ICL PATHWAY Memorandum

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To: All Pathway Staff

From: Terry Austin

RE: Model Office Test (DROP3)

The Release 1c, Baseline Codeset for Model Office Test (known as Drop3) will be frozen at 17.00 hours on Friday 19th September. This means that no more software changes will be allowed into Drop3 without specific authorisation from me, Mike Coombs or Peter Jeram. The Model Office test is due to start 6th October 1997, therefore, during the preceding week (29/9 - 5/10) there is only a 1% chance the such authorisation will be given.

Once Model Office Test has commenced and for the 3 weeks that it is running, the live process for code change will be in operation. (Doc Ref: CS/PRD/002 Version 1.0, 31/7/97).

This does not mean that no software changes will be made for the next 6 weeks before we go live, only that the change will be strictly controlled to avoid any unnecessary destabilisation.

All Pinicl's requiring a software change in existence after 19th September must be put on the Known problem Register (KPR) maintained by John Dicks or an emergency fix applied after being formally approved by the above procedure.

All existing Pinicl's that require a software change and that cannot be processed by 17.00 on Friday should be discussed with Ian Morrison and a recommendation formed, for discussion with the authorisation group.

Any additional Pinicl's now raised should contain a view as to the severity and impact on Release 1c, this will assist Piat assessment for the KPR.

Terry Austin