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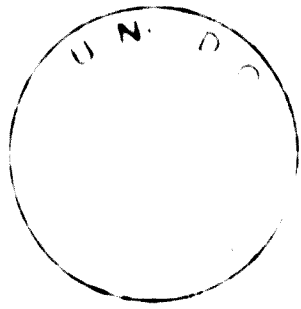
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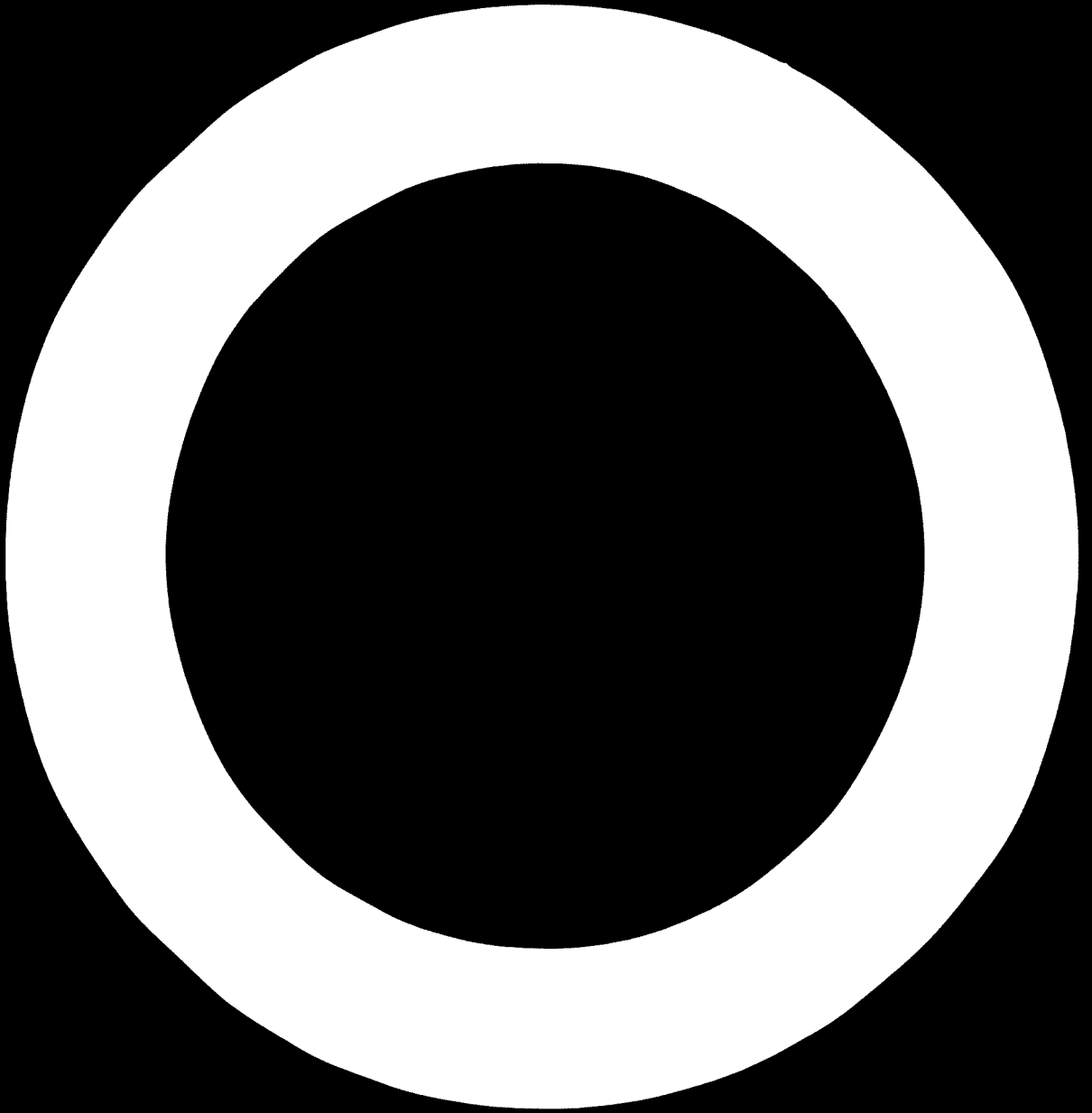
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## I - Introduction

