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MEMORANDUM

To: M. Loftus  
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From: J. Strathdee  
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Date: 8th November 95

Re: F.P.C. additive

On the 26th October 95 I received a request from Gordon Donaldson to attend a engine strip down at R & B engineering.

The engine in question was a 423T ADE from a Mercedes Benz 2624 Truck Tractor based at Sasko Mills in Durban, the engine had covered 690.000km and the injectors had been overhauled some 137.000km before.

Sasko started to use FPC on this vehicle for the last 55.000km of its life, on checking the pistons there was no carbon crust build up on the top, and after wiping the top with a soft cloth the numbers and machining marks were still clearly visible. In addition I could not see any carbon build up in the ring grooves or injectors either.

However there was carbon build up on the inlet valves which I assume was due to the oil separator not being changed at the manufactures recommended intervals.

In summing up what I witnessed, I would definitely say that FPC is fulfilling the job for which it was intended.

John Strathdee  
Workshop manager