A MANAGEMENT INFORMATION AND PLANNING SYSTEM FOR A FIRM IN A HIGHLY COMPETITIVE GROWTH MARKET

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SUMMARY

The original aim of this project was the development and implementation of a Management Planning System, to be used for the day-to-day running and financial budgeting of the Dunlop Oil and Marine Division based at Grimsby. The system was to meet the requirements of both the division and the Dunlop Group.

Initial research established that there would be a continued demand for oil until the early part of the next century. Thus, there should be a demand for the division's products for many years, confirming the need for better forecasting if the division is to make the most of the available opportunities in the face of growing competition.

The existing divisional management plan was based upon the sales forecasts, relying on the judgement of the management. This was not sufficiently accurate, so that alternative methods had to be adopted if results were to be improved. Further research indicated that the lack of information not only limited the accuracy of the current method, but also prevented the investigation of alternative approaches. It was therefore necessary first to develop a more appropriate information system.

Internal historical analysis and management reporting systems were developed to permit better monitoring and control of divisional performance and to form the basis of more systematic forecasting. To complement the internal system, market research procedures were established to supply external information from published statistics and field surveys.

With the time and resources made available by Dunlop, it has so far been possible only to develop the information system. This is the necessary foundation for the development of a more appropriate forecasting system and had not existed before the start of this project.

Oil Hose Management Information Historical Statistics Marketing Reports

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INTRODUCTION

The sponsoring organisation, Dunlop Oil and Marine Division (Grimsby) identified certain problem areas which were then offered as a student project in conjunction with the Interdisciplinary Higher Degrees Scheme of Aston University (Birmingham).

PROJECT TITLE:-

"A Management Information and Planning System for a Firm in a Highly Competitive Growth Market".

PROJECT DESCRIPTION :-

"The long term goal of this project is the development and implementation of a Management Planning System, to be used for the day to day running and the financial budgeting of the division. This system is to meet the requirements of the Oil and Marine Division, Grimsby and also to comply with Dunlop group requirements.

"The present system must consequently be reviewed to understand what information is available and how this is used. It will be necessary to develop a more appropriate sales information system than that provided currently, both to assist in the present

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"investigation and to meet the requirements of the Grimsby staff. Thus liaison between the Newcastle computer staff and Grimsby staff will be necessary.

"The centre of planning for this project is the idea of prediction (forecasting) and consequently it will be necessary to develop methods of forecasting. These forecasts will be used as the basis for producing the core of the Management Plan."

PROJECT INITIATION :-

The division manufactures a wide range of hoses for many purposes. The major products, the large bore (e.g. 24") oil hoses, are sold to the oil industry firms for loading and unloading tankers. The rapid growth of the oil industry and the move to supertankers and offshore loading/unloading systems has resulted in considerable growth in the oil hose business. The division went through a period of rapid growth and became the market leader, however the supporting information and planning systems were not updated to cater for the new needs of the division. It was realised that a more appropriate information and planning system was needed if the division was to retain its position as market leader and hence the project was born.

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An initial study indicated that the problem should be tackled in three phases:-

1 The development of an historical analysis system

- 2 The development of an on-going information system
- 3 The development of a more systematic forecasting system on which to build the one-year operational plan.

FIGURE I.1 PROJECT OVERVIEW - DIAGRAMMATIC REPRESENTATION



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THESIS STRUCTURE:-

The progress of this project has not been as smooth as anticipated and there were periods when work on all three phases continued in parallel and others when time was committed to one phase at the expense of the others. It is for this reason that this report will not take the form of a chronological account but instead will detail the facts in a logical and more meaningful structure.

The background to the project is presented in the first three chapters, which consider:-

- 1 the company, the division and its performance in the market
- 2 the old management information system
- 3 the old planning system.

The remaining chapters are concerned with the work done on the project and deal with :-

- 1 the new information system
- 2 the approaches to more systematic forecasting
- 3 the project review.

It is hoped that this structure will enable readers to understand the project and its importance to the division and that the approaches adopted are applicable to other problem solving exercises. The project has proved to be most interesting, but, because of the lack of suitable information and the time taken to remedy this deficiency, only the first two phases have been completed successfully. The current work has built the necessary foundation on which to build in the future.

CHAPTER 1

BACKGROUND

1.1 INTRODUCTION

A brief background of the company and a more detailed treatment of the division, its products, its market and current position is presented. The division's products (i.e. hoses) are used in the transportation of liquids and solids in suspension. The major products are used to transport oil and its derivatives to and from giant supertankers, and the demand for these products is consequently dependent upon a continued demand for oil. The importance of oil, both as a fuel and raw material, its market growth and anticipated futures are discussed. Research (1-27) indicates that there will be a continued demand for oil, albeit at reduced growth rates, until at least the year 2000 and hence a continued need for a transportation system employing either hose or an alternative technology. To maintain its position as market leader, it is imperative that the division should adopt an on-going process of product improvement, replacement and diversification to meet the changing needs of the market. The division needs to develop more appropriate information systems to enable it to monitor its performance and plan for the future if it is to make the most of existing and anticipated opportunities.

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Dunlop, today, is a huge organisation responsible for the manufacture and marketing of a wide range of rubber and related products. The company has production capacity in many countries and its products are sold throughout the world.

The original company was set up in 1889 to produce and market tyres. This was followed by a period of rapid growth both at home and abroad. This expansion was attributed to acquisition, technological innovation and product diversification. Expertise gained from the acquisitions and research permitted further diversification and expansion, particularly in the post World War II period.

The company acquired the John Bull Organisation in 1958. The John Bull factory at Grimsby, manufacturing rubber-to-metal bonded components, was later to become the site of the Dunlop Oil and Marine Division.

The most radical single step in the diversification of the company's range of products came in 1968 with the acquisition of the Newcastle firm of George Angus Limited. The products of the acquisition included fire hose and fire armour (now a very profitable division), fluid seals, industrial hose, belting, brake linings, protective clothing and an efficient marketing operation.

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In January 1971 a new chapter in the history of the company was started with the union of Dunlop and Pirelli. There were many reasons for this union, but one of the major considerations was the fact that both groups were complementary in their geographic spread and this meant that Dunlop would acquire a share of traditionally strong Pirelli markets (and vice versa).

The company's on-going approach to acquisition, innovation and diversification has resulted in its continued strong position in the world markets today.

A diagram of the company structure (Fig. 1.1) shows the major activities of the organisation.

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THE DUNLOP COMPANY STRUCTURE

FIGURE 1.1



* 0224 = OIL AND MARINE DIVISION (THE INDUSTRIAL SPONSOR)

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The performance of the Dunlop group for 1967-1976 is detailed in Table 1.1. These figures reflect the growth of the company and, when compared with the figures for the division (see later), indicate just how important the division is to the organisation.

TABLE 1.1

DUNLOP GROUP RESULTS 1967-1976

Year	Turnover £m	Profit after Tax £m	% Return before Tax and Interest on Average Funds Employed
1967	389	11.84	11.80
1968	450	14.40	13.60
1969	495	14.59	12.40
*1970	541/563	12.79/15.12	12.10/10.40
1971	585	19.73	11.50
1972	636	21.60	12.10
1973	750	16.20	11.50
1974	883	19.60	12.50
1975	1,015	23.50	13.10
1976	1,289	31.80	15.90

* 1967-1970 Former Dunlop Group as published 1970-1976 Dunlop Group consolidated on union basis

The information for this table was taken from company Annual Reports (1967-76).

