

AUSTRALIAN BLUE FIBRE



PURPOSE

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DATA

Australian blue fibre is one of the blue fibres used in pressure blends. It is also the most costly. Comparison of cost per ton are:

<u>Australian</u>	<u>African</u>	<u>Rhodesian</u>	<u>NC 300</u>
\$ 264.	\$ 252.	\$ 180.	\$ 253.

The Australian blue fibre is packed in 87# bags whereas other fibres are packed in 100# bags. The 87# bag creates a problem in measurement while mixing batches at the Willowing operation.

The period of January thru June 1959, was studied and figures relating to formed stock usage, ultimate recovery, and fibre usages were accumulated.

NC-300 blue fibre was used in five out of the six months studied as one of the four blue fibres in the blend. In April no Australian blue fibre was used, the blend of the other blue fibres making up the difference.

During April ultimate recovery was at the highest point of the six-month period, 94%. In the month of February more Australian blue fibre and less NC-300 was used in the blends than in any of the other five months, and during this month ultimate recovery was at the lowest, 89%, as was one other month, January, when the ratio of Australian to NC-300 was about one-third to two-thirds.

SUMMARY

If, for the six-month period, ultimate recovery could have been achieved as that of April, about \$22300. of savings could have been realized. Also, if African were used in direct substitution for the Australian fibre used, an additional \$2500. of savings could have been realized.

The foregoing summarization is made thru use of statistical data. Factors relating to quality of product, feasibility of using Australian Blue fibre and/or its effect on the physical properties of the product would have to be determined thru more scientific research and analysis.

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Summary
If, for the six-month period, ultimate recovery could
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were used in direct substitution for the Australian
as well, an additional 10% of savings could
have been realized.

The foregoing summary has made three use
of statistical data. First, relating to quality of
product, feasibility of using Australian Blue fibre
and, second, relating to the physical properties of
the product, and third, relating to the cost of the
more Australian fibre.

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Month		Revenue		Expenses		Balance	
Jan	1.00	4.25	192.12	10.00	187.87		
Feb		3.00	149.17	10.00	142.17		
Mar		4.99	165.71	10.00	155.71		
Apr		5.46	240.61	10.00	235.15		
May		3.80	225.55	10.00	215.55		
June		5.51	265.11	10.00	255.11		
Total		46.01	1248.27	60.00	1188.27		
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Net Total for March May June 54474
Stock and 729157
May Apr to Actual Jan 502,26076
Average 17,798

Recovery Bureau Pipe & Cable

To Recovery
Unit on 1

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Revenue from 1st July only

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Jan	88
Feb	89
Mar	91
Apr	94
May	93
June	95
July	92

Total # volume of stock used
 Total # volume of stock flow
 Total # volume of stock held
 Highest inventory

976863

80850

31,000

Summary of inventory at
 at highest inventory
 + all in stock 10/1/59

2,000

Total # volume of stock held

20,000

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