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Dear Dr. Lane,

B.P.L., Elstree - MARP 01

You will have heard from Mr. G.M. Bailey that a special Project Team meeting was held last week regarding this scheme.

At a recent Project Team meeting, the Stage III for this scheme was approved and authority to proceed to tender was given on the assurances of readiness by the Project Team and on the assurance given by BPL officers that the scheme as developed met their requirements. Room layouts had not been produced but were done so as a matter of urgency and Bills of Quantity produced and sent to this office a week ago with a view to going to tender immediately. A start on site was envisaged early in May. However, examination of the room layouts produced a situation which showed that the scheme on which the tendering document had been produced did not meet the requirements of the client. I do not think that there can be any recrimination of the Design Team for this but there have been changes in the brief brought about over the past two years arising from changes in the Medicines Inspectorate requirements and your own operational policies have made the designed scheme quite inappropriate.

There are a considerable number of changes to be made to the designed scheme and the Project Team has had no option but to withhold going to tender whilst an addendum bill reflecting the changes is produced. This will have the effect of postponing the start on site by about two months. I regret having to inject this delay but the alternatives were unacceptable and could produce quite serious financial implications.

We must not allow this discrepancy twixt brief and design to appear in the remaining schemes and I will be discussing this at the next Project Team meeting. I look forward, as I know I can, to your support in freezing the brief at the appropriate time.

Yours sincerely,

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