At its tenth session in June 1963, the Government of Sudan, through the Special Fund approved a project (see document E/CN.4/SF/1963/1) to assist the Government of Sudan in the establishment of the Institute of Industrial Research at Khartoum. The main objectives of the Institute were to promote and assist industrial development in the country through the provision of standards and testing services, industrial feasibility studies, industrial information services, industrial production, costing and management services, material and process research services. The United Nations Industrial Development Organization, UNIDO, is the Participating and Executing Agency and the United Nations Development Programme, UNDP, is the executing Agency for the project on 1 July 1967. The Plan of Operation was approved on 14 February 1965, the project became operational on 1 April 1967 and was completed in December 1969.

The major achievements of the project include:

- a) completion of feasibility studies for several projects including a nitrogen fertilizer plant, a sugar factory, a textile processing factory and a paper mill;
- b) preparation of about fifty draft Standards;
- c) completion of a large number of chemical analyses and evaluation of products and raw materials;
- d) assistance to a number of enterprises in such areas as re-organization, production, layout and engineering, and marketing.

of the introduction of cost accounting system in a number of industrial enterprises and the determination of the costs of production to establish the prices of the products; and

the training courses conducted in several fields including cost accounting, quality control, instrumental methods of analysis, production engineering and product selection criteria. About 200 trainees participated in these courses.

The Sudan Industrial Research Institute has been receiving the support of the Government and has been called upon to perform increasing functions both by the Government and to a lesser degree by industry. The demand for its services is steadily increasing and the continuation of the services of international experts and more training of counterpart staff for ten years beyond the termination of this project is essential to successfully meeting these demands. The Governing Council of the UNDP has previously approved the request of the Government in January 1970 (UNEP/UNDP/Doc. No. 3/A.4/Add.89) for the continuation of the project into Phase II to assist the Government in strengthening the facilities at the Institute for assistance to industry.

## I. - Institute's Organizational Structure Staff and Facilities

### a) Organizational Structures

The Institute was established as an autonomous non-profit body by the Industrial Research Institute Act of 1967. The Board of the Institute responsible for laying down general policies to ensure that the objectives of the Institute are successfully carried out was also established by the same Act. It consists of eleven members: representatives of four key ministries and the Industrial Development Corporation, deans of the faculties of Science and Engineering and Architecture of the University of Khartoum, two members of the private Sector and the Director of the Institute. The full time Director of the Institute is to be appointed by the Government to assume responsibility for the management and discharge of the duties of the Institute along the guidelines set forth

by the Board and under its supervision.

The Institute comprises various sections headed by recruited experts. Local counterparts are expected to take over their duties as heads of these departments at a later stage in the project.

b) Buildings

The Institute started and is still operating in rented buildings. With the development of the Institute these quarters have become inadequate. The original plans for new functional and modern premises were finalized with the assistance of a specialized foreign firm. The new premises with its 7,700 square metres of floor space, will provide suitable facilities for offices, laboratories, workshop, library and canteen.

c) Project Personnel

1. International Staff

In addition to two successive Project Managers a total of 10 other experts and 2 short-term consultants served in various fields as detailed in Appendix I A.

The Project Manager assisted in preparing the planning of the Industrial Survey for the Sudan and in preparing the Five Year Plan.

2. Fellowships

Twelve local staff members of the Institute were trained abroad on UNDP fellowships. Training of 15 other professionals was financed by either the Government or through bilateral aid programmes. Training of local counterparts on the job was also accomplished, and was instrumental in strengthening their abilities to supply assistance to industry. Details on UNDP fellows are shown in Appendix I B.

3. Counterpart Staff

At the end of the project a total of 48 professional and 71 auxiliary counterpart staff were employed by the Institute. Some of the trained professional staff were assigned for various periods to a number of Government departments to undertake responsibilities in both national and regional projects in various capacities. In a few cases these assignments were of a permanent nature.



