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CELANESE CHEMICAL COMPANY
TECHNICAL CENTER
Corpus Christi, Texas

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT CEL-737

MINUTES
Directors' Meeting
January 6, 1976

1. Year-end Costs

Preliminary run shows December actual cost at $662M. Estimate was $751M. Year-end costs would be under previous estimate by the same $69M. MDC will make another check on outstanding expense accounts, as well as other expenses. Remaining MFA inventories will be liquidated; associated costs will be included in 1975 expenses.

2. Cost Reduction Items

The following were identified as potential cost reduction areas:

Maintenance Materials -
Routine - estimated at $11/hr.
Alterations - estimated at $17/hr.
Expense associated w/capital - $24/hr.
Expense Associated With Removal of MFA Unit ($54M) for Transfer to Pampa
Seminar
Salaried Overtime
Credits for Hercules and Union Carbide Work
Outside Engineering (Reduction to offset salary for added Engineering headcount)
Travel Budgets

Cost increases, above budget, are expected in the following areas:

Hourly labor
Expense on 30th Anniversary
Salaries
Computer Rental

3. Stewardship Review

Date for the CCCTC review meeting is being established with Charlie Weaver. Guests to be invited to the meeting will be discussed with Dr. Wheeler. Stewardship summary reports are essentially complete except for a few signatures.

1976. Cost of this project was not included in the 1976 budget.

II. Explosion Work on Dust Materials (Ref.: SDK-75-701-HJK)

Use of CCCTC for explosion testing of dust materials is a good idea but equal results can be obtained more economically under confidential contract with an outside firm. Development and maintenance of an expert in the field would be too expensive for only 10 to 20 samples per year.

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