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With reference to your note of 31st May on suitable strategic issues for discussion at this meeting :

1. **Broad strategic objective for radically different future/alternative products**

We currently have projects GREENDOT, DAY, NOVA, REDNOX. All these are aimed at future products. We need a broad policy statement on BAT's strategic objectives for such products which would be subdivided into the objectives of the various projects.

2. **REDNOX**

At the March Research Review, it was agreed that the RPG should consider whether the "other noxae" work area is being conducted for regulatory authority reasons, or product development reasons.

WDEI has recently written some notes relevant to (1) and (2), already sent to ALH.

3. **REDNOX/DAY**

Dependent on the outcome of (1) and (2), is it desirable to keep REDNOX and DAY separate or to amalgamate or to interact more seriously? Although the two projects have different objectives their work programmes are very similar.

4. **Pesticide Residues**

Monitoring of pesticide residues was discussed at the May 1989 CORESTA Scientific Commission Meeting and it is possible that a CORESTA Task Force will be set up. BAT should set up a data-gathering facility for such residues (TGM has further details).

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5. Group facility for pesticide analyses

CORESTA is considering the establishment of a data base for centralisation of available data on pesticides. This will be a useful source of information when needed. In the event that a BAT company requires information not on the data base, or for which confidentiality is necessary, existing facilities within the Group are limited. No pesticide work is done in Southampton and when necessary we send work (e.g. N.Z. samples) to a contract laboratory in Hamburg.

In view of the increasing importance of pesticide work, we should encourage the development of the Souza Cruz laboratory as the centre of excellence in this area. Questions to discuss :

Is this a sensible idea?

Is the Souza Cruz laboratory adequately equipped to cover all likely requirements?

Is it practically possible to use Brazil for such work?

6. Smoke & tobacco chemistry

TGM has expressed concern that we do not have any advanced analytical work in progress on tobacco and smoke chemistry. This may cause problems in some areas, e.g. clearance of flavour formulations may be much simpler if constituents can be shown to be "nature identic". Expertise within this area of smoke and tobacco chemistry is much reduced. Should we recussitate some form of chemistry programme in support of regulatory activities? TGM would produce a fuller discussion document.

7. Environmental tobacco smoke

How much more ETS work do we need to do? Is the available information sufficient for our needs, or do we have clear gaps in our knowledge? Do we need more work beyond the current programme, which would go to end-1990? General views wanted on future strategy.

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