

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

A POLICY

- 1 The Company is committed to complying with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations.
- 2 The Company is committed to continual improvement of its effect on the environment, particularly in respect of pollution.
- 3 The Company will establish and maintain an environmental management system involving all members of the organisation and will subject the system to regular audit.

B PERSONNEL

The Managing Director remains responsible for the overall environmental policy of the Company and delegates the responsibility for development, implementation and maintenance of the environmental management system to the Quality Manager.

C MAJOR OBJECTIVES

The environmental management system encompasses the following areas :-

- 1 The Research and Development Director will ensure that, wherever possible, environmentally damaging chemicals will not be used in new reagents produced by the Company. Where there is a choice between two chemicals, the material with the lesser adverse impact on the environment will be used. Where chemicals which have an adverse impact on the environment must be used to meet technical specifications, then the amount of that particular chemical used in the product will be kept to a minimum necessary to fulfil the performance specification of the product.
- 2 Waste produced by the Company will be controlled and documented where necessary. All wastes are removed from site by licensed waste contractors.
- 3 Where possible, packaging material will be recycled and used again. This is particularly applicable to liquid reagents where spent reagent is collected for return to the Company. The packaging for these reagents can continue to be recycled as long as the material remains sufficiently robust to fulfil its protective function.

D LICENCED ACTIVITIES

The Company is a licensed hazardous waste transfer station allowing the recovery and disposal of spent liquid reagents from customers. The Environment Agency has approved Mr George Liddell as the Competent Person in the event of accident or spillage and for operation of the station.