

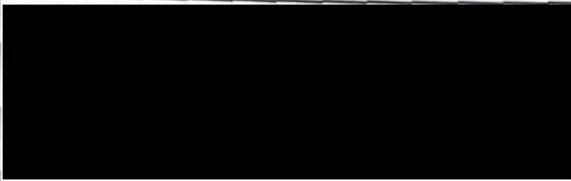

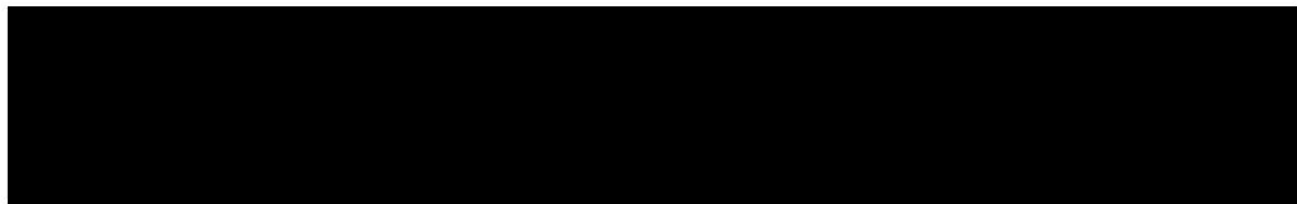


POCL Milestones

Traffic light indicator	Overall objective	Milestone
		
 A	Harnessing Technology/ Automation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To continue the automation of POCL by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> successfully completing the live trial of Horizon by the end of September 1999; installing 4,000 post offices with Horizon by the end of March 2000; subject to Government decision.



Harnessing Technology

At the Joint Acceptance Board on 18 August, ICL were advised that because they had not met a number of acceptance criteria POCL would not enter into a contract with them until these had been rectified.

This decision has resulted in the roll-out being postponed to November, this has meant that further work is now taking place with an extra 147 offices being involved in roll-out. This will help to identify whether acceptance has been reached. The final decision on acceptance will be made at a meeting on 24th September, the conclusions of this meeting will be reported in next month's board paper.