... UNDP equipment amounting to a total cost of ... and most of it received. The total ... was US \$ 150,000. A large amount of ... from the contribution of the Government. ... from UNDP funds are available with the

... UNDP and Government Contribution to the projec. ... at US \$ 400,000 was allocated to the ... from the sale of publications, fees charged ... chemical analysis, or otherwise were minor. The ... expenditure was in paying the salaries of ... A smaller percentage was devoted to purchasing, ... and maintaining project equipment, and in providing the Institute with needed services - electricity, transportation, ... and laboratory materials and others.

#### Research Programme and Advisory and Training Services

During the course of the project, the major activities of the Institute were concentrated in the following areas:

- a) Feasibility Studies;
- b) Chemical analysis and evaluation of products and raw materials;
- c) Testing and quality control;
- d) Standards and specifications;
- e) Cost accounting;
- f) Technical assistance to Industry;
- g) Training.

Significant achievements were made in these areas leading in many cases to practical application by industry. These achievements include:

#### a) Feasibility Studies

A number of feasibility studies were completed for various projects, requested by either the Government or the private sector, with an estimated potential investment of US \$ 71.5 million. Loans are under negotiation with some industrialized countries for some of the projects identified

and others are likely to be included in the 5 year plan. Appendices II-A (i) and II-A(ii), first and second parts, were completed or started during the present period.

b) Chemical Analysis and Evaluations

A large number of chemical analyses and evaluations of products and raw materials listed in Appendix II-B were completed for the Government and industry. Fees were charged for some of these analyses.

c) Technical Quality Control

The work done in this area is summarized in the list of technical reports prepared for local industry and Government departments in Appendix II-C. Some of the required tests were carried out in other laboratories more suitably located.

d) Standards and Specifications

Work in this area developed in the latter part of the project. A manual on the preparation of Standards Specifications, etc., was prepared and almost fifty draft standards as listed in Appendix II-D were prepared. Seventeen Technical Sub-committees representing producers, consumers, the Institute and the Ministry of Industry and Natural Resources have been formed and are holding periodic meetings to revise and finalize the preliminary draft standards.

e) Cost Accounting

Costing systems have been devised for various fields including canning, furniture, clothing and dairy. Under the "Organization and Promotion of Industrial Investment Act 1967", the Government is empowered to fix the selling prices on manufactured products. In this connection the Institute was requested to carry out investigations into costs of products at three factories and advise on the fixing of selling prices and is currently undertaking this work. Employees at the Ministry of Industry are also being trained and assisted in carrying out similar investigations.

f) Technical Assistance to Industry

The Institute undertook a large number of industrial sectorial evaluations to assist in identifying investment possibilities. This led to a considerable increase in interest within the private sector in investment possibilities, particularly at the latter part of the project. Some of the feasibility studies requested by industry have readily

... of the projects accepted by the Government ... from the industrial bank.

III. Courses

- ... courses were given in various fields as detailed below:
- (i) Quality control (15 hours) attended by 25 participants
- (ii) Instrumental methods of analysis (15 hours) attended by 28 participants
- (iii) Production engineering course (15 hours) attended by 26 participants
- (iv) Project selection criteria (15 hours) attended by 25 participants
- (v) Industrial cost accounting (three, 30 hours each) attended by a total of 85 participants
- (vi) Chemical engineering (15 hours) attended by 25 participants.

IV. - Assessment of Progress Achieved

The project, which encountered considerable difficulties in the first stage of its operation steadily improved since August 1966. The Institute evolved as an important technical arm of the Government for preparing major industrial feasibility studies, formulating industrial standards, conducting laboratory tests for quality control and determining "fair prices" for goods and services for private and public enterprises. It received the support of the Government including an annual budget of about US \$ 400,000 and most of its services were utilized by the Government in its various departments and to a lesser degree by the private sector and has established contact with industry. The achievements of the Institute have been considerable since the beginning of 1967 - including the training of local counterparts both abroad and on the job. The project also co-operated with projects executed by other UN Specialized Agencies (ILO, FAO)



In order to enable the Institute achieve the above mentioned targets, particular attention must be paid to the following:

a) Management and Personnel

It is suggested that the Board meets more regularly to review the work and progress of the Institute and play a more active role in establishing its policies.

