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Notes of Fundamental Research Work

In March 1987 the fundamental research programme in Southampton was formulated at a Research Review attended by Drs Dunn, Massey and other CAC research directors. The £2 million funding from CAC companies supported 23 internal man years of 'professional' scientific effort plus technical support. It was agreed that 40% of the total effort should be on research on regulatory authority issues and 60% on product quality research. The former area was of particular interest to ITL and included work on reducing smoke noxae, developing bioassays and environmental tobacco smoke (ETS). Product quality research was of particular interest to Brown & Williamson and included smoke quality, sensory research and cigarette physical properties.

At the end of 1987, 43% of the total internal professional efforts had been devoted to regulatory issues research.

In early 1988 the total internal professional effort was increased to 27 man years due to Project GREENDOT. This project was essentially regulatory issues and much of the effort needed for it was taken from product quality research. For the whole of 1988, 89% of the total effort was for regulatory issues research.

During 1989 there was almost no product quality research done virtually all the work was aimed at regulatory issues. Thus since March 1987 the work has evolved almost entirely to the type of work of interest to ITL and away from product quality work.

Changes to the work programme proposed at the Research Review in late 1990 were:

- A reduction in effort on ETS studies of 0.9 man years and not undertaking a £100,000 external study (a reduced effort in this area was suggested at the last TSRI meeting).
- Taking the "all tobacco option" from Project GREENDOT out of the Group-funded programme.
- Instigation of a project area on chemosensory research. ITL are not enthusiastic about this type of work. However, its inclusion puts product quality research back into the work programme. The proposed work is aimed very much at the sensory aspects of low tar products and the exact work will be discussed at a meeting of CAC scientists on 25th April 1990.
- Instigation of a project area on tobacco and smoke chemistry of smoking materials. This work area is aimed predominantly at regulatory authority requirements for new processes etc. Proposals for this work area will be discussed by CAC scientists on 26th April 1990.

In addition, it was proposed that a new Materials Science Section should be formed. This section would bring together related work from areas on smoke noxae, Project GREENDOT etc. as well as opening up new areas. Specific proposals for this work area will be circulated in late April following general agreement at the Research Review.

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