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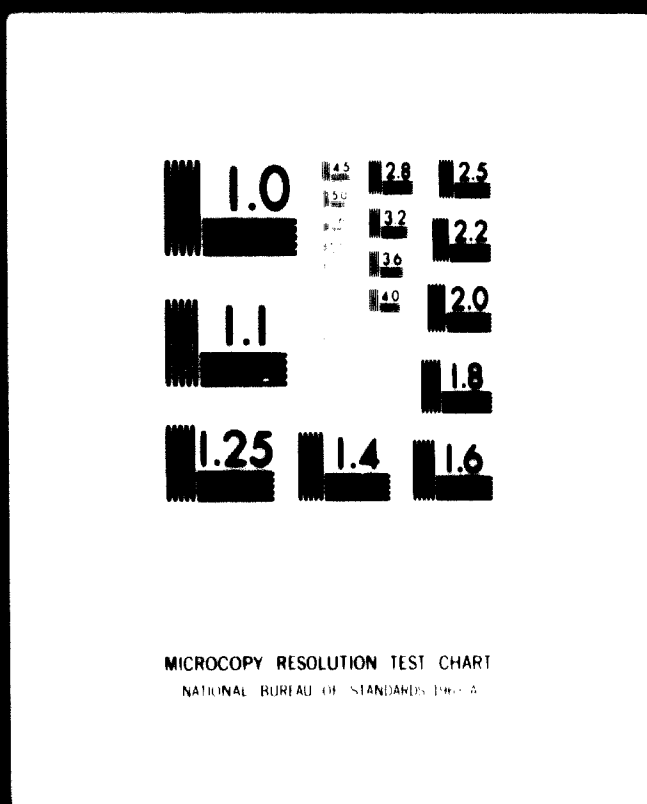
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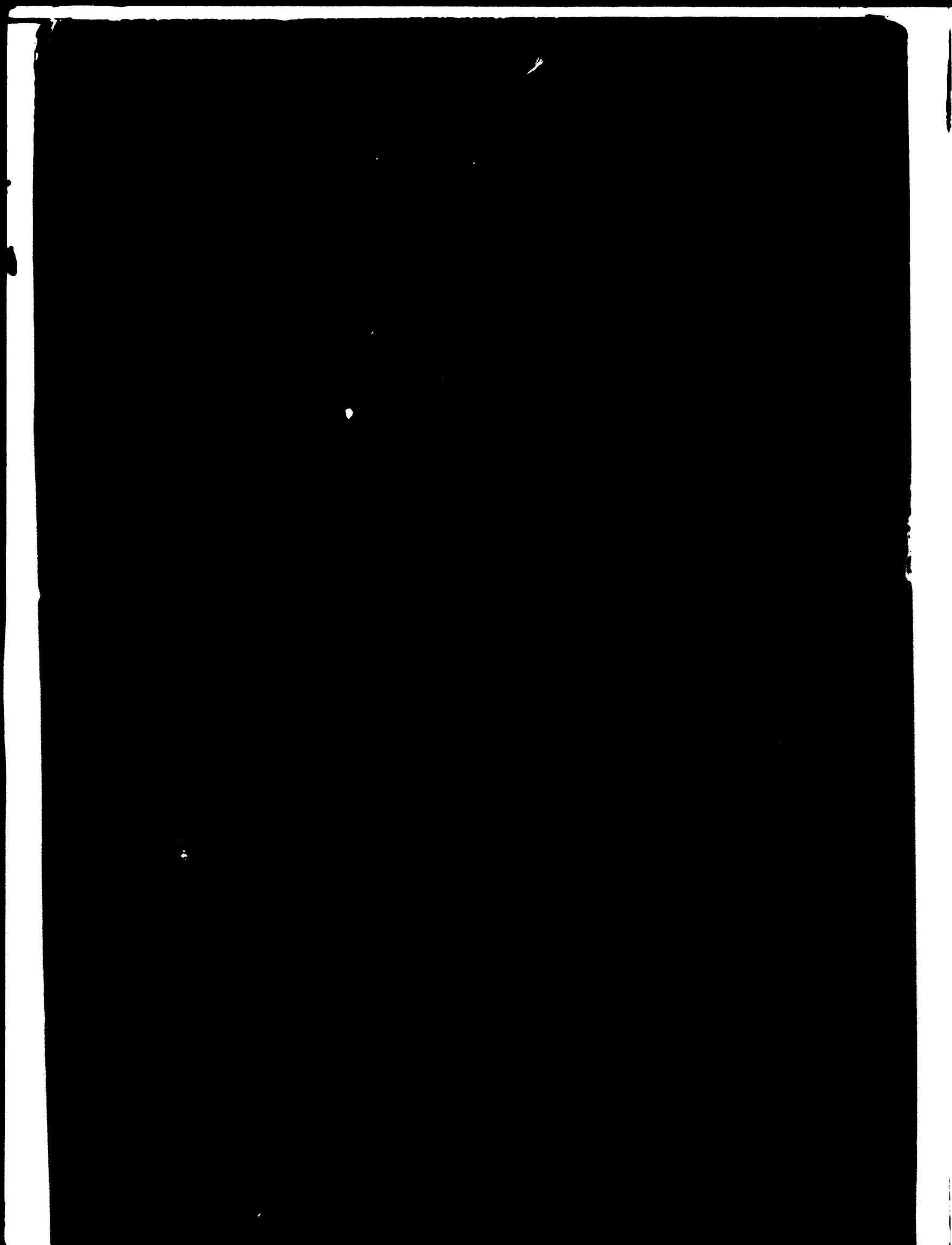
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Project Information Sheet