The Government must undertake the necessary action to provide the Institute with a full-time Co-Director. The Board of the Institute should take a decision, in principle, on the transfer of staff from the Institute to the Ministry of Industry and Natural Resources. The training programmes of counterpart staff on the job must be strengthened.

b) Equipment

All the equipment ordered during Phase I should be installed, tried and put in good working conditions. Counterpart staff should also be trained to install, operate and maintain them.

c) Buildings

It is very essential that the Government undertakes all necessary efforts to ensure that the new buildings of the Institute are made available as soon as possible, preferably before mid 1972. Without the new buildings, some of the equipment purchased under Phase I would remain unused and most of that purchased under Phase II could not be made operational by the experts before the expiration of their contracts.

d) Activities

Most of the Institute's services during Phase I were being utilized by the Government and its various departments. While this is a clear indication of the contribution of the Institute to the public sector, direct involvement of the Institute in providing technical assistance to the private sector of industry should be increased in Phase II. In this connection, the public relations service of the Institute should be strengthened so as to make the Institute and its services better known. More attention should also be given to the industrial information and documentation section and more assistance directed towards those industries that employ a large portion of the working population. Studies conducted with projects executed by other UN Specialized Agencies or otherwise in Sudan, started in Phase I, should be continued.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX I

A - International Experts

	<u>Expert (Nationality)</u>	<u>Date of assignment</u>
1) Project Manager	a- Mr. Godwin (USA) b- Mr. El Halfawy (UAR)	15-1-64 to 19-1-66 20-3-66 to 30-6-69
2) Mechanical Testing Engineer	Mr. Shahwan (UAR)	30-3-68 to 31-12-69
3) Analytical Chemist	a- Mr. Saper (Yugosl.) b- Mr. El Ghasouli (UAR)	30-1-67 to 29-1-68 1-9-66 to 31-12-69
4) Industrial Cost Accountant	a- Mr. Rodriguez (UK) b- Mr. Hillesley (UK)	31-5-65 to 30-5-66 14-4-68 to 31-12-69
5) Technical Engineer	a- Mr. Marek (Czech.) b- Mr. Kolchin (USSR)	23-3-67 to 27-3-68 12-12-68 to 11-12-69
6) Industrial Management	Mr. Lidstrom (USA)	18-10-65 to 17-10-67
7) Production Engineer	Mr. Smith (UK)	18-10-65 to 17-11-66
8) Short Term Consultants	a- Mr. Kamel (UAR) b- Mr. Grant (UK)	7-1-68 to 6-3-68 2 months

APPENDIX I (continued)

B - Fellowships

	<u>Field</u>	<u>Participant (Host Country)</u>	<u>Man-Months</u>
1)	Industrial Microbiology	Mr. Idria (USA)	1/29
2)	Mechanical Engineering	Mr. El Hussein (USA)	1/7
3)	Analytical Chemistry	Mr. El Hadi (USA)	1/33
4)	Organic Chemistry	Mr. El Agib (UK)	1/24
5)	Chemical Engineering	Mr. Mustafa (UK)	1/12
6)	Chemical Engineer	a- Mr. Obed (UK) b- Mr. Ginawi (USA)	1/12 1/12
7)	Metallie Corrosion	Mr. Hour (UK)	1/15
8)	Production Engineer	Mr. Abdu (Netherl. UK)	1/12
9)	Pulp and Paper Workshop Management	a- Mr. Abdel-Ratah (UK) b- Mr. Barouq (Italy)	1/12 1/12
10)	P. H. Meeting	Mr. Soliman (Vienna)	1 week



APPENDIX II

A (1) - List of Feasibility Studies completed

- (1) Nitrogen fertilizer (urea) plant with a capacity of 170,000 tons p.a.
- (2) Tannery with a capacity of 150,000 hides and 450,000 pickled sheep skins p.a.  
Loan facilities for (i) and (ii) have been granted by the Government of Czechoslovakia. Tenders for (ii) have been received from a number of countries and are at present under consideration.
- (3) Grey iron foundry with an output of 1200 tons p.a. of castings varying from  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. to 50 lb.
- (4) Asbestos cement sheet and pipe factory with a capacity of 5600 tons p.a. of sheeting, 3,300,000 ft. of piping p.a.
- (5) Castor oil factory to produce 2250 tons of oil and 2750 tons of cake p.a.
- (6) Starch and glucose production from dura with an output of 7500 tons per year.
- (7) Growing of kenaf and use of fibres for production of socking to the extent of 5000 tons p.a. Further growing trials are necessary before the project should proceed.
- (8) Tomato paste and dehydrate onion factory. This feasibility study was conducted in conjunction with the Food Processing and Research Centre covering a number of potential production units.
- (9) Plywood, an initial survey has been carried out to be followed by an intensive feasibility study.

