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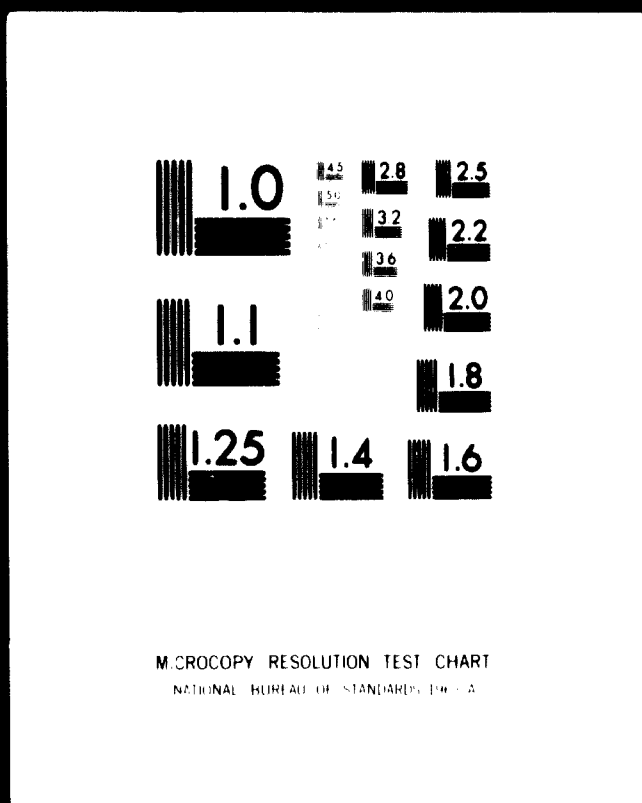
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Project Information Sheet

FOUNDRY

COUNTRY

Laos

PROJECT

Establishment of a foundry utilising  
locally available scrap.

Capacity: Smelting up to 3/4,000 tons<sup>1/</sup>  
of scrap p.a.

Investment : US\$ 600,000 approx.

FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED

Know-how  
Equity  
Loan

<sup>1/</sup> Instead of 43,000 tons wrongly indicated in the provisional list of projects.

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.

This Information Sheet contains only the information supplied to UNIDO by the proponent of the Project. UNIDO can therefore take no responsibility for its accuracy.

FOUNDRY

At present, nearly the total scrap collected in Laos is exported to Thailand. On the other hand all components and spare parts for agricultural implements and for the maintenance of existing mobile construction and transport equipment are imported. The aim of the project is to maximise utilization of the locally available scrap by the establishment of a foundry equipped with an electrical furnace.

It is estimated that annually 3/4,000 tons of scrap could be collected at an average cost of US\$45/ton. Electricity would be available at the cheap rate of US\$0.005/kwh from the Nam-Ngum hydroelectric power station. Labour at rates as low as US\$20/month for unskilled workers is easily obtainable.

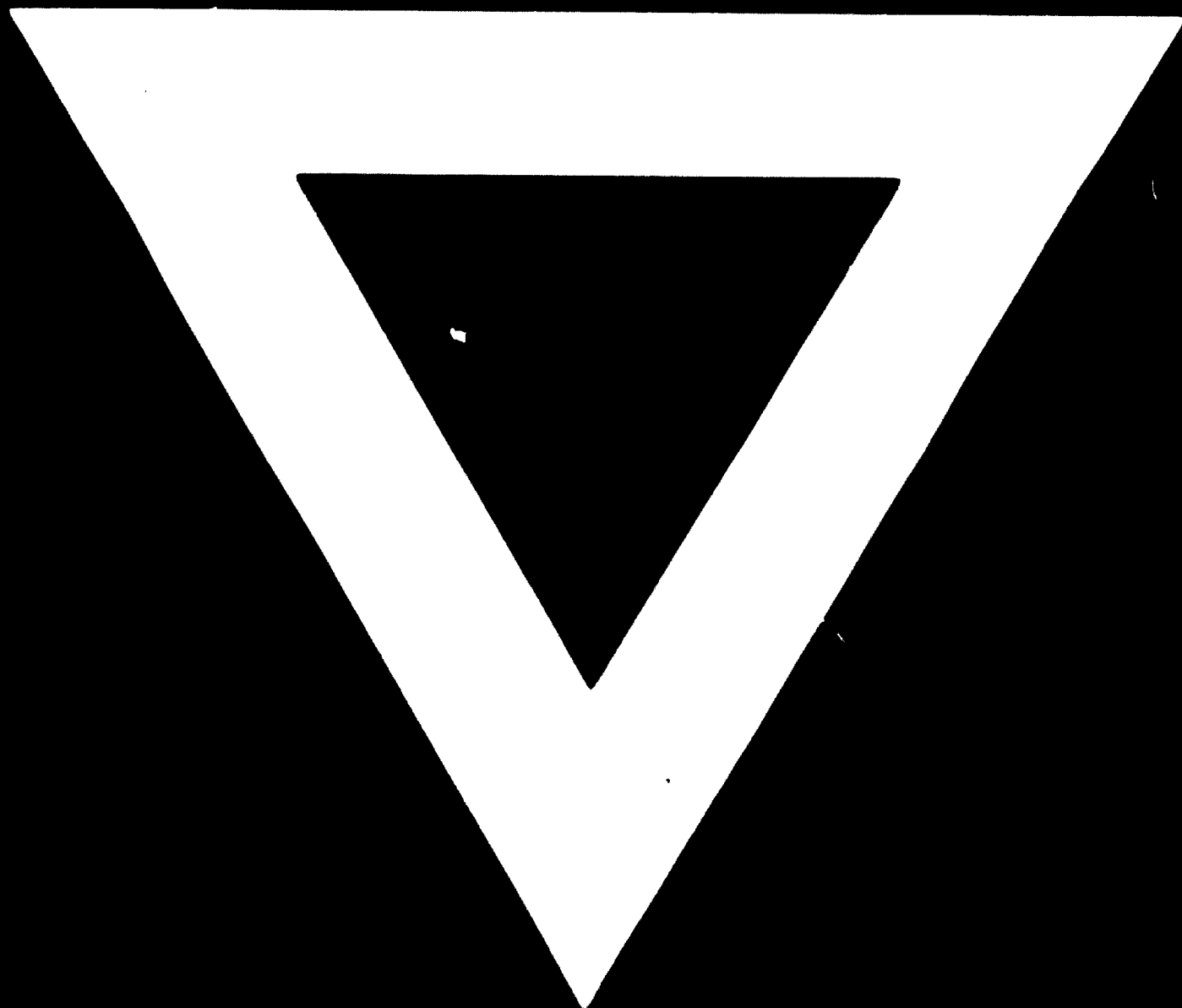
The Government attributes higher priority to this project and is willing to support its implementation with a wide range of incentives.

At present, the project is sponsored by the "Commissariat general au Plan" which could furnish additional information at the meeting to foreign investors who would be willing to contribute expertise and financing for the implementation of the project.

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Vientiane  
Laos



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