

## **Press Release 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

A family-run Cumbrian coach company has won a major four-year contract to handle transport for all 10,000 staff at the giant Sellafield nuclear site in West Cumbria

Reays of Wigton beat off strong competition from other specialist coach firms from around the county and beyond to land the deal with Sellafield Ltd, which starts on June 1.

The contract involves getting Sellafield staff to and from work from all the off-site car parks in the mornings and afternoons and also operating a constant shuttle service around the vast site, using eight buses at 10 to 15 minute intervals.

Reays will be taking on more drivers to cope with the increased work and buying a site in West Cumbria to use as its depot for the Sellafield contract.

Finance director Nicola Reay, who owns the company with her husband Chris, said: "It is a huge contract and another significant step forward for us as a company. We are absolutely delighted to have won it. I am sure it will be the start of a very successful partnership between us and Sellafield Ltd.

"We will need to expand further and we will be getting a depot out there and taking on at least eight more drivers. They must be free to start work in June and available for training in May as well as all the security checks."

Malcolm Butler, transport manager for Sellafield Ltd, said the contract would involve transporting about 10,000 employees as they move on and off site.

He said: "What impressed us when we visited Reays headquarters at Wigton was the level of professionalism we saw. We have an attitude of being very much a 'can do' company and Reays fit in line with that ethos very well.

"The quality of the buses Reays use was another factor. They will be bringing in brand new buses to operate this service. At the end of the day, we want people to use the service. So if we can improve it and make it more user-friendly through this new contract, then it is win-win all round."

Reays has won national recognition for the quality of its coaches. It also operates a fleet of luxury limousines from its Strawberry Field headquarters at Syke Park on the outskirts of Wigton. The company, which is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, also operates day trips and foreign holidays along with public routes and schools services.

Anyone interested in applying for a job as a driver with Reays at Sellafield should contact the coach company on 016973 49999.