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To:- David Lockwood, Chief Executive, Babcock.

11th November 2021.

Dear David Lockwood,

Thank you for replying promptly to our letter of 21st October 2021. It was good to hear that you are fully committed to playing your part in addressing the Global Climate Crisis and integrating environmental sustainability into your programme designs. However, Babcock company figures show your military sales, worldwide and mainly in the UK, are just under 50% of your total sales. You have made no commitment to reduce your military sales to help tackle the environmental and climate impacts of war. We urged you to work out how your corporation can change into one that reduces international tensions, avoids war as a method of resolving conflict, dramatically reduces arms sales and all military spending, and redirects its resources to address the threat of the climate catastrophe that now faces us all. You did not respond to this request. **Would you please explain how you will change for the better?**

To be at all credible at addressing the climate and environmental crisis you need to **recognise the environmental and human impacts of war, and especially the threat from nuclear weapons to a liveable climate, and hence we urge you to shift to 100% civilian work.** We are convinced that you have the skills and resources to contribute positively and peacefully to a more equitable and sustainable world. However, this can certainly not be done while you are involved in the UK's Trident nuclear weapon system as this constitutes a direct threat to our safety and global security by enabling and contributing to the existential dangers of nuclear war. **We urge you to abide by the TPNW (Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons) by ceasing any involvement in the production and deployment of weapons banned by this UN treaty.**

You mention in your reply that you are committed to transition to a net zero emissions organisation by 2040 and we welcome the fact that you have signed up to the 'Science-based targets initiative' (SBTi) - an independent international verification initiative by businesses - *https://sciencebasedtargets.org/companies-taking-action?sector=Aerospace%20and%20Defense#table* . This should mean that at least your factory-based carbon emissions should be seen as credible. However, according to the SBTi website, you have yet to have your targets plan approved, so there is still plenty of work to do. **Please can you complete the SBTi process?**

Signed by

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Andrew Feinstein, Shadow World Investigations, **Janet Fenton** for Secure Scotland,
Ginnie Herbert for Greenham Women For Life on Earth, **Kate Hudson** for CND, **Lynn Jamieson** for Scottish CND,
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