ICL Pathway Memorandum

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CC:	Jeff Austin, John Dicks
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Date:	26/02/1999
Re:	POCL Infrastructure Acceptance Specification

Further to our meeting on 26th January and the letter to John Dicks of 4th February I can now advise you of the approach that ICL Pathway propose taking on the two outstanding issues.

Technical Documentation

Basically we agree with your proposal. Criteria 469/1 & 470/2 will be moved from Later Acceptance to Review with the document "ICL Pathway External Applications Procurement Policy" cited as evidence.

The abstract for this document will read: -

"This document will describe how ICL Pathway will support POCL in externally procuring applications for use on the Horizon platform or elsewhere within the POCL Infrastructure. Such support will include the provision of information or documents agreed as suitable to facilitate a successful procurement. This agreement will be determined as part of the qualification and review of the POCL Statement of Requirement for the new application".

Criteria 469/2 & 470/1 will remain in the Review section, but will have the list of document references reduced to those quoted in the Solution together with the above named External Applications Procurement Policy document. This approach will give POCL the assurance that the necessary information will be supplied within the context of an actual Statement of Requirement, rather than the provision of Documentary Evidence within the context of Acceptance.

OPS / TMS issue

As advised by John Dicks, there is already a specific mechanism to enable the central element of TMS to be aware that a particular message type has arrived in OPS. ICL Pathway is now assessing when a more generalised form, of this process can be made available. The intention is to enable the time of arrival of particular messages to be recorded in another message type which itself may

then be processed. This processing may comprise batch analysis of data arrival, or may be real-time alerting of an individual message arrival. This later facility could be utilised by OPS if there was a specific process that had to be carried out within the normal replication interval resulting from the arrival of that message by the central element of TMS.

It is proposed that Criterion 467/3 now be accepted by reference to the new document "OPS/TMS Data Acknowledgement Process" which will describe the above mechanism.

A meeting to discuss this mechanism can be arranged once this document is available.

I have updated the POCL Infrastructure Acceptance Specification to v1.8 with the above changes.

I trust that we can now proceed to agreement of this version.

Regards,

Dave Cooke