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TO DR CASH FROM MR WATT

RE FACTOR VIII BATCH NY 280

MADE FROM POOL CONTAINING PLASMA FR 023377 INS. ONE DONATION HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR HBSAG

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ASSAY OF PRODUCT HAS BEEN MADE (HOPKINS AND DANE) NY 280 SPPS 533, 534, 538, 538AA. ALL PRODUCTS AND INTERCURRENT STAGES ARE DEEMED NEGATIVE FOR HBSAG BY BOTH LABORATORIES. DEFIX 363 ALSO INVOLVED BUT NO ASSAY YET SINCE HELD FROZEN IN BULK.

CAUTIOUS VIEW IS THAT NY 280 AND DEFIX 363 SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED BUT THERE IS A COMPLICATION TO LOGICAL DECISION:

ASSAY OF SPPS SHOWS HBSAG POSITIVE IN APPROXIMATELY 10% OF BATCHES. THIS INVOLVES ABOUT 60% OF ALL NY BATCHES AND SUGGESTS EACH SUCH BATCH HAS EXPERIENCE WITH HB IRRESPECTIVE OF KNOWLEDGE OF DONOR POSITIVITY. IF WE REMOVE NY 280 FROM ISSUE THEN LOGICALLY IT WOULD APPEAR THAT WE SHOULD ALSO REMOVE ALL BATCHES ASSOCIATED WITH HB POSITIVE SPPS. THE CONUNDRUM IS COMPLEX. MAYBE WE HAVE TOO MUCH INFORMATION AT PRESENT WHILST NOT HAVING ENOUGH FOR CLEAR DECISION. SHALL PHONE TO DISCUSS LATER. REGARDS+

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