

## S U M M A R Y

This project report identifies that the Trinidad Asphalt Lake at La Brea is a diminishing asset with present reserves of five million tons that should last for forty-five years at the present rate of extraction.

It presents the nature of crude Lake asphalt, refined Lake asphalt and Lake asphalt cements. It discusses the present uses of Lake asphalt and its asphaltic cements.

The report reviews the present production and manufacturing operations and notes that outdated technology is being utilised. It argues that a new plant is the sensible approach to the future. A new raw material - blown TLA is recommended for production by the Asphalt Company.

Recommendations are made as to alternative products which may prove to be a profitable investment for the Company and areas for research are identified.

A glossary of terms is included to assist in the understanding of unfamiliar words and expressions.