

STATUS OF THE VIND PROGRAM

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SUMMARY

The Vinca Institute Nuclear Decommissioning (VIND) Program was approved in July 2002 by the Government of the Republic of Serbia. The VIND Program was, in early stage, known as the “Green Vinca”, since its main goal is to solve nuclear and radiation safety related problems currently existing in the Vinca Institute of Nuclear Sciences that are created as a ‘heritage’ of various nuclear programs carried out in the country since 1956. New statements of the Government of the Republic of Serbia, brought in February 2004, were allowed further development and reorganisation of earlier established VIND Program.

Currently, the VIND Program comprises four interrelated projects (SNF Shipment, “RA” RR Decommissioning, RAW Management and Radiation Protection). About 40 experts and 40 technicians from Vinca are engaged. Duration of the VIND Program is planned for next 10 years with the total cost estimated at about 40 M\$. The Program is supported by the IAEA TC Department, since 2003, and by a donation of an US NGO “NTI”, made in 2002.