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COMMUNITY AIDS COAL RESEARCH IN THE U.K.

The Commission recently announced £2.1 million assistance to 13 projects being undertaken in the United Kingdom. The grants cover up to 60 per cent of the costs of each project.

The aid is provided under Article 55 of the European Coal and Steel Community Treaty. Since 1958 the total granted under this heading to coal research in the Community countries (mainly the old Six) has been over £60 million.

5 of the projects are being carried out at the NCB Coal Research Establishment, Stoke Orchard, Gloucestershire. These include :

4 on the conversion of coal (including to chemical industry feedstocks), and

1 on the use of colliery waste material for civil engineering purposes.

8 of the projects are being carried out at the NCB Engineering Research Establishment, Bretby, Derbyshire :

5 of these projects are concerned with improving mining systems and techniques;

1 involves work on underground transport control systems, and

2 are concerned with coal preparation, i.e. cleaning and selecting coal on the surface, etc.