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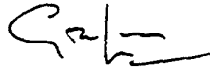
**TOBACCO STRATEGY GROUP MEETING : 8th DECEMBER 1993**

As I indicated to you recently, at the recent CEC meeting to review the BATCo Plan Preview there was discussion relating to the most appropriate arrangements for BAT Industries to determine product sourcing decisions under a regime whereby a single Operating Group is responsible for operations in each end market.

As an aid to their deliberations on this subject the CEC requested a report on how product sourcing is currently conducted within BATCo, covering the types of decisions taken, their frequency and the mechanisms used (e.g. who is responsible and the main criteria used).

We have just been informed that this report is required for discussion at the 8th December TSG meeting. Could you please prepare such a report (ideally it needs to be with me, after having been agreed by BDB, by December 1st, but given your travel arrangements we might be able to stretch the deadline by a day or two.

Thanks.



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17th November 1993

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