



DTI Objectives

- Stimulate improvement of competitive position of UK based companies
- Strengthen the London Market
- Better understanding of how spend by government on science can be better utilised by the insurance industry
- Influence the market leaders
- Trigger a shift in attitudes towards the benefits of using R&D to improve performance



How are we doing?

- Prioritisation and communication within consortium companies
- Application of new extreme value analysis methods
- Use of project results Tropical Cyclone project
- Announcement of Opportunities
 - Uninsured Losses , Tsunami risks, North West Europe teleconnections, UK Flood
- Workshops
- Fast Track
 - Wind gusting



• Effect cultural change, encourage collaboration and appreciation of the value of scientific research

• Slow process which requires a great deal of persuasion

• Opportunity to lever up research funds by 16 through sharing costs and matching funding from the DTI

- Changing priorities, personnel and company structures have sometimes inhibited collaboration
- Promoting a dialogue with the science community
 - Cultural gap is wide but a dialogue has begun



Short Term

- Stronger support for internal facilitation
 - Articulation of Research and Development Strategies
- Better translation of science results into practical tools
 - Extreme Statistics Study Group
- Maintain awareness to stimulate submission of new proposals
- Build relationships with other organisations and consultants to avoid duplication of effort



September 1997 Ranking

- 1 Correlations between economic behaviour and insurance loss
- 2 Seasonal prediction of tropical cyclone activity
- 3 New mathematical methods for extreme statistical analysis
- 4 New business creation through better estimation of currently uninsured losses
- 5 Estimation of risks from flood for the UK
- 6 Improved analysis of post loss cost development by analysis of changing supply curves
- 7 Influence of surface temperature of the North Atlantic on extreme climate events
- 8 Estimation of earthquake or land/seabed slip in the Caribbean Region
- 9 Earthquake damage estimates for San Francisco and Los Angeles



New Projects and Workshops

- Repeat ranking exercise
 - Make stronger link to competitive performance
 - Test against Realistic Disaster Scenarios
- Mathematical methods
 - Non-stationary time series analysis methods
- Economic modelling
- Next Phase of Tropical Cyclone Project
 - Forecasting sea surface temperatures



- Do you want to continue to work together?
- Form of the joint venture
 - Joint Venture as now
 - Limited Company
 - Company Limited by Guarantee
- Pooled resources
 - Currently one person plus six months of support
- Submit Business Plan to next Board Meeting



Summary

- Evolve to meet consortium member needs
- Promote articulation of member Research and Development strategies
 - Repeat rank ordering exercise
- Take pragmatic approach to take-up of science results
- Make fast track work by putting more ideas for projects on the table
- Partnership between the industry and the science base