Items (1) to (9) are all likely to be included in the new 5 year development plan, with the possible exception of (1) where the magnitude of expenditure is high in relation to the total allowed in the plan.

- (10) Wrapping paper mill based on pagyus.
- (11) Textile dyeing and finishing factory with a capacity of 3700 tons p.a. of bleached, dyed and printed fibres.
- (12) Bicycle tyres and tubes factory with a capacity of 100,000 tyres and 200,000 tubes p.a.
- (13) Cottonseed oil factory to produce 1500 tons p.a. of oil and 6000 tons of cake.

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APPENDIX II (continued)

A (1) - Feasibility Studies Completed (continued)

- (14) Dinner and sanitary ware factory with an output of 1400 tons p.a.
- (15) Extension to a spinning and weaving factory.
- (16) Peanut processing plant with an output of 16,650 tons p.a. of oil and 19,350 tons of cake.
- (17) Laundry soap factory to produce 2400 tons of soap p.a.
- (18) Motor car tyres.
- (19) Glue from bones with a capacity of 150 to 200 tons p.a.
- (20) Small horse power electric motors to produce 1500 units p.a.
- (21) Silica lime bricks.
- (22) Electric switch, fuse boxes, fluorescent lamp fittings.
- (23) Cold store plant with a capacity of 300 tons of fruit and vegetables.
- (24) Animal feed to produce 12,500 tons p.a.
- (25) Biscuit with a capacity of 1500 tons p.a.
- (26) Continuous method of refining cotton seed oil.
  
- Studies requested by private sector where capital available either in part or in whole.

Item (16) requested by the Agricultural Bank.

APPENDIX II (continued)

A (ii) List of Feasibility Studies started:

- 1) Nuts, screws and washers
- 2) Certain types of building hardware
- 3) Blankets
- \*4) Pelletizing of animal fodder
- \*5) Pickled sheep skins
- \*6) Canning and dehydrating of fruits and vegetables
- \*7) Spinning of threads
- \*8) Iron foundry
- \*9) Reinforced tubes
- \*10) Improvement of retting methods and mechanization of traditional rope manufacture
- \*11) Dry batteries
- 12) Upgrading of gum arabic through spray drying
- \*13) Solvent extraction of vegetable oil products
- 14) Setting up a glue and gelatine unit at the Government Tannery
- 15) Insecticide production in the Sudan

- Requested by the Private Sector and most of the capital requirements are readily available.

APPENDIX I. (Continued)

B - List of Technical Activities and Related Job

- 1) Utilization of local area as appropriate in the field
- 2) Analysis of local sand and their possible use in concrete
- 3) Analysis and comparison of local and imported aggregates
- 4) Analysis of mortar and clay samples for moisture
- 5) Analysis of local chemical tests
- 6) Identification of crushed sand to suit locally produced
- 7) Complete analysis of locally produced aggregate
- 8) Analysis of locally produced fly ash and its use in concrete
- 9) Analysis of locally manufactured concrete
- 10) Durability of local clay samples for pavement
- 11) Quality control of cement concrete in various stages
- 12) Solids content in concrete
- 13) Quality control of locally manufactured concrete
- 14) Analysis of governmental samples for concrete strength
- 15) Durability of concrete available materials in a laboratory
- 16) Analysis of locally available concrete samples
- 17) Analysis of concrete available materials to determine strength
- 18) Analysis of locally manufactured concrete samples
- 19) Durability of concrete available materials in a laboratory
- 20) Analysis of concrete available materials to determine strength
- 21) Durability of concrete available materials in a laboratory
- 22) Analysis of concrete available materials to determine strength
- 23) Durability of concrete available materials in a laboratory
- 24) Analysis of concrete available materials to determine strength