MICROPHONES FOR CASSETTE TAPE RECORDERS

COUNTRY

Republic of Korea

PROJECT

Manufacture of microphones for
cassette tape recorders

Capacity: 600,000 pieces per year

Total Investment: US\$ 420,000

FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED

Equity

Know-how/Licence

Sponsored by: The Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) and
the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO).

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The basic purpose of this meeting is to provide an Exchange or Market Place for the initiation of contacts on specific industrial projects between their proponents from the Asian countries and potential suppliers of capital, finance, equipment or know-how, as the case may be, from the industrialized countries.

This Project Information Sheet has been prepared as a basis for such contacts. Its purpose is not to present detailed information about the project but to provide the recipient with an outline sufficient to determine tentative interest in principle. Any further available information on the project will be furnished on request to interested parties at the Meeting.

Experience has shown that industrialists frequently prefer to carry out their own further investigations in detail into projects in which they are interested, but assistance from UNIDO in these matters can be rendered to the Asian country concerned on request.

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MICROPHONES

I. INTRODUCTION

• The Project

The electronics industry in Korea is rapidly expanding. Under a long-term plan it is intended to set up a number of component factories to substitute for those components now being imported. It is proposed to establish a factory for the manufacture of microphones for cassette tape recorders with an annual capacity of 600,000 pieces per year, value US\$360,000.

• The Proponent

FINE INSTRUMENTS CENTER, SEOUL (Government Agency for the promotion of the electronics industry in Korea).

• Government Attitude

The encouragement of the electronics industry in Korea was initiated by the Government in 1969. The electronics industry is highly emphasized as a strategic export industry and an eight-year development plan was made to assist in expanding its production and to develop the necessary techniques. In 1971 Korea exported US\$88,603,000 worth of electronic components, second only to textile exports.

Therefore the Korean Government considers the prospects of this industry very positive and it will grant full support to electronics firms. A number of attractive incentives will be granted (see IV).

II. COMMERCIAL ASPECTS

The total domestic consumption in 1971 was 400,000 pieces, valued at US\$320,000. There is no domestic production, so far. The entire quantity was imported. It is estimated that in 1972 600,000 pieces will be consumed domestically at a value of US\$360,000.

Exports are not envisaged for the near future.

The target price for the product is US\$0.60 per piece, as compared with about US\$0.80 for the imported microphone.

III. TECHNICAL ASPECTS

• Location

Kumi Industrial Estate, Korea or another convenient location.

• Land and Buildings

Lands: 15,000 square feet

Buildings: 9,000 square feet

• Labour

Workers of all skills are readily available. Wages per month, US\$ as of August 1971:

Technicians: Maximum 92, minimum 40, average 57

Workers: Maximum 39, minimum 17, average 23

• Raw Materials

Raw materials will have to be imported mainly from Japan.

• Infrastructure

The plant will be located in an industrial estate. Therefore, it has easy access to all infrastructural facilities.

• Utilities

Electricity US\$0.019 per kWh

Water US\$0.034 per m³/ton

IV. ECONOMIC ASPECTS

• Imports

There are about 200 electronics firms in Korea with a limited range of products. The planned target is to expand the local supply to substitute for imports. Therefore, key component factories are required, also for the purpose of increasing the value added.

• Incentives

A number of incentives are granted under the Foreign Capital Inducement Law to export industries and import substitution industries with foreign investment components. They include: exemption for five years from corporation tax, income tax, property tax and property acquisition tax. A 50% reduction of these taxes for the ensuing three years is allowed. Customs duties on capital goods to be imported for investment purposes and on raw materials for the manufacture of export goods are exempt.

V. FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Estimated investment

US\$

	<u>Local Cost</u>	<u>Foreign Exchange</u>	<u>Total</u>
Land	10,000		10,000
Building	32,000		32,000
Machinery		252,000	252,000
Working capital	126,000		126,000
Total	<u>158,000</u>	<u>252,000</u>	<u>420,000</u>

A detailed financing plan will have to be prepared jointly with a foreign partner.

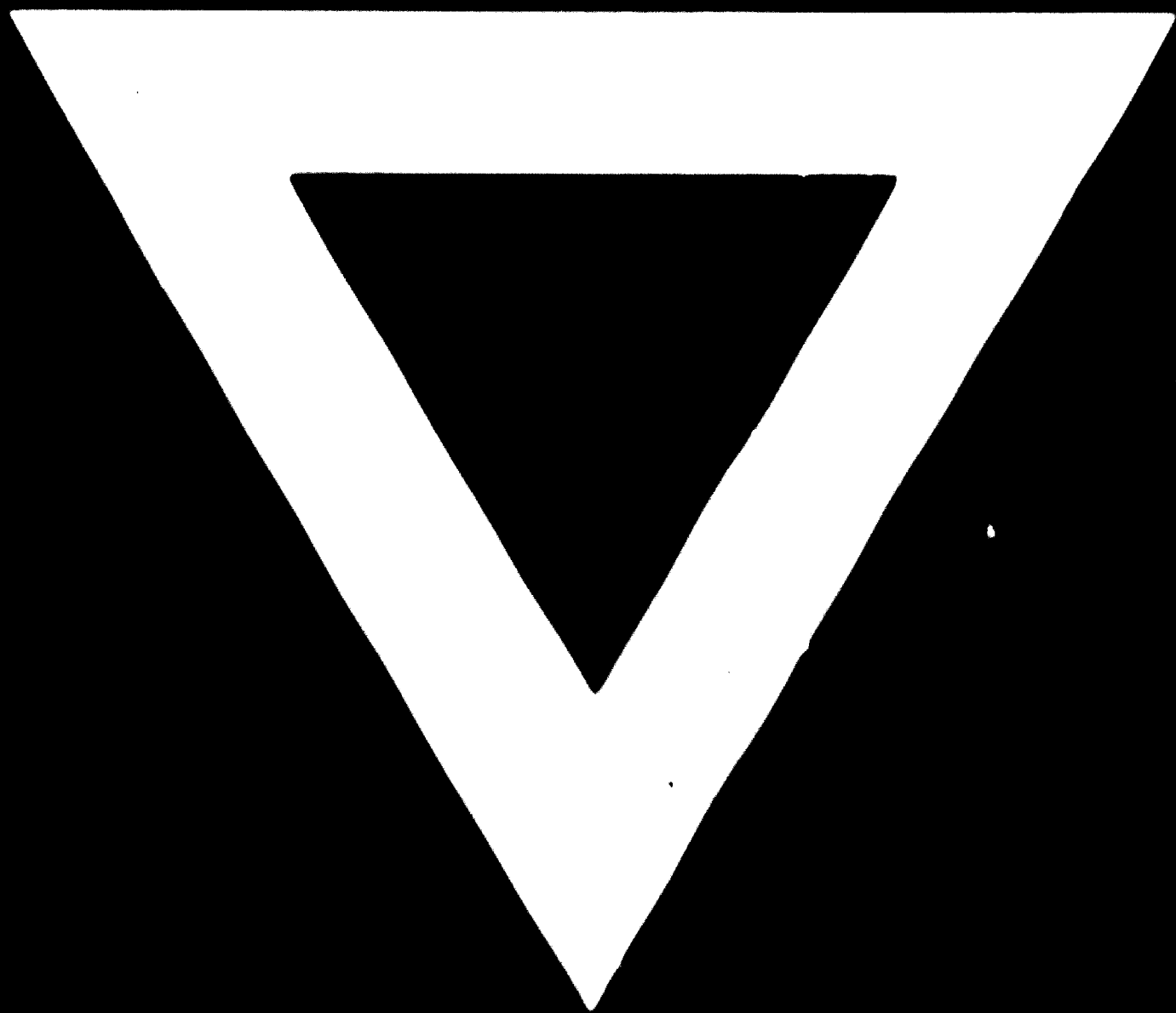
VI. ADDITIONAL RELEVANT INFORMATION

- Legal Structure
- Private Limited Company
- Documentation

The Fine Instruments Center, Seoul, is in a position to supply further information.



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