

800 design or fabrication contracts related to ITER procurement have been signed with industry since 2007.

*Does not include Complementary Diagnostic Arrangements

Abbreviations : CDR Conceptual Design Review ; DA Domestic Agency ; FDR Final Design Review ; I&C Instrumentation & Control ; IO ITER Organization ; IC ITER Council ; FAT Factory Acceptance Tests ; MIP Manufacturing &
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PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS*

Seventeen PAs signed since 2007 representing:

 100% in number and

100% of the total value of US-DA in-kind contributions.

The US has awarded more than 600 design or fabrication contracts to US industry, universities, and national laboratories in 46 states plus the District of Columbia since 2007.

*Includes Complementary Diagnostic Arrangements

Abbreviations : CDR Conceptual Design Review ; DA Domestic Agency ; FDR Final Design Review ; I&C Instrumentation & Control ; IO ITER Organization ; IC ITER Council ; FAT Factory Acceptance Tests ; MIP Manufacturing &
Insp

https://fusionforenergy.europa.eu/

PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS* Forty-one PAs signed since 2007 representing

 85% in number and

96.6% of the total value of EU-DA in-kind contributions.

The EU-DA has awarded 725 design or fabrication contracts related to ITER procurement to universities, laboratories and industry since 2007.

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IRELAND

PORTUGAL

SPAIN

MALTA

ITALY

SLOVENIA

AUSTRIA CZECH REPUBLIC

HUNGARY

CROATIA

POLAND

GERMANY

DENMARK

B Sector #2: Segment outer shell welding ongoing

INTERNATION COOPERATION

The following entities have signed Cooperation Agreements with the ITER Organization. (The list excludes agreements signed as part of the ITER Project Associates, Scientist Fellows, and ITER Operation Network programs.)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

UNIVERSITIES

NATIONAL SCHOOLS

OTHERS

SWEDEN

RGANIZATION CHART

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- > Site Planning & Coordination > Site Management
- > Building & Civil Works

LOOKING AHEAD: 2023

- CARRY OUT REVERSE WORKS ON THE THREE DELIVERED SECTORS TO PREPARE FOR REPAIRS
- **B** SELECT CONTRACTORS FOR REPAIR CAMPAIGNS
- LAUNCH VACUUM VESSEL REPAIR AND THERMAL SHIELD REPAIR/ REPLACEMENT
- CONTINUE ASSEMBLING THE CENTRAL SOLENOID MAGNET TOWER
- CONSTRUCT THE ITER SCIENTIFIC DATA & COMPUTING CENTRE (HEADQUARTERS)
- FINALIZE NEUTRAL BEAM POWER SUPPLY BUILDINGS
- RECEIVE FINAL TOROIDAL FIELD COILS FROM EUROPE AND JAPAN
- RECEIVE POLOIDAL FIELD COIL #4 FROM EUROPE
- RECEIVE FIRST EUROPEAN VACUUM VESSEL SECTOR
- **RECEIVE NEXT-IN-LINE CENTRAL SOLENOID MAGNETS**
- RE-EXAMINE THE STAGED APPROACH TO FULL FUSION POWER

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