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MEMORANDUM: 08-064
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TO: ASTM Test Monitoring Board
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SUBJECT: ASTM TMC Semiannual Report

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL

The 2009 Test Monitoring Center budget and three-year financial plan was submitted to the ASTM Board of Directors and was approved in October. Details of the 2009 budget, the three-year plan, and 2008 TMC financial performance will be included in the Administrative Guidance Committee Report.

There has been one change in TMC personnel. In late September, Scott Parke resigned to accept an engineering position with Curtiss Wright. Among his duties at the TMC, Scott coordinated the light-duty and heavy-duty rating workshops. This responsibility has now been assigned to Michael Kasimirsky, who will also serve as chairman of the newly formed ASTM Deposit/Distress Rating Advisory Panel. Scott's responsibilities in the single-cylinder diesel area have been assumed by Jeff Clark. The TMC is working on filling the vacancy created by Scott's departure. The currently approved TMC staffing level is 15 full-time employees. The TMC organizational chart is shown in Attachment A.

INFORMATION LETTERS

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

<u>Information Letter</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>
Sequence IIIG No. 08-1	05/20/08
Sequence VG No. 08-3	05/15/08
Sequence VIB No. 08-1	10/16/08
Sequence VIII No. 08-2	06/12/08
1K/1N No. 08-1	08/25/08
T-12 No. 08-1	10/13/08
L-42 No. 08-1	06/24/08
OSCT No. 08-1	10/07/08
OSCT No. 08-2	10/13/08

All of these letters are on the regular fall Subcommittee B information letter ballot (Ballot 08-6). The results of this ballot will be reported at the December ASTM meetings.

PRE-BALLOTTED INFORMATION LETTERS

During the past six months, two information letters required pre-balloting. The first letter, Sequence IIIG No. 08-2, was approved by Subcommittee D02.B (Ballot 08-5) on October 29, 2008 and issued on November 6, 2008. One comment was received and addressed via an editorial change. This information letter defines the Sequence IIIGB procedure for measuring phosphorus retention. The second letter, EOEC No. 08-1, is currently out for ballot (08-9) with a closing date of November 30, 2008. This information letter adds new elastomers to Test Method D 7216 that will be required for ILSAC GF-5.

TMB ELECTIONS

The TMB elections were also included on Subcommittee B Ballot 08-6. The nominees included Matt Urbanak, Bill Lam, Greg Shank, Ron Romano, and Norbert Nann. There was also a special TMB election for Ron Romano to serve out the unexpired term of Hannah Murray, who recently left the industry. The results of these elections will be reported at the December ASTM meetings.

RATER WORKSHOP UPDATE

The deposit/distress rating workshops, previously conducted under the authority of CRC, and later SAE, are now completely under the authority of ASTM. ASTM International has taken responsibility for the rating manuals and aids and the TMC continues to organize and conduct the workshops. An ASTM Deposit/Distress Rating Advisory Panel has been formed to address technical rating issues and to liaison with ASTM International on the publication and re-supply of rating manuals and aids. ASTM International has begun preparations for their first re-print of rating Manuals 20 and 21, likely to take place sometime in 2009. They have expressed a strong commitment to work closely with the TMC and the Deposit/Distress Rating Advisory Panel to ensure success.

BASELINE AND FLUSH OIL RE-BLENDS FOR SEQUENCE VID

The re-blends of the Sequence VID baseline oil and flush oil are progressing. The test labs placed their orders for quantities needed to support the precision matrix plus additional testing through 2011. All payments were collected and a purchase order was issued to the blender. The total volumes ordered were 20,400 gallons of baseline oil and 7,300 gallons of flush oil. It is expected that both products will be blended, analytically verified, containerized, and ready for shipment to labs by November 20, 2008.

ASTM/CMU CONTRACT

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

REFERENCE OILS RECEIVED / SHIPPED

The following reference oils were received and processed by the TMC during the period from May 1, 2008 to October 31, 2008.

<u>Test Type</u>	<u>Oil Code</u>	<u>Quantity (gallons)</u>
Sequence IIIG	434-1	600
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HTCBT	44-1	15
TEOST	71-1	2
TEOST	72-1	2
BRT	82-1	10
ROBO	84	5
ROBO	85	5
D 7109	RL 233	1100

During this same time period, the TMC made 199 shipments of reference oils containing a total of 1698 individual oil samples.

CALIBRATION TEST REPORTING

During the period from May 1, 2008 to October 31, 2008, 1561 calibration tests were reported to the TMC.

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Attachment A

