PROGRESS REPORT (Summary)

5 July to 29 August 2002

Project Update

Project Initiation Document
A revised draft was issued just prior to the Project Board meeting. NIAB costings have been based on the proposed Technical Architecture. Analysis has been on going and investigations are continuing into the complexities of PV system, Vnames and Enforcement. The scope of the project may have to alter in light of developments surrounding the existing server and database.

User groups
Productive User group meetings for both NL/PBR and Seed Certification were held on 29 July 2002. The products and partners that should be included in phase one of the project were decided for both areas.

PBR/NL

For PBR/NL it was decided that applications for the following nine agricultural species would be accepted in phase one: -

- Spring and winter Barley
- Beans-field
- Beet-sugar
- Herbage
- Maize
- Oats
- Peas-field
- Spring and winter oilseed rape
- Herbage
- Spring and winter wheat

Companies would be asked to submit hard copy as well as electronic versions as volumes were comparatively low and any transmission failure risk would be mitigated.

The following Industrial Partners were selected: -

- Saaten Union
- Dalgety Arable
- IGER
- Monsanto
- Advanta Seeds
- CPB Twyford
- Nickerson
- English Sugar Beet Company
- United Oilseeds

Seed Certification

For phase one, it was decided that partners should not have their transactions restricted to one particular crop group and that it would be better to test the whole range of species.
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Using the existing nomenclature, the following forms were to be included:

- SDG2 Crop data
- SDG 10 Report on test (LSTS to submit)
- SDC3 Crop Inspector - summary only
- SDG 11 Application for registration of a merchant/packer/processor
- SDG4 Bulking
- SDG 11A Report by PHSI for PVS
- SDG7/8 and SDC 7B (single form under new Regs.)

The following companies were selected:

- Scats Agriproducts
- CPB Twyford
- Dalgety Arable
- Nickerson
- IGER
- English Sugar Beet Company
- Monsanto
- United Oilseeds
- Advanta Seeds
- M Hancock and Son Ltd
- Allied Grain Ltd
- Gleadell
- JE and MV Dalton
- Gowlett Grain
- MSP Agriculture
- Ebbage Seeds

**Industrial Partners**

Letters have been sent to representatives of the above companies asking them to attend a Kick Off meeting on the 11 and 12 September for PBR/NL and Seed Certification respectively. The aim of these meetings will be to provide an overview of the project, answer queries as well as to ask attendees to elect a representative to sit on the User group. Responses to these invitation letters for those submitting PBR/NL applications have been positive with all but two of the nine partners having confirmed attendance on the 11 September. However, Seed Certification companies had in general replied that they were too busy at this time of year to attend. It has been suggested that their meeting be postponed until early November 2002.

**PHSI**

The PHSI are upgrading/migrating their computer systems. A PHSI inspector/IT developer attended the first User group meeting and minutes were forwarded to PHSI/ITD staff for information. I shall be attending a Seeds Computer User group meeting at Brooklands on 9 October 2002 to keep abreast of developments.

**User requirements/Business and Systems Analysis**

A consultant analyst has been assigned to the ESP project to carry out the requirements and systems analysis. He has talked to PBR/NL/Seed Certification users and will be discussing the PV System with NIAB ITD
shortly. His remit is to draw up a User requirements catalogue for discussion at the next User group meeting with finalisation and hopefully signing off at the next Project Board.

Office of Government Commerce
Two internal reviewers have been assigned as internal assessors for Gateway 1 review of the ESP project. This review is scheduled to take place in early October 2002

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