APPENDIX II (continued)

B - List of Chemical Analyses and Evaluations (continued)

- 22) Chemical analysis of locally available earth colouring pigments and two imported samples;
- 23) Analysis of locally available sand sample and its possible use as raw material for producing colourless glass;
- 24) Full analysis of locally available talc samples;
- 25) Determination of iron content in quartz samples;
- 26) Tin-plates scraps- analysis and possible uses;
- 27) Determination of elemental sulphur in a rock sample;
- 28) Analysis of locally available limestone samples intended to be used in glass industry;
- 29) Analysis of local ores expected to be iron or manganese ores;
- 30) Assessment of quality for locally produced toilet soaps;
- 31) Analysis of acetyl salicylic acid samples to confirm that they are conforming to the specifications;
- 32) Analysis of samples intended to be used as raw materials for a lime factory;
- 33) Analysis of pyroclean and benderite cleaner;
- 34) Analysis of potassium Chlorate samples to assess the degree of damage due to contamination with sea water;
- 35) Endurance of two rubber samples during a parkerizing process;
- 36) Analysis of glue samples;
- 37) Moisture content in wood board samples
- 38) Analysis of cottonseed, cottonseed cakes and cottonseed oil;
- 39) Properties and suitability for use of locally manufactured safety matches;
- 40) Analysis of soap flakes;
- 41) Analysis of laundry and carbolic soaps offered in a government call for tender;
- 42) Analysis of sodium chloride sample used in preserving raw hides;
- 43) Determination of rubber in vulcanised rubber samples;
- 44) Determination of melting point of paraffin wax samples;
- 45) Full analysis of locally manufactured laundry, carbolic and toilet soap, for the preparation of standard specifications;
- 46) Testing of canteen concrete handles to verify whether they are galvanised or not.

APPENDIX II (continued)

C - List of Reports on Testing and Quality Control Work

The following technical reports have been prepared for the industry and government departments:-

1. **United Plastic Industries Ltd.**  
A report on tests carried out on samples of polyethylene tubing manufactured by this company for use as water supply piping.
2. **Khartoum Battery**  
Calibration and adjustment of the hidden area surface surface area measuring machine at the Khartoum Battery.
3. **El Nielin Electric and Plastic Industry Co.**
  - a) A report on the possibility of issuing a test certificate for electric ceiling fans, assembled and partly manufactured locally.
  - b) A report on equipment required for testing electric ceiling fans.
  - c) A test report on the suspension system and fan blades of ceiling fans manufactured by the company.
  - d) A report on a new type of shackle and downward fan electric ceiling fans manufactured by the company.
4. **Arosa Cardboard Factory**  
A report giving the specifications for the necessary equipment to establish a quality control system for the factory.
5. **Reynolds Aluminium Rolling + Spinning Mills Ltd.**  
A report on aluminium circles supplied to the factory by Cellatly Co. Ltd. and by Alcan S.A. Zurich.
6. **The Organisation for Standard Specifications**
  - a) A report on the use of the metric system in the Sudan
  - b) A report on standardisation
7. **Sponge, Rubber and Leather Products Factory**  
A report on rubber sheets for making rubber beach sandals.
8. **Hassan A. Almaghazal and Co.**  
A report on the physical properties of bentonite clay.

APPENDIX II (continued)

Steel Sheet and Quality Control Work

Steel Sheet Products Ltd.

Production of corrugated steel

Industry.

Assessment of the physical and mechanical properties of steel sheet and hardboard.

Steel Sheet and Equipment

Production of rubber soles for police sandals

Assessment of the specifications for acceptance of rubber soles for police boots.



