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Unconfirmed Minutes from the ASTM Sequence VI Surveillance Panel Conference Call Held January 13, 2004

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Call to Order

Meeting was call to order at 9:01 CST, those that were in attendance are shown in Attachment #1.

Agenda

A revised copy of the agenda is shown in Attachment #2

1.) Introduction of 539

After discussion the following motion was made:

Charlie/Gordon

Retain 539 but do not introduce into the VIB at this time. An SAE 10W30 GF-4 quality oil will be pursued as a replacement.

Passed unanimously

Action Item:

Charlie shall contact Ben Weber and ILSAC if necessary to obtain a GF-4 10W 30, category oil for use in the Seq. VIB.

2.) Micro Motion transmitter series 1700 & 2700

Once spec sheets are obtained and it is determined the new transmitters meet the spec of currently allowed units Charlie will forward specs to the panel and as that responses be sent within 48 hrs. If none are received and these do meet or exceed the spec of the current models TMC will be requested to issue a Information Letter accepting these for use in the VIB.

3.) Oil Heater Thermocouple Calibration

After discussion the following motion was made:

Dave/Guy

Revise section 10.2 of D 6837 to state that the thermocouple in the oil heater only requires calibration prior to initial installation into the cerrobase. *Passed unanimously*

4.) AER Engines

After discussion the following Action Items were made:

- a.) Rich is to survey labs as-to current inventory and estimated usage for the next 12 months. Once completed he will send summary to Charlie and he will send to panel for review/comments.
- b.) Labs should save heads from current VIB engines to be used in future build.
- c.) Charlie is to check with AER to see what the build date is on the current engines in inventory.
- d.) AER is to quote additional 50 engines.

5.) Tensioner Wear

After discussion the following motion was made:

Charlie/Gordon

Allow the use of Ford supplied timing assembly hardware following the guidelines currently specified in D 6837, Section 9.3.2.7. Anytime any timing assembly hardware is replaced prior to a reference it is to be noted in the reference test comments

Passed unanimously

6.) New Business

Chairman asked if there was any new business and received no response.

7.) Meeting Adjourned

Attachment #1

✓ Indicateds present for conference call

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Agenda:

1.) Introduction of 539, do we need this oil?



- 2.) Micro Motion is offering a new transmitter series (1700 & 2700) and a lab has requested we update/add these to the procedure. The requesting lab and I have been trying to get the spec sheets on these but not having much luck with Micro Motion.
- 3.) Oil Heater Thermocouple calibration Some labs have expressed concerns since to be able to check the complete channel, thermocouple must be removed and inserted into bath. However removal from cerrobase is extremely difficult. Background- Originally the 205 °C Max was put into the procedure for two reasons:
 - a.) As a safety measure, we assumed if the cerrobase exceeded this temp it would boil out of the vent and/or damage the heater element.
 - b.) Cook the oil in the heater.
- 4.) AER Engines- new contract for 100 engines. Update

AER has sold 13 (verified) engines in the last 6 months, they currently have 55 in stock. If the usage rate does not increase we have approximately 2 (corrected) year supply. To insure we do not run out we may want to consider another contract for 50 minimum? If we do build additional engines we would have to use reconditioned heads, crankshafts and possibly connecting rods. They may have at least 50 builds of current pistons, and rings.

We need to decide what we need if anything.

5.) Ford's update on tensioner wear problems. *Neither Mike or Terry from Ford are available for the conference call but I do have some new information on the tensioner issue, see Tensioner Wear below.*

Tensioner Wear

Ford has determined a <u>fine finish timing chain</u> provides significant improvement in severe service. We are still investigating root cause. The standard finish chain surface finish has not changed so we don't feel it is the root cause. Our current production engines use an inverted tooth (silent) timing chain. The Sequence VIB engines use a roller chain, <u>which already has a fine finish</u> on the chain links. The fine finish timing chain could be evaluated in the VIB to determine if it is significantly better than the current roller chain used. It is about 3 dollars more than the roller chain and is available in service. Different sprockets are required also.

The engineering part number for the fine finish timing chain is F5AE-6268-CA. You will also need new sprockets that match this inverted tooth chain as opposed to the roller chain that is currently on your engine.

Crankshaft sprocket:XL3E-6306-BA (this part matches with the powdered metal ignition wheel on the crankshaft. If you have a stamped steel ignition wheel, the correct sprocket part number is XL3E-6306-AB.)

RH Camshaft sprocket: F8AE-6256-AA LH Camshaft sprocket: F8AE-6268-BA