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The Dunlop Oil and Marine Division at Grimsby manufactures and markets a wide range of hoses. The division is the world leader in the offshore oil business and has been through a period of rapid growth associated with the increase in the demand for oil and its derivatives by the highly industrialised countries. However, rising oil prices and increased competition means that the division is having to modify its approaches to retain its market position.

The division is a small unit employing 595 people (209 staff, 348 rubber workers and 38 engineers), producing a low volume of high value products.

A short history of the division, the product, its application and the market follows.

1.4.1 Grimsby - Pre Oil & Marine

In 1954 the John Bull Rubber Company Limited embarked upon a programme of expansion. There had been a growth in demand for their products which necessitated the construction of a parallel production unit. Grimsby was chosen as the site

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for this factory. The decision was based on the availability of female labour in the area. Female labour was difficult to obtain in the location of the parent firm, Leicester, due to competition from knitwear and hosiery industries.

Construction work began in 1955 and some training of operatives was accomplished in parallel. The first moulding processes were installed in 1956. However, Grimsby was a production centre and all management functions were controlled from Leicester.

John Bull was taken over by Dunlop in 1958 but the factory continued to trade under the name John Bull until 1961.

1.4.2 Oil & Marine Division Pre-Grimsby

Hose group, comprising Oil and Marine, Industrial and Hydraulics units, was a part of the General Rubber Goods Division until 1956. The Oil and Marine unit produced and marketed its hose from the Manchester factory. The major products were dock hoses used to load and unload tankers anchored in harbours.

Hoses have been used at S.P.M. (Single Point Mooring) terminals since their inception in 1958 and since this time tanker sizes have increased considerably leading to the production of larger bore hoses. In 1959 the Oil and Marine unit developed the world's first integral floating oil hose. This allowed VLCC's

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(Very Large Crude Carriers) to load and unload oil without the necessity of berthing in a harbour using offshore terminals instead. The production of this "Selflote" hose continued at the Manchester works until 1963.

1.4.3 Oil & Marine Division, Grimsby Pre 1970

During the early sixties, the company rationalised the various production units and products and brought similar products and processes under the control of appropriate factories. Thus, the production of small bore oil discharge and industrial hoses was transferred from the General Rubber Goods factory at Manchester to the Grimsby unit.

The newly developed selflote hose was transferred to the Grimsby unit in 1963 for manufacture in bore sizes up to 12". The unit then specialised in the manufacture and development of offshore and petrochemical hoses for the international oil industry. Extensive research and development work increased the product range and the bore sizes offered in the offshore range increased with the introduction of 16" (in 1965), 20" (in 1967) and 24" (in 1968).

The management functions of Hose group (Oil and Marine, Industrial and Hydraulics units) were controlled from the Gateshead

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headquarters. The salesmen worked from the Gateshead headquarters and the Grimsby unit was still only production orientated.

The final stages of rationalisation took place in 1969/70 when all the moulding and finishing operations were transferred from Grimsby to Skelmersdale.

1.4.4 Oil and Marine Division, Grimsby Post 1970

Production of hose at Grimsby got into full swing in the second half of 1970. At this time, the previous controls exerted over the division by the Gateshead headquarters were relinquished. This meant that there was a radical change from being a production unit only, to a division which encompassed all management and production responsibilities.

A management structure evolved, see figure 1.2 (previous structures are included for reference in Appendix 1.1, as is a new structure just recently implemented), and local staff and staff from the north-east unit filled many of the new positions. Thus, marketing, personnel, accounting and general office functions were established at Grimsby for the first time.

The Dunlop-Pirelli union of 1971 brought the offshore specialist sections of the two firms together. The product ranges and

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market outlets of these units were complementary. Agreements were made whereby Dunlop would market Pirelli products in traditional Dunlop markets, and vice versa. The division applied its offshore expertise to the marketing of a new product, Pirelli fenders (developed as a result of an on-going research programme) to diversify its interests further. Fenders (products developed to protect the sides of ships in ship-ship and ship-harbour environments) could prove to be a growth area for the union.

Research and development work carried out by the division extended the range of hose products, important additions were made in the dredger hose range with increased bore sizes: 30" (in 1972) and 36" (in 1973). More recent work has led to the division pioneering an anti-pollution hose, "Saflote", in advance of its major competitors. This product should play a very important role in the future of the division, perhaps as great as that of its early floating predecessor "Selflote", developed in the sixties.

In 1974 the ^Oil and Marine unit became an autonomous division, as did the Industrial and Hydraulics units which formerly constituted Hose group. Thus the division gained even greater control over its activities than was previously the case. Also in 1974, an independent inspection team, working on behalf of Shell and other major customers, was established on site with full in-line inspection authority. The initial rejection

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rate was high and this led to reduced production rates with more stringent quality control measures at each production stage. This had a twofold effect on the market:-

- a) Dunlop's reduced production enabled competitors (not yet subjected to such inspection) to become better established.
- b) Dunlop's improved quality increased the operating life cycles of the products and this complicated the replacement business situation.

The division has also set up parallel production units in Spain and Japan (Sumitomo) where products were manufactured under licence and marketed only in agreed areas.

The division offers a very wide range of products comprising machine made, dock, petrochemical, offshore oil, offshore dredging and vacuum hoses with associated ancillary equipment. Other hose manufacturers have tended to specialise, offering smaller product ranges, and this has made the hose business very competitive.

The division has gained a reputation for service and product reliability and has retained its position as market leader in offshore business, inspite of severe competition. This



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position has been maintained by concentrated marketing activity and on-going research and development. The evolutionary rate of the division has meant that certain skills have become more advanced than others.

1.5 DIVISIONAL PERFORMANCE

The division has grown considerably since it first marketed the product Selflote in 1963. The sales turnover has increased, due to prices and inflation, but the volume of business has shown a general decline:-

TABLE 1.2

HISTORICAL DIVISIONAL PERFORMANCE

Year	Sales Turnover £000's	Volume		
		Offshore	Dredger	Dock
1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970	146 165 225 255 299 502 1,156 2,384			
1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976	3,459 3,917 4,554 6,795 10,193 12,393	1,858 1,755 2,355 2,681 1,858 1,644	27 63 55 132 49 146	4,104 3,966 4,619 4,176 2,607 2,490

Graphical representation of the volume figures (i.e. the number of lengths of hose sold) are presented in figures 1.3 - 1.5.

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The declining volume can be attributed to both internal measures (i.e. improved quality but reduced production rate) and external competition. The volume is a more meaningful measure of factory performance than the financial figures because inflation and its effect on cost and selling prices has caused increasing turnover to be realised for decreasing volume sales (as indicated in 1974, 1975 and 1976). It is for this reason that a volume forecast is the starting point of all divisional planning activities.

The financial figures of the division, when compared with company performance (Table 1.1), show that the division is a very important part of the company. Indeed, for its size the division is very profitable and realises its profit on a lower sales turnover than manyother divisions. It is because of its ability to generate profit and show excellent returns on funds employed that it is rated as a Class IB division for the purpose of determining fund allocation. This 'B' rating was self-imposed due to the threat of increasing competition, notably Japanese.