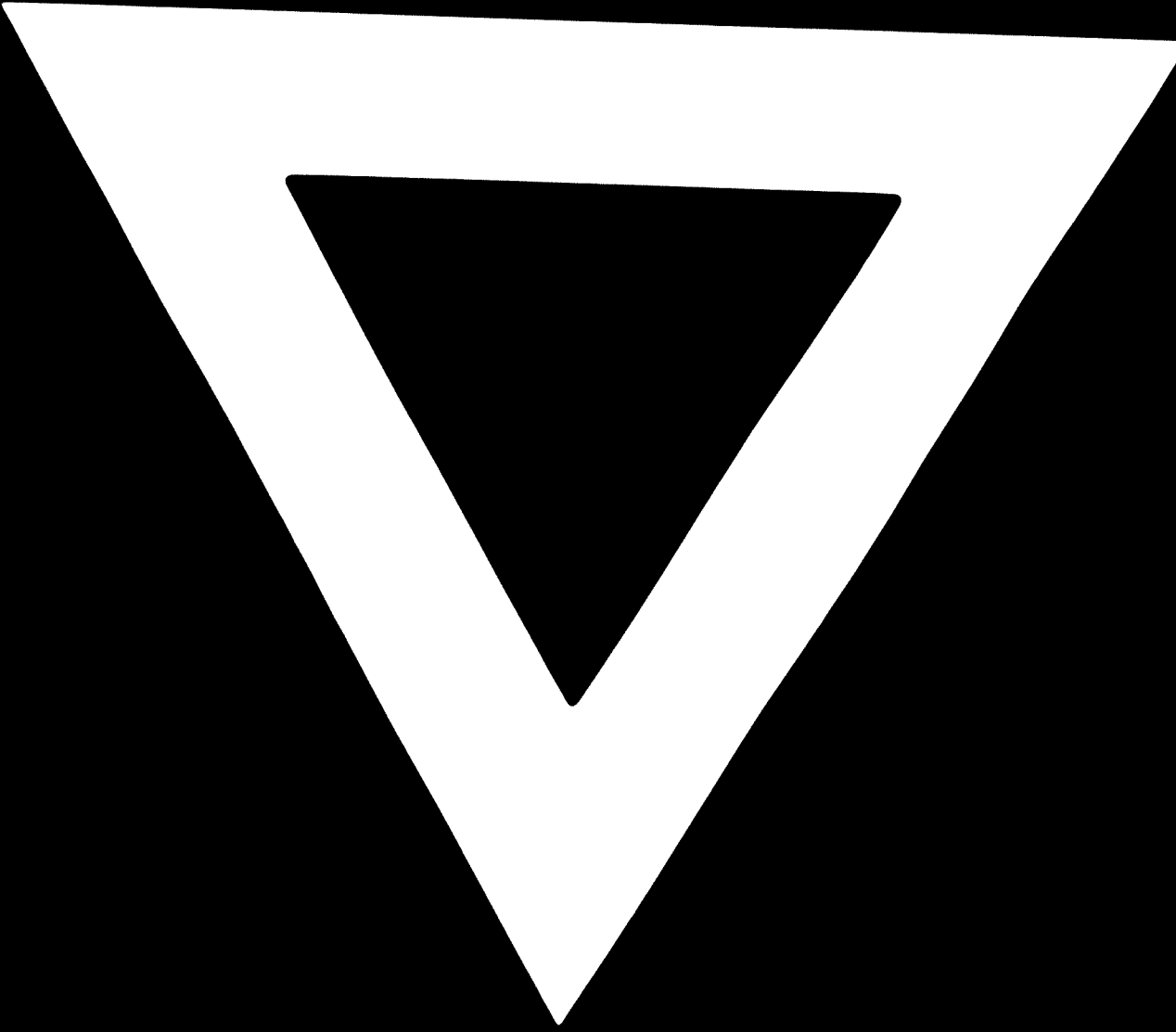


APPENDIX II (continued)

D - List of Standards (continued)

- 31) Polythene pipe (type 32) for cold water services;
- 32) Laundry soap;
- 33) Toilet soap;
- 34) Carbolic soap;
- 35) Motor gasoline;
- 36) Aluminium paste for paints;
- 37) Varnish medium for aluminium paint;
- 38) Method of determination of Micronaire value of cotton fibres;
- 39) Method of test for oil paste for paints;
- 40) Alcohol (medicinal)
- 41) Methods of chemical analysis of aluminium and its alloys;
- 42) Method of test of cotton fibre maturity;
- 43) Automotive gasoil;
- 44) Fuel oil;
- 45) Raw milk;





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