

Summary & Action Items from 5/31/2007 Meeting at PRI

- 1) The group agreed to request the ASTM Test Monitoring Center assume the responsibility of distributing the reference oils that are used in this test. Frank Farber indicated a willingness to do so, with the understanding/stipulation that the test procedure must be elevated to an ASTM Standard. The group agreed.
- 2) Frank Farber volunteered to lead the activity to write the SS&C test procedure in the form of an ASTM Standard.
- 3) A question was raised as to whether or not the SS&C test is still serving a useful purpose, as indications are that most oils evaluated produce acceptable results. Some felt that this is an indication that the test is doing its job, in that it is keeping oils which might be incompatible with existing oils out of the marketplace. It was also noted that recent input from some Original Equipment Manufacturers and the U.S. Army was that this test is still valuable in preventing compatibility problems in the field when unlike oils are mixed. It was suggested that this question might best be addressed to the members of the Lubricants Review Institute and/or the members of SAE Technical Committee 3 if follow-up discussions are desired.
- 4) It was noted that the PD4000 document and the PRI website will both need to be updated to indicate that the SS&C reference oils should be obtained from the ASTM Test Monitoring Center (rather than the SAE, which is currently shown as the source of these oils).
- 5) Keith Purnell indicated that he will make arrangements to have the existing inventory of SS&C reference oils shipped to the ASTM Test Monitoring Center.
- 6) The group agreed that it would be highly desirable for the ASTM Test Monitoring Center to obtain a viscosity at 100 degrees C, infrared scan, and elemental analysis on a sampling of the SS&C reference oils. This will serve as a baseline for future analysis, a check on the quality and consistency of the oils (and the identification of the oils), etc..
- 7) Frank and Keith agreed to work together to attempt to gain information on the current SS&C reference oils, such as:
 - a. The identity of the current suppliers.
 - b. An indication of the relevance of the base stocks, performance additive packages, etc. in the current SS&C reference oils to oils that are readily available in the marketplace today. This will help determine if there is a need to update these oils.
 - c. Etc..
- 8) Jerry Gropp agreed to advise the Test Monitoring Board of this group's desire to have the ASTM Test Monitoring Center assume this new responsibility.
- 9) It was agreed that a Surveillance Panel should be formed to oversee the activity required to write the SS&C test procedure as an ASTM Standard, determine if new reference oils are required, etc.. Frank Farber agreed to be the Chairman of this Panel.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments, or if you think of any items which I missed. Jerry Gropp

