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SRI LANKA TEA BOARD

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UPGRADING OF TEA BOARD LABORATORY
PHASE II (Microbiology) & PHASE III (Pesticides residues)

The Analytical Laboratory of Sri Lanka Tea Board was setup to meet certification requirement of tea exporters as well as concerned parties in tea related industries. Its inception in year 1986, two chemical analysis were done at the request of tea exporters and during the past it has developed to meet global testing requirement including ISO 3720 International standards, a list of tests which described *annexure 4* herein.

As a country issue, necessity of 'State -of -the- Art Tea Testing Laboratory' to cover chemical, microbiological and pesticides residues analysis being discussed at various forum including the Committee On Public Enterprises (COPE) meetings and Tea Sector Review meeting at the Ministry of Plantation Industries.

To achieve that requirement, a firm proposal was established by a special task oriented committee headed by the Director General, SLTB. A quality policy (*annexure 1*) and the action plan (*annexure 2*) was established to meet the final goal. In view of that the committee recommended a 3 stages upgrading program flow through three year period from 2003 - 2005 (*annexure 3*). Total expenditure for the entire project was estimated as 36 million rupees and its expenditure could summarize as;

	Phase I Chemical (ISO 3720)	Phase II Microbiology	Phase III Pesticides
SLS Accreditation			
Financial Commitment:			
• Manpower	430,000/=	400,000/=	450,000 =
• Equipment	2,570,000/=	2,600,000 =	29,550,000 =
• Total Cost	3,000,000 =	3,000,000 =	30,000,000 =
Period of Completion	31/12/2003	31/12/2004	31/12/2005

Phase I has performed its' 80% of works by ending year 2003. Purchasing of capital item and laboratory interior work already completed. New recruitment also be finalized before the month