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MEMORANDUM: 07-071
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TO: ASTM Test Monitoring Board
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SUBJECT: ASTM TMC Semiannual Report

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

The 2008 Test Monitoring Center budget and three-year financial plan was submitted to the ASTM Board of Directors and was approved in late October. Details of the 2008 budget, the three-year plan, and 2007 TMC financial performance will be included in the Administrative Guidance Committee Report. There have been no changes in TMC personnel during the past six months and staffing remains at 13 full-time employees. The current TMC organizational chart is shown in Attachment A.

INFORMATION LETTERS

The following 11 information letters have been issued by the TMC during the past six months.

<u>Information Letter</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>
Sequence IIIF No. 07-2	05/21/07
Sequence IIIG No. 07-2	06/05/07
Sequence VIB No. 07-1	08/06/07
ISM No. 07-3	08/08/07
T-8 No. 07-2	06/27/07
T-12 No. 07-2	05/03/07
L-33-1 No. 07-3	05/25/07
L-37 No. 07-1	07/16/07
L-42 No. 07-1	05/09/07
OSCT No. 07-1	09/01/07
EOEC No. 07-1	08/27/07

All of these letters are on the regular fall Subcommittee B information letter ballot (Ballot 07-7). The results of this ballot will be reported at the December ASTM meetings.

TMB ELECTIONS

The TMB elections were also included on Subcommittee B Ballot 07-7. The nominees included Andy Ritchie, Chris Castanien, Hind Abi-Akar, and Heather DeBaun. All are current voting members of the TMB eligible for re-election to new two-year terms. The results of the election will be reported at the December ASTM meetings.

RATER WORKSHOP CONTRACT

Earlier this year, the CRC decided that they no longer wished to be involved in organizing and conducting industry rater workshops. SAE has now assumed this responsibility. On September 18, 2007, the TMC was awarded a contract by SAE to organize and conduct the SAE Deposit/Distress Workshops in a manner similar to the CRC workshops. Scott Parke continues to serve as the workshop coordinator. The scope of work includes organizing two rating workshops per year, one diesel and one gasoline, as well as the associated data handling and follow-up reporting. The latest workshop was the Diesel Rating Workshop held in San Antonio during the first week of November.

D 874 SULFATED ASH MONITORING STATUS

On June 18, 2007, Section D02.B0.07 gave the approval for TMC monitoring of D874 to commence per the request of the Heavy Duty Classification Panel. The current TMC reference oils are 90, 91 and 830-2. Three labs requested TMC reference oils to participate. The first calibration test was completed on 7/27/2007. Three laboratories are participating and have successfully calibrated.

ASTM/CMU CONTRACT

The current one-year contract between ASTM and Carnegie Mellon University is scheduled to expire on January 31, 2008. Carnegie Mellon University has verbally expressed a desire to renew the contract for another year. This renewal is likely to only require a contract addendum that changes the expiration date to January 31, 2009.

ACC/ATC CONTRACT AWARDED TO TMC

On September 27, 2007, the TMC was informed by the American Chemistry Council that our proposal to serve as the ACC Monitoring Agency and ATC European Registration Centre was accepted and that the TMC would be awarded a four-year contract. An agreement between ACC and ASTM International (on behalf of the TMC) covering the three-month transitional period of October, November, and December 2007 was signed on November 2, 2007. This agreement defines the work tasks that must be performed in transferring this project from the current contractor to the TMC, such that the ACC MA and ATC ERC can be up and running at the TMC on January 1, 2008. This work has been underway since the beginning of October and is progressing smoothly and on schedule. Now that the transitional contract has been signed and the TMC is bound by the appropriate confidentiality requirements, the very important steps of transferring existing data and other records from the current contractor to the TMC can begin.

The main contract covering the period beginning January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011 is in the final stages of preparation, with both ACC and ASTM International in agreement on the contract language. It is expected that this contract will be signed within the next couple of weeks.

This project adds a significant new source of revenue for the TMC and represents an industry-related diversification of the center's activities, both long-standing goals of the TMB. The significant commitment of existing staff made to this new project will impact future staffing requirements of the center. A description of these impacts along with future TMC staffing recommendations will be presented to the TMB at the December 3, 2007 meeting as part of the Administrative Guidance Committee report.

REFERENCE OILS RECEIVED / SHIPPED

The following reference oils were received and processed by the TMC during the period from May 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007.

<u>Test Type</u>	<u>Oil Code</u>	<u>Quantity (gallons)</u>
D6078, D6079	DFA7*	55
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ISB	831-1	1300
L-37	134	165
VID	VID-L	100
Multi-cylinder Diesel	PC10C-1**	495
Gears	SSCT1***	40
Gears	SSCT2***	40
Gears	SSCT3***	40
Gears	SSCT4***	40
Gears	SSCT5***	40
Gears	SSCT6***	40

* Lubricity reference fluid

** Re-blend of PC10C per special request of BOI/VGRA Task Force

*** Storage Solubility and Compatibility Oils transferred from SAE

During this same time period, the TMC made 219 shipments of reference oils containing a total of 1858 individual oil samples.

CALIBRATION TEST REPORTING

During the period from May 1, 2007 to October 31, 2007, 1448 calibration tests were reported to the TMC. Also, during this same period, 97% of all tests reported to the TMC were transmitted electronically.

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Attachment

c: ftp://astmtmc.cmu.edu/docs/test_monitoring_board/TMC-12-2007.pdf

Attachment A

