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SUBJECT : POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS

REFERENCE : JWB/HMH

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The recent publicity on PCB content in dead birds in the Irish Sea accentuates the importance in the U.K. and continental Europe of this problem. Clearly it is important that we establish all factual information relevant to the problem and at the same time maintain full control of distribution of all or part of this information.

I am asking Mr. H.A. Vodden, R & D Department, Ruabon, to be responsible to Dr. Baxter for:-

1) Co-ordination of all the Ruabon work on degradation of PCBs including analytical work within the Physical Sciences group of Mr. Lidgett. This work is part of total Monsanto research effort organised by Richard and Keller.

2) Collection of all information on PCB disposal to waste at Newport plant.

3) Collection of all information relevant to PCB disposal to waste of our major customers and through the major users of PCBs.

4) Obtaining all possible information from government, university and other U.K. and European laboratories active in this area - these include:

   a) Laboratory of the Government Chemist, London.

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b) Monks Wood Experimental Station of the Nature Conservancy, U.K.

c) Freshwater Fisheries Laboratory, Scotland.

d) Institute for Analytical Chemistry, Stockholm.

e) Tunstall Laboratories of Shell Research Ltd., Sittingbourne, England.

5) Establishing effective technical liaison with other major European producers, particularly Bayer and Prodolec.

6) Acting as the single channel of communication between ME and MC for technical information relevant to (1), (2) and (3).

7) Setting up an appropriate, regular, confidential reporting system.

Maximum assistance from Marketing and Manufacturing is requested.

J.W. BARRETT