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To: Paul Rick
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Subject: Pathway's Re-Plan Proposal

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Before she went on holiday, Mena asked me to keep you informed of any issues you should be aware of relating to Pathway's re-plan proposal in advance of the PDA Board. My brief from Mena was to look at the impact on POCL's projects (Interim TIP, Reference Data and HAPS). (Others in POCL are looking at client take-on and the business case, and PDA will review the training implementation and impact on the Regions.)

1. Status of Re-Plan Proposal. When I spoke to Gael Stewart this morning, PDA were expecting a written proposal from Pathway containing their plan. This should be received by end of play today, and she will copy it to POCL when received. Until then, PDA are not in a position to do any impact analysis. I infer that PDA will not have a considered response ready in time for the Board.

My comments are based on the assumptions contained within the presentation Pathway gave on Thursday which can be summarised as "slip milestones by 6 weeks, keeping future activities the same duration as previously planned".

2. Congo 4 Testing. ABED+, managed by the Interim TIP project, is the only system which interfaces with Pathway in Congo 4. The Direct Interface Testing (DIT) Regression which should have started on 18th April, has not started yet, but as we already have ABED interfacing with Pathway for the 10 IGL offices, it is not envisaged that this is a major issue.

The main concern that POCL has is that it is not clear whether the right tests are in place (either as part of DIT or in the subsequent Model Office) to ensure the integrity of the new Benefit accounting, settlement and reconciliation process. There is a workshop on this tomorrow, and we hope then to be in a position to say whether this is an issue.

That said, provided the BES functionality delivered by Pathway proves itself in Model Office, my guess is that Congo 4 replan is probably feasible.

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- Assuring that the new Accounting, Settlement and Reconciliation end-to-end process works... This assurance is a POCL "must-have" and yet it

is not clear how POCL is going to know before the go-ahead is given that the new process will work. Mena and I raised this issue with Peter Crahan on Thursday, and the issue is now starting to be addressed. To do the testing properly could significantly increase the time currently planned for test preparation and test execution

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4. **Other Activities Falling Behind.** There are other areas which need to be addressed, but which do not impact directly on progressing Congo 4 and Congo 5. If we are having a full review of plans and progress, it would be helpful to include:

- I hope this helps. You will no doubt call if you need clarification.**

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