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SUBJECT: International Panel Formed
for Atomic Energy Project in
Southern Italy

The World Bank today announced the composition of the International Panel set up in connection with the study, to be carried out jointly by the Bank and the Italian Government, of a large nuclear power station in southern Italy.

The Chairman of the newly established Panel is Dr. W.B. Lewis, Vice President of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., the Crown corporation responsible for Canada's national atomic energy program. Other members of the Panel are:

Dr. Manson Benedict, Professor of Nuclear Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in the U.S.A.

Professor Francesco Giordani, President of the National Research Council of Italy

Dr. J.M. Hill, Deputy Director (Technical Policy) of the Industrial Group of the Atomic Energy Authority at Risley, England

Dr. Jules Horowitz, Chef de Service de Physique Mathematique, at the Nuclear Studies Center at Saclay, France

Mr. Arthur Griswold, Assistant to the President of Detroit Edison Company, Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A.

Mr. R.E. Newell, Managing Director of the Wilton Works at Middlesbrough, of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd.

The Panel has been formed to provide advice and guidance for the cooperative study that has been undertaken, as announced in August, by the Bank and Italy. Known as Project ENSI (Energia Nucleare Sud Italia), the study will prepare the way for the building of a 150,000 kilowatt atomic power plant in

southern Italy. The study includes selection of a site for the nuclear power station; preparation of invitations to qualified manufacturers on an international basis, to tender for a nuclear power station of 150,000 kilowatt electric capacity at the proposed site, review of the tenders submitted and preparation of technical reports on them, particularly regarding cost and performance.

The Panel will give general guidance to the study, and will review tenders and the technical reports on them. The reports of the Panel will be transmitted to Project ENSI and to Societa Elettronucleare Nazionale (SENN), the Italian utility company that will select the most suitable tender and contract for the plant.