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The division has structured its global business into six markets:-

- 1 Home direct
- 2 Home associated companies (i.e. other Dunlop divisions in UK)
- 3 Export direct
- 4 Export associated companies (i.e. other Dunlop divisions abroad)
- 5 Original equipment (i.e. offshore projects)
- 6 NACO (i.e. North American associated companies) NACO comprises two outlets, one for USA (Angus Incorporated) and one for Canada (Angus Toronto). These outlets were part of the Oil and Marine's inheritance from the Dunlop acquisition of the George Angus organisation.

The marketing department is arranged as shown in Figure 1.6.

The basic role of the sales department is to obtain orders and then process, coordinate and control all related activities.

The sales force make frequent field trips and bring back or send back orders. Sometimes customers will place their

Student Market Planning Manager Assistants Product Executive Research Market Publicity Assistant Manager THE MARKETING DEPARTMENT - ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE Export Sales Manager Correspondents Manager Coordinator Export Marketing Coordinator Marketing Manager Agents NACO European London Correspondents Assistant to Manager Manager Executives Sales Home Sales Manager Representatives Sales Projects Manager FIGURE 1.6

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orders directly but usually orders stem from initial enquiries made in response to sales visits or publicity.

It is the function of sales office staff to handle customer enquiries and to make quotations. When an enquiry is placed, sales staff obtain as much information as possible before passing the paperwork into a well defined system involving technical (for product recommendation), costing, production planning (to determine production date) and purchasing (to determine if the necessary raw materials are available or can be made available for a specified production date). On the basis of this information, the quotation is prepared (price and delivery date), the price coming from standard lists or from the marketing coordinator if the order is non-standard.

When a firm order is placed, the sales office handle all the documentation and pass this into the traditional system following a sequence of production planning, purchasing, production planning, production inspection and then commercial. The sales office liaise with the customer and report on the progress of an order whilst remaining in contact with other departments to ensure that the operation is running smoothly.

The increase in competition has meant that marketing has itensified its activities and pays constant attention to customer requirements and research so that the best products

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and services can be offered. The marketing effort is now ably assisted by the supporting functions of the newly formed market planning department (publicity, exhibitions, presentations, market research and product development with renewed emphasis on management information and planning systems).

1.7 THE PRODUCTS

The division manufactures a wide range of hoses and ancillary equipment. This product range is classified into six groups. The following table details the groups and their importance to the division in terms of turnover.

TABLE 1.3

PRODUCT GROUPS

Product Group	Description	Approximate % of Turnover
1	Machine made hose, e.g. aviation	3
2	Dock hose	18
3	Offshore oil hose	66
. 4	Offshore dredger hose	4
5	Vacuum hose, e.g. vacuum cleaner hose	. 6
6	Factored items, e.g. fenders	3

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The hoses produced by the division are sophisticated products consisting of hollow rubber tubes which have to be resistant to the various chemicals to be transported and suitably reinforced to withstand both high pressure and vacuum conditions encountered in working environments.

These products, therefore, are not to be confused with, for example, the domestic garden hose which usually springs to mind at the mention of the word hose. This may be illustrated by reference to the unit lengths, bore size and values of some product examples in the following table.

TABLE 1.4

HOSE EXAMPLES

Product	Product	Name	Length	Bore	Value
Group	Code		(ft)	(ins)	£
1 2 2 3 3 3 4 4 5 6	1875/C 5128/1 5122/1 5157/1 5154/1 5156/1 5170/1 5174/1 5133 12205	Aviation Dock Petrochemical *Selflote *Saflote *Submarine *Dredgeflote *Sub. Dredger Vacuum Cleaner Gacoil	100 25 25 33 33 33 33 33 33 7 100	2 6 6 24 24 24 24 24 24 24 22 2	231 385 489 10,230 13,000 6,160 5,900 4,120 - 110

* Offshore hoses

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The main products, offshore oil hoses (floating and submarine), are used to load and unload supertankers at offshore installations (discussed very briefly in the next section). The demand for these products is thus very dependent upon the demand for cil.

1.8 OFFSHORE SYSTEMS

The division has been the world's leading supplier of offshore hoses since it pioneered the integral floating hose (i.e. "Selflote") and has generally derived 65% of its annual turnover from this business. Thus, a series of diagrams are presented to enable the reader to gain a greater appreciation of the major products (i.e. offshore hoses) and their uses.

An offshore system comprises a monobuoy (usually 6 point chained moored) and one or more strings of floating and submarine hoses (see Figures 1.7 and 1.8).

The floating hose strings (see Figure 1.9) are more standardised (e.g. one string might comprise 25 lengths of 33 foot hoses coupled together) than the underbuoy (or submarine) hose systems, which have to be designed to meet the conditions prevailing at each geographic location (i.e. tidal depths, currents and storms). Several types of underbuoy system are possible and the one most suited to the operating conditions

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is selected. The main types of submarine system are:-

1	Chinese Lantern	-	CL	(See	Fig.	1.7 and 1.10)
2	Lazy "S"	-	LS	(See	Fig.	1.8, 1.11 and 1.12)
3	Steep "S"	-	SS	(See	Fig.	1.13)
4	Modified Steep "S"	-	MSS	(See	Fig.	1.14)
5	Vertical Anchor Leg Mcoring	-	VALM	(See	Fig.	1.15)
6	Single Anchor Leg Mooring	-	SALM	(See	Fig.	1.16)

The Chinese Lantern and Lazy "S" systems are the most common. An appreciation of the size of a typical Lazy "S" system is possible from Figure 1.17.

The different submarine systems require different numbers of hose, depending on location and depth (see Figure 1.18). The demand for hoses as replacements or as original equipment is therefore dependent upon the system.

1.9 THE MARKET

The division's major concern is to produce large bore hoses, to service the oil industry. The offshore business accounts for approximately 65% of annual turnover. The bulk of the division's business (85% by value) is conducted in export markets.



FIGURE 1.7 MONOBUOY INSTALLATION-CHINESE LANTERN SUBMARINE SYSTEM.

FIGURE 1.8 MONOBUOY INSTALLATION-LAZY 'S' SUBMARINE SYSTEM.



FIGURE 1.9 TYPICAL FLOATING HOSE ARRANGEMENT.



FIGURE 1.10 THE CHINESE LANTERN SYSTEM.



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FIGURE 1.11 THE LAZY 'S' SYSTEM WITH BUOYANCY TANKS.

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FIGURE 1.17 THE DIMENSIONS OF A TYPICAL LAZY 'S' SYSTEM.

The growth of the hose market and the increase in the number of offshore installations is directly related to the rapid growth in the oil market. Therefore, both the oil and monobuoy markets will be considered.

1.9.1 The Oil Market

The demand for oil (1-26) has been increasing for many years to satisfy the thirst of the industrialised countries. This demand (4) is illustrated in Figures 1.19 and 1.20. Indeed, most of the world energy demand in this century has been supplied by oil. In recent years (1950-1975), oil's share of the world's energy market (5) has risen from 30 to 46 per cent (see Table 1.5).

TABLE 1.5

WORLD ENERGY DEMAND MILLION BARRELS A DAY OIL EQUIVALENT

Year Resource	1920	1950	1975
Oil Solid Fuel Natural Gas Hydro-Electric Nuclear	3 (14) 17 (81) 0.5 (2.5) 0.5 (2.5) -	11 (30) 21 (57) 3 (8) 2 (5)	56 (46) 35 (29) 21 (17) 7 (6) 2 (2)
TOTAL WORLD DEMAND	21	37	121

(Percentage shares are given in brackets)

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FIGURE 1.19 WORLD OIL - CONSUMPTION (1964 - 74).



Oil is used both as a fuel and as a raw material. Increased demand for plastics, synthetic rubbers, synthetic fibres, explosives, drugs, paints, dyes, fertilizers, insecticides and other petrochemical derivatives caused a corresponding increased demand for crude oil. At the same time, there was an increased demand for oil as a fuel for industry, transport and electricity generation. This demand is illustrated for the U.K. (6, 7) in Figures 1.21 - 1.26.

The political manceuvres of the oil exporting countries in recent years (starting with the energy crisis of 1973/4) have shown that oil is a commodity which can no longer be taken for granted, and the drastic increases in price have caused many users to make economies. Fortunately for a period after 1974, the situation stabilised and there was a slow return to a pattern of growth, although at a reduced rate. The most recent actions (1979) have further emphasised the need for slower growth and conservation. The world production of oil (5) and the contribution made by the OPEC countries is shown in Table 1.6.

TABLE 1.6

OPEC AND WORLD OIL PRODUCTION MILLION BARRELS A DAY OIL EQUIVALENT

Year	OPEC Production	World Production
1972 1973 1974 1975 1976	$\begin{array}{c} 25.7 (49) \\ 29.3 (51) \\ 29.6 (51) \\ 25.5 (46) \\ 28.6 (48) \end{array}$	52.8 57.8 58.2 55.7 59.7

(OPEC percentage shares are given in brackets)

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FIGURE 1.22 U.K. ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY RESOURCE



mtce - million tons coal equivalent
mtoe - million tonnes oil equivalent

FIGURE 1.23

U.K. PRIMARY FUEL CONSUMPTION



FIGURE 1.24 U.K. OIL CONSUMPTION



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mtce - million tons coal equivalent
mtoe - million tonnes oil equivalent



mtce - million tons coal equivalent mtoe - mullion tonnes oil equivalent

Alternative forms of energy can be developed but substitute materials for industry are not readily available at economic prices.

The Club of Rome (8) have estimated the limited life spans of some of the world's non-renewable resources. Their figures indicate that the known reserves of oil and other common materials (often dependent upon oil for refining and processing) will last until the early part of the next century (see Table 1.7).

Indeed, crude oil production (5) has virtually doubled every ten years since 1935 (see Table 1.8) and, at the current rate, known reserves (5, 10) would only last for another 25 years (see Table 1.9). The events of 1973 underlined the world's dependence on oil and the need for new energy sources and efficient energy use. NON-RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES

TABLE 1.7

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Lifespan for (Reserves) x 5 in Growth Environment (Years)	50	49	150	64	48	55	173	
Lifespan in Growth Environment (Years)	50	22	III	21	21	31	93	
Lifespan at Current Consumption (Years)	ц	38	2,300	26	36	100	240	
Global Reserves	4.55 x 10 ⁹ bbls	$1.14 \times 10^{15} cu.ft$	$5 \times 10^{12} tons$	91 x 10 ⁶ tons	308 x 10 ⁶ tons	1.17 x 10 ⁹ tons	1 $x 10^{11} tons$	
Resource	Energy: Petroleum	Natural Gas	Coal	Others: Lead	Copper	Aluminium	Iron	

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TABLE 1.8

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CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION HISTORY

BILLION BARRELS

Time Period	Production
Up to 1925 1926-1935 1936-1945 1946-1955 1956-1965 1966-1975	12 13 21 38 77 159
CUMULATIVE WORLD PRODUCTION	320 .

TABLE 1.9

CRUDE OIL RESERVES BILLICN BARRELS

Source	Known Reserves (at end of 1975)	Ultimately Recoverable Reserves (Estimated)
OPEC Non-OPEC	403 164	-
WORLD TOTAL	567	2,000

Statistics obtained from other publications (5,9) indicate that there will be a continuing demand for oil until the early part of the next century (see Table 1.10).

TABLE 1.10

POTENTIAL WORLD ENERGY SUPPLY

MILLION BARRELS A DAY OIL EQUIVALENT

(Percentage shares are given in brackets)

000	High Growth	14 (8) 25 (13) 28 (15) 15 (8) 29 (16) 74 (40)	185	200	15
*20	Low Growth	11 (7) 20 (13) 27 (17) 12 (8) 25 (16) 60 (39)	155	160	5
985	High Growth	8 (7) 21 (17) 12 (10) - 19 (15) 63 (31)	123	I	I
5T*	Low Growth	8 (7) 19 (17) 10 (8) - 58 (51)	114	1	1
1975		6.0 (7) 15.0 (18) 1.5 (2) 15.0 (18) 45.5 (55)	83.0	1	I
Year	Resource	Hydro/Geothermal/Solar Natural Gas Nuclear (Additional Nuclear or Coal) Coal Oil	Potential Supply	Desired Demand	Unsatisfied Demand

* Estimates for 1985 and 2000 are based on low and high growth scenarios (9) for the world outside the USSR, Eastern Europe and China.

The continued health of the oil industry and related industries is further supported (1-27) by the UK and world figures presented in Tables 1 - 18 in Appendix 1.2. The data in Appendix 1.2 shows a general increase in demand until 1973/74 when the "oil crisis" caused a cutback or stabilisation, whilst new demand levels were being determined (Tables 1 - 9), some imports and exports (Tables 10-16) and some global forecasts (Tables 17-18).

The existing reserves will last until the next century and new discoveries are being made (e.g. in the North Sea) that will further extend the life of the oil industries. Indeed, the oil from the North Sea should make the UK self-sufficient (6,7) by the 1980's (see Figures 1.23 and 1.24), possibly even an exporter.

Thus, whilst there is this demand for oil, there will be a need for transportation systems (using hoses or alternative technologies) for many years until cil reserves either diminish or alternative sources of energy and raw materials are developed.

1.9.2 The Monobuoy Market

The increased demand for oil and the closure of The Suez Canal (1956) led to an increase in tanker size, to make the long sea route round Africa more economical, and prompted the move to

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offshore terminals (monobuoys). The number of monobuoys increased from 1 in 1959 to 182 in 1978, and so too did the demand for hoses. As tanker sizes increased, so did the hose sizes and, whereas in the early 1960's 8" and 12" hose systems were adequate, today 20" and 24" systems are needed to service the supertankers (also referred to as VLCC's, i.e. Very Large Crude Carriers).

An offshore installation has the advantage that it can be used in gale conditions, whereas in the past storms resulted in increased tanker downtimes (i.e. waiting times), because the vessels could not safely enter or leave the harbours. Furthermore, the new supertankers were too large for many ports and more offshore systems were built to accommodate them.

At the commencement of this study, the division possessed a knowledge of 152 of the monobuoys in service in the world. (See Table 1.11).

The division was responsible for the original installation of 66 of this group of 152 monobuoys. The division is the leading manufacturer and enjoys avery large share of the replacement business. Also, because of its expertise and reputation, the division obtains a large share of the smaller original equipment business.

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TABLE 1.11 SUMMARY OF MONOBUOYS AND HOSES IN SERVICE

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	Geographic Area	No. Buoys	Floating Hose	Submarine Hose	Total Hose	
-	Middle East &	30	1,808	351	2,159	
	Japan, Taiwan &	24	1,234	215	1,449	
	Other S.E. Asia	24	1,040	293	1,333	
	S. America &	15	689	135	824	
	W. Africa	16	678	124	802	
	Europe (excluding	13	660	72	732	
	N. Africa	12	442	98	540	
	N. Sea	10	205	114	319	
	Australasia	3	141	24	165	
	E. Africa	2	98	26	124	
	N. America	1	31	5	36	
	India	2	50	30	80	
	TOTAL	152	7,076	1,487	8,563	

The literature (28,29) and the division's market intelligence indicate that there are now 200 offshore systems in the world, comprising 182 monobuoys and 18 systems using alternative technologies (see Figures 1.27 and 1.28). As a result of continued research, the division now possesses information on most of these and a more detailed treatment of findings is presented in Chapter 5.

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FIGURE 1.27 OFFSHORE SYSTEMS - INSTALLED ANNUALLY.



FIGURE 1.28 CUMULATIVE ANALYSIS OF OFFSHORE SYSTEMS INSTALLED. (ALL SYSTEMS, MONOBUOY SYSTEMS AND ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS).



The rapid growth in demand for hoses for many different operations caused an increase in the number of manufacturers operating in the market. These manufacturers did not offer as many products as the division and tended to develop smaller product ranges to serve specific market segments. The division faces competition from other hose manufacturers and alternative technologies. Competition is discussed separately for the offshore business (64% of annual turnover) and the other business (36% of annual turnover). Thus:-

1.10.1 Offshore Competition

Dunlop captured the major share of the offshore market in the sixties with the product Selflote (the first integral floating hose). The division went through a period of rapid growth whilst it had this technological lead. The main competition in those early days came from Uniroyal and Hewitt Robins. These two firms, like Dunlop, had expertise in submarine hose manufacture but their progress in the floating hose market was limited. Indeed, the products they offered initially for floating operation were submarine hoses with flotation beads. The integral floating hose far surpassed these other products and proved most reliable even in adverse operating conditions. A reputation for an excellent product and installation expertise gained the division a very large share of both replacement and original equipment business. There are now eight major manufacturers (including Dunlop) competing for a share of this market. The declining demand for original equipment has led to fierce competition for replacement business. The firms produce products of similar quality and success in the market depends very much on company reputation, marketing skills and prices. The major threat to the division comes from Birdgestone (Japan) whose prices are 20-45% below Dunlop prices because of company discounts and Japanese government rebates. Additional competition comes from alternative technologies (e.g. the move to deeper waters and the use of fixed towers and articulated columns), requiring fewer hoses.

The effects of this competition, combined with lower production rates and improved quality (i.e. increased hose life) resulting from stringent internal and independent inspection, explain the decline in the offshore hose volume from 1974 (see Table 1.2).

Despite this competition, the division retains its position of market leader with a market share of about 50%. This market share may best be illustrated by means of a simple calculation performed on the total number of hoses given in Table 1.5. Thus:

Average operating life of a floating hose = 3 years Average operating life of a submarine hose = 2 years Hence potential replacement business = $\frac{7076}{3} + \frac{1487}{2} - 3100$

In 1976 the division sold 1644 hoses, i.e. 53% of the estimated replacement business.

There are numerous manufacturers competing for business for other hose applications (e.g. dock, petrochemical, aviation and drilling). The other manufacturers offer smaller product ranges than Dunlop and have developed expertise in selected sections of the hose market, just as the division did in the offshore context. This expertise coupled to on-going research (limited in the case of the division because of its large product range) makes them a serious threat to the division's performance in the other hose sections. Furthermore, a change in technology (i.e. the use of metal arms in harbours) has considerably reduced the demand for new dock hose installations, whilst a large replacement business remains. This general decline in the dock hose business is shown in Table 1.2.

1.10.3 The Changing Market

The marketplace has changed considerably from the early years when the division faced limited competition and could demand high prices. The current market is very dependent upon price and Dunlop has to modify its approach to retain its market share against Bridgestone particularly and its much lower prices. In essence, the situation has changed from a seller's market to a buyer's market.

1.11 CONCLUSION

This chapter has traced the development of the division in a growth market. The increased demand for oil for use both as a fuel and a raw material by the industrialised countries of the world accounts for the rapid growth of the hose market. The division pioneered its floating hose, just as the oil industry was entering a new growth phase. The division, consequently, gained a very large share of the offshore market whilst it had this technological lead over its competitors. Competitors trying to gain a share of this very lucrative market had to develop comparable products and dynamic marketing approaches.

In the early years there were only a few competitors and the division retained its position as market leader by virtue of its reputation for product quality and supporting services. However, there are now more competitors capable of producing reliable products and pricing has become an important marketing tool. Furthermore, the rapid increases in cil prices in recent years have made the customers very price conscious. The division still has an excellent reputation but has had to revise its marketing activities and pricing policies to retain its position in a very competitive market.

Research has indicated that there will be a continued demand for oil for many years and therefore a demand for a transportation service using hoses or an alternative technology. The division has realised that more appropriate management support will be required, to help monitor current performance and to improve planning activities, if it is to retain its market leadership. Much of this support will come from the newly formed marketing planning department which will be responsible for presentations, exhibitions, advertising, setting up formalised market research (to aid planning and direction of research activities to both improve and diversify the product range) and improving the quality of management information and planning.

The next two chapters describe the old information and planning systems and the remaining chapters describe the work done to improve these, their value and their scope for the future.

CHAPTER 2

THE OLD MARKETING AND SALES INFORMATION SYSTEM

2.1 INTRODUCTION

The division found that its old (computer and manual) information system was inadequate for its new needs. This was hardly surprising as the division went through a period of rapid growth, without modifying the system to provide relevant information in suitable formats. In the competitive market in which the division operates, relevant, reliable and timely information is required by the managers so that performance can be constantly monitored and corrective action taken as required.

The role of Management (30-33) is to plan, organise, motivate, control and (32,33) develop people. Management (30) has been defined as 'deciding what should be done and then getting other people to do it'. Therefore, managers are decision makers (33) and are responsible for:-

- defining the problem (e.g. maintaining or improving the profitability of the firm)
- ii) analysing the problem

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- iii) developing alternative solutions
 - iv) deciding upon the best solution
 - v) converting the decision into effective action.

Decision makers require accurate and timely information, at the desired level of detail, in order to exert effective controls, formulate strategies and make good plans.

2.2 HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In the sixties the division had been a production centre and the major management functions had been controlled from the Gateshead Headquarters of Hose Group. The reports produced at Grimsby were thus related to production activities and are listed in Appendix 2.1.

In 1970 Marketing, Accounts and Personnel Departments were established at Grimsby. There was an information void which was remedied by the introduction of a manual system producing specific reports for marketing management on a regular basis. The most important reports were the orders received list, the sales synopsis, the product operating report and the management report.

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The division's first experience with computers was with the payroll system which was standard to the company. The introduction of the payroll system was followed by a Marketing and Sales System. This had been developed for the division as an offshoot of a Hose Group system which was more suited to the needs of Industrial and Hydraulics divisions. Whilst the system permitted certain more detailed analyses of sales than the manual system, these did not greatly assist management. Indeed, many of the computer reports were found to be inaccurate and untimely and some fell into disuse. Even so, these reports were produced regularly by the system whilst management relied very much on the manual reports. The manual system complemented and supplemented the computerised reports and was fully controlled by the Grimsby users. A list of the reports produced appears in Appendix 2.2.

The information from all these reports should have formed a most effective tool for management. However, the reports were basically financial summaries and much useful detail was suppressed in their preparation. Thus, part of the project was to review the sub-system dealing with the requirements of the Marketing Department.

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Many reports were produced by accounts and marketing departments to inform managers of the division's performance. The reports were distributed to various levels of management and strategies reviewed as required.

The reports were well structured and served as specific information sources to aid management to control their various activities. The most important reports detailed orders, sales and outstanding orders and compared actuals with plans in financial terms.

Unfortunately, the reports concentrated only on the financial aspects and detailed analyses of the volume mixes of the orders, sales and outstanding orders were not carried out. It was recognised that detailed analyses of both volume and value would form a much more useful management tool, but that this would be a mammoth task if performed manually.

The main reports are briefly discussed in the following sections.

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2.3.1 The Orders Received List

SPECIMEN	- Figure 2.1		
CRIGINATOR	- Export Sales Clerk Sales Manager)	(now Assistant t	to the Home
REQUIRED	- Weekly, due Monday,	/Tuesday of the f	Collowing week
SOURCE DATA	- UK, Export, Projec American Associat from customer ord	ts and NACO (i.e. ed Companies) fig ers	North gures
DISTRIBUTION	 Divisional Director Divisional Marketing Manager Management Committee Product Manager Export Sales Manager Home Sales Manager 	Chief Accountant London Sales Manager European Sales Manager Market Planning Manager Commercial Manager Traffic Manager	Export Coordinator Export Executives Home Representatives Sales Accounts Offshore Projects Production Planning Manager
OBJECTIVES	- To monitor in-comi by value, by cust	ing orders by typ comer and by mark	e, by bore size, et
ACTION	- Performance discus Trends analysed an Home Sales Manager of representative Performance may in lines and permit	ased by managemen ad future policie r able to assess as adicate weak area corrective actio	t s evaluated performance as or product en to be taken
<u>Note</u>	- Historically, the as Home or Export by Home (Direct a and Associated),	orders were just Orders, but now nd Associated), H Original Equipmer	classified are categorised Export (Direct at and NACO.

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FIGURE 2.1

ORDERS RECEIVED LIST WEEK ENDING 14/1/78

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CUSTOMER *	o/no	LOCATION	REP HOSE	TYPE	1TFM VALUE	LATOT
KODAK LINITED I.C.I. B.P. OIL "" HAWKINS & TIPSON ASSOCIATED OCTEL W.G. FHILIP	50467 50468 50469 " 50470 50471 50471 50472	Hemel Hempstead Mond Dundee " London Ellesmere Port Dundee Loisesten	DWF 1 off x 3"i.d TNS 2 x 6" R.G. 4 x 50' x 4" " 4 x 50' x 4" - 120 off x 3'6" x 8" TNS 4 x 6" NG 2 x 75' x 12" TNS 4 x 2"	5440 5440 5128/2 5128/2 5118/1 5440 18750 5440	61 109 405 405 48.07 TBA 124	61 218 1620 1620 5769 THA 248
G.S.C. GAS TORBIADS	. ,541)	TOTOTOTOT		TO	TAL U.K.	£9856

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ITEN VALUE CUSTOMER O/NO LOCATION HOSE TYPE TOTAL 5 x 16" x 33' 8 x 16" x 33' 2 x 16" x 33' 40 x 7.5ms x 4" 15 x 10ms. x 12" 1 x 4" x 25ft 2 x 10"i.d. x 30ft 5152/6 5152/6 5156/7 5128/1 5128/4 5124 5128/4 5128/4 5128/2 12205 5128/1 5128/1 13260 21221 6358 7600 13815 213 2030 2724 1536 775 1400 520 1380 2652 ARCO 20996 Indonesia 20996 20994 20994 20929 20929 20929 20998 21002 2652 3184 140 ARCO Indonesia AHCO Indonesia RAZNO IMPORT RAZNO IMPORT Russia 921 213 1015 Russia TEXACO CALITEX (U.K.) LTD. VARIINA Trinidad Dubai 2 x 10"i.d. x 30ft 4 x 6"i.d. x 40ft 6 x 4" x 20ft 7 x 6mtrs. x 4" 2 x 6 mtrs. x 6" Blind Flange 5 x 16" 5 x 102mn i.d. x 7.62 104 x 3'6" x 5" 16 x 3'6" x 6" 631 256 193.75 200 260 21003 21005 21006 Saudi Arabia DUNLOP KEITYA DE BOER Kenya Holland SHELL NETHERLAND SHELL NETHERLAND 21007 Holland 21007 Holland 5128/1 5134 12205 5118/3 5118/3 ARANCO Saudi Arabia 276 IRANIAN OIL SERVICES OUDE LIJNEAAN OUDE LIJNEAAN 49 35.14 41.12 245 3654 658 21009 Iran Holland 21010 Holland

TOTAL EXPORT £77399

WEEK 2

WEEK 2

2.3.2 The Sales Synopsis

SPECIMEN	- Figure 2.2	
ORIGINATOR	- Export Sales Clerk (now A Sales Manager)	Assistant to the Home
REQUIRED	- Monthly, due Monday follo	owing a month end
SOURCE DATA	 Orders Received Lists for Sales figures - balances Provisional monthly sales to date figure Period sales plan (not pl weeks proportion of annu 	r the period from previous weeks s turnover and year hased), i.e. 4 or 5 hal plan
DISTRIBUTION	 Divisional Director Divisional Management Product Manager Manager 	Export Coordinator A Sales Export Executives ean Home S Manager Representatives t Planning Sales Accounts ger roial Offshore ger Projects ic ger
OBJECTIVES	- To monitor sales perform plan and examine trends	ance against financial
ACTION	- Performance discussed by Order intake compared wi analysed to permit eval and modifications if ne Cutstanding order balance compared with previous factory performance	management th plan and trends uation of strategies cessary e analysed and weeks to indicate

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FIGURE 2.2

SALES SYNOPSIS

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SPECIMEN - Figure 2.3, for division and home totals. The report includes a similar analysis for each of the division's markets (Home Direct, Home Associated, Export Direct including Projects, Export Associated and North American Associated Companies)

- ORIGINATOR Financial accounts
- REQUIRED Monthly, due Monday/Tuesday following a month end
- SOURCE DATA Invoiced sales for period and year to date, by product group, by market Monthly plan values and accumulated plan values
- DISTRIBUTION Divisional Director Divisional Marketing Manager Management Committee

Export Sales Manager Home Sales Manager

Market Planning Managor Product Manager

Chief Accountant Financial Accounts

OBJECTIVES - To assess profitability by product group by market To assess the results of pricing policy To be informed of performance (Turnover, Gross Contribution) by product group by market compared with plan

ACTION - Performance discussed by management Problem areas identified (e.g. low turnover, low contribution when compared to plan) and Sales Managers formulate corrective measures

PRODUCT OPERATING REPORT FIGURE 2.3

FIGURE 2.5

PUBLIC LIMITED - OIL AND MARINE DIVISION PRODUCT CONSTITUTE DESIGNAT - JULY 1976

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2	DOCK HOSE	213	74	35	185	57	51	854	312	37	1399	441	32	28	15	17	30	(545)	39)	(125)	(29)
3	OFFSHORE - OIL	607	284	47	571	227	40	4730	2109	45	4423	1743	39	36	E	57	25	307	7	366	21
4	OFFSUCE - DREDGING	10	5	50	48	17	35	158	60	38	369	133	36	(38)	(75)	.(12)	(71)	(211)	(57)	(73)	159
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2.3.4 The Marketing Report

- Figure 2.4 SPECIMEN - Product Manager (now Marketing Coordinator) ORIGINATOR - Monthly, Monday/Tuesday following a month REQUIRED end - Orders Received Lists for the period SOURCE DATA Provisional monthly sales turnover and year to date figures Updated orders outstanding situation and previous management reports Home Sales Manager DISTRIBUTION - Divisional Director Divisional Marketing Export Sales Manager Manager Market Planning Manager Chief Accountant Management Committee Product Manager - To inform management about the month and year OBJECTIVES to date orders, sales and outstanding orders situation in financial terms To outline trends and compare values and estimated contributions with plan figures

ACTION - Performance and trends discussed by management Trends analysed in detail and strategies and pricing policies amended if and as required

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FIGURE 2.4

DUNLOP LIMITED OIL AND MARINE DIVISION

MARKETING REPORT - DECEMBER 1977

1. ORDER AND SALES POSITION

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Opening Orders Add: Orders received

Less: Sales

Dece	mber	Year to	o Date
€ 000	% Plan	€ 000	% Plan
4492 543	42	3470 12073	81
5035 1205	95	15543 11713	78
3830		3830	

1.2 Present Trade

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Turnover
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Month of December Year to Date

1.3 Rates of Contribution

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Turnover Value of Outstanding Orders

	Estimated	
€ 000	G.C.	%
11713	4545	38.80
3830	1400	36.55
15543	5945	38.24
14850	5163	34.76

PLAN

The manual reports already discussed briefly, except the weekly orders received list, were financial summaries omitting product and customer detail. More detailed informal analyses of internal figures were carried out to supplement the summarised formal reports. In addition to the analysis of internal figures, information on offshore systems was obtained from published statistics and market intelligence.

2.3.6 Historical Analyses

There was no formal detailed analysis of orders and sales but over the years the product manager had compiled certain volume and value statistics to help

- i) monitor performance (against plan, volume and financial) and
- ii) future management planning activities

The data sources for these statistics were the orders received lists and the sales invoices. Several analyses at different detail levels were produced on a year-to-date basis, culminating in full annual analyses at the year end. Volume analyses of quantities of hoses by bore size by product group (e.g. Offshore Oil, Dredging and Dock) at divisional level (see Figure 2.5) and sometimes at market level were produced and often complemented by detailed product analyses by market and sometimes by country (for the more important large bore offshore oil business).

An analysis of sales turnover by product group was produced annually to update the historical statistics (see Figure 2.6).

2.3.7 Year End Evaluation of Outstanding Orders

It is important to know exactly what the outstanding order situation is so that divisional performance can be monitored and price changes made as required.

The monthly management report details the values of the orders received, the sales and the updated outstanding orders for that period in financial terms. Thus whilst the value of outstanding orders is known, the volume mix is not. At the year end the volume and value of outstanding orders is evaluated to check the accuracy of the management report and to permit the calculation of the anticipated profit of these orders using the new standard costs. This evaluation task has been the responsibility of the author for all year ends since 1974. It is not a difficult task but is very time consuming and involves comparing the invoices with the original orders (in the order number range for that year).

There is usually a gap of about six menths between receipt of an order and its corresponding invoice(s) and this means that the majority of the more recent orders are fully outstanding whilst the older orders are either fully or part invoiced. The major difficulty is the evaluation of the part invoiced orders and this involves lengthy searches through the files in the traffic department which are amended throughout the year as the hoses are made, despatched and invoiced. The task could have been made easier by monitoring the orders and sales situation throughout the year and, although this was discussed, it remained a year end function.

A list of the outstanding orders is compiled in the same format as the orders received list and the new costs are used to evaluate the gross contribution expected. The reduced contribution from the outstanding orders compared with that estimated when the orders were originally obtained

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A = Order Intake B = Sales

<u>1974</u> <u>Offshore and Dredger Hose - Volume Analysis</u>

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FIGURE 2.5

SS₂S - Super Sampson half selfotes LN - Light Weight Hose BARB - Barbel

FIGURE 2.6

HISTORICAL SALES STATISTICS - FINANCIAL

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1973		3093	162	3255	582	2027	717	4554
1972		2362	328	2690	644	VZZZ	590	3924
1971		2078	290	2368	584	0050	498	3450
1970		1250	66	1349	540	Oddr	495	2384
1969		108	-	108	355	узгг	0/11	1156
1968		1	1	1	1			502

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<u>Miscellaneous</u>

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offshore Offshore

Dredger

Docks etc.

are used as guides to future pricing policies.

The values and associated contributions are then used as the starting point for the production of the on-going management report.

2.3.8 Monobuoy Analysis

A reasonable knowledge of the composition, by bore size and hose type, of 152 of the existing 182 monobuoys has been built up over the years and is well documented. This information is based largely on feedback from the sales force and projects engineers complemented by some published statistics. (The sales force have recently investigated the other 30 monobuoys and are in the process of documenting their findings.)

Unfortunately, the reliability of these figures is suspect because they are based on feedback from the market built up over the years. Indeed, the division has a limited updated knowledge of several of the monobuoys which it installed as original equipment and this does little to stimulate confidence in the global estimates.

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However, this information is needed to assist the division in evaluating the market and hence in its planning exercises (e.g. to form a basis for forecasting replacement business). More formalised market research is required in this area to update the current figures which are documented for each monobuoy.

A specimen monobuoy analysis sheet is presented in Figure 2.7. (The figures in Table 1.11 are a summary of these sheets.)

2.4 THE COMPUTER SYSTEM

Hose Group (comprising Industrial, Hydraulics and Cil and Marine Divisions) was formed after a period of company rationalisation. Dunlop Angus Industrial Group (DAIG) Management Services, Newcastle, designed a system comprising a suite of programmes to cater for the information needs of the group.

This system produced sales analysis reports for each member of the Group using the same programmes, the same report formats and the same reference files. Consequently, when

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FIGURE 2.7

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FLOATING HOSES

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the print-outs were split up for the three divisions, it was not unusual to have sections referring to the other members included. In 1976 the master files were split into three so that, although the report types and programmes were common to the Hose Group, the various reports produced referred only to the individual divisions.

2.4.1 The Cil and Marine Computer System

A series of computer reports were produced to make more information available to the division and to complement the manual reports. The system yielded various analyses of sales turnover figures only for the various markets.

The source documents for the system were invoices and thus the responsibility of the accounts department. Source documents were sent to Newcastle for data preparation (at the Walker Works) and processing (at Angus House). Later a telephone and terminal link was set up and data preparation and control became a divisional function.

Home sales data was prepared weekly and vetted by batch, an error report was sent via the terminal, so that corrections could be made. The system created a separate file every week for the division's data and reports on corrected data were sent to Grimsby. At the month end the division had to

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inform management services staff that the weekly data was accurate before the monthly reports were produced. The weekly data files for a given month then had to be merged before the monthly reports were produced. A system of account numbers was used and home analysis by customer was possible.

The export department did not use customer account numbers and data preparation was accomplished once a month. The export data was vetted and an error report produced. These errors were corrected immediately and transmitted back to Newcastle using the terminal.

When the division was satisfied that the data was correct, the month and year to date reports were requested. These reports were sent to Grimsby by Securicor services and caused a time lag between reports being produced and used.

An overview of the old system follows, as presented in Figure 2.8 and specimens of the reports appear in Appendix 2.3.

2.4.2 The Reports and Their Formats

Eleven computer reports were produced for the division, six dealt with Home Sales and five with Export Sales.

FIGURE 2.8 THE OIL AND MARINE COMPUTER SYSTEM



Eight of these reports had a common format whilst the other three were significantly different.

The basic format was:-

COMMODITY CODE	COMMODITY NARRATIVE	FOOTAGE	NETT TURNOVER	GROSS CONTRIBUTION (i.e. GC)	GC % OF TURNOVER
				(1.6. 00)	

The reports which took this form were :-

HOME

171	-	Monthly Commodity by Branch
172	-	Monthly Commodity all O & M Direct
176	-	Accumulative Commodity by Branch
179	-	Accumulative Commodity all 0 & M Direct

EXPORT

191	-	Monthly Com	modity by	7 Branch		
201	-	Accumulated	Commodit	ty by Branc	h	
203	-	0 & M A.C.	Export Co	ommodity An	alysis	
205	-	0 & M A.C.	Export Ac	coumulative	Commodity	Analysis
(whe	re	0 & M = Oil	and Marin	ne and A.C.	= Associa	ted Company)

The other reports and their formats were:-

HOME

174	-	Monthly	Sales by Repr	esentative	:-	
REPR	ESE	NTATIVE	MONTH YEAR B/F YEAR TO DATE	NETT TURNOVER	GC	GC % OF TURNOVER

178 - Accumulative Commodity by Representative:-

COMMODITY COMMODITY REP. REP. FOOTAGE NETT GC GC % OF CODE NARRATIVE CODE NARRATIVE TURNOVER TURNOVER

(REP. = Representative)

EXPORT

209 - Accumulative Commodity Analysis by Country (Year to date):-

COMMODITY COUNTRY COMMODITY COUNTRY FOOTAGE NETT GC GC % OF NARRATIVE CODE TURNOVER TURNOVER CODE

The home reports 171 and 176 were further subdivided (see Table 2.1).

TABLE 2.1 HOME COMPUTER REPORTS - SUBDIVISIONS

Class Number	Class				
619	0 & M Project Engineering				
620	0 & M House Accounts				
621	O & M Home A.C.				
622	O & M Home Direct				

The export reports 191, 201 and 209 were also further subdivided (see Table 2.2).

TABLE 2.2 EXPORT COMPUTER REPORTS - SUBDIVISIONS

Class Number	Class
651	O & M Dunlop Direct Export
652	0 & M Dunlop A.C. Export
655	O & M Angus Tor. (Canada)) NACC
656	O & M Angus Inc. (USA))
659	0 & M Project Engineering

2.4.3 The Computer Reports - Background

SPECIMEN - Figure 2.9 'Home Monthly Commodity by Branch' - the basic computer format. (Additional specimen computer reports are presented in Appendix 2.3)

- ORIGINATOR Financial Accounts
- REQUIRED Monthly, Monday/Tuesday after month end

SOURCE DATA - Sales Invoices

DISTRIBUTION - Home reports to:

Export reports to:

Home Sales Manager (plus representatives) Product Manager Divisional) Marketing) Manager) perusal Divisional) only Director)

Export Sales Manager

(plus executives) Product Manager (Divisional Marketing (Manager

(Divisional Director

OBJECTIVES

- Reports were used by management to monitor the month and year to date financial status of the division The reports provided more detailed volume and

financial information than the manually compiled reports:

product by market, product by representative and product by country

The greater detail permitted a more vigorous analysis of actual performance against plan

ACTION

 The figures were studied in depth by the managers and then circulated to the salesmen
 If the performance against the plan in terms of volume and value was poor, marketing activities were reviewed and strategies formulated to correct the situation (e.g. increased marketing

efforts - more customer visits) Analysis of figures often indicated that price changes were needed to maintain profitability Sales lag behind orders by about six months and consequently management action in response to the reports was limited

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REPORT 171 - MONTHLY COMMODITY BY BRANCH

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2.5 THE WEAKNESSES OF THE COMPUTER SYSTEM

The system had been developed as an offshoot of the Hose Group system. There had been little involvement of Grimsby users in the design phase and the requirements of Industrial and Hydraulics divisions had been used as the basis for the development work. The establishment of management functions at Grimsby had only taken place in 1970 and the structure was just evolving and the specific information requirements were not fully appreciated. The system was effective for the other divisions because of the nature of their businesses, namely the manufacture of large quantities of long length small bore hoses. These divisions had a low turnover to volume ratio and the lag times between receipt of orders and processing of invoices was short.

The Oil and Marine division manufactured more sophisticated hoses (i.e. lower quantities of short length large bore hoses) and had a high turnover to volume ratio. Thus depending on the product, the bore and the length, the division's unit selling prices varied between £4,000 - £15,000 for large bore hose. The situation was further complicated by the lag of about six months between orders and their invoices. The old formats have a column headed FOCTAGE which was an appropriate measure of performance for the other divisions, whereas number of lengths was more suitable for the Grimsby

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situation. In fact, the Grimsby unit replaced footages on the input sheets with QUANTITIES (i.e. the number of lengths of hose).

In the early years, the division had very limited control over the system and all source documents, completed at Grimsby, were sent to Newcastle for data preparation and processing. This led to the production of inaccurate reports because of errors in source document preparation and others attributed to data preparation. The data for the three divisions of hose group often became mixed, making the end products meaningless. Also, if the Newcastle staff detected an omission, they inserted figures to make the data acceptable to the division which then caused anomalies in the output. The reports were printed at Newcastle and sent to Grimsby by Securicor services and this meant that the reports were always received late (often more than ten days after the month end).

The setting up of a terminal and telephone link relinquished the control of data preparation to the division. This improved the accuracy of the data and the timeliness of the final reports. The data was transmitted to Newcastle and vetted. Error listings were transmitted back to Grimsby for correction that same day. When both divisional and computer staffwere convinced that the data was correct, the

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reports were produced. Unfortunately, the division shared the Newcastle transmission/receiving equipment with another division and transmission of the reports was not possible on time considerations. Thus the finished reports were still delivered by Securicor.

The reports gained a reputation for inaccuracy and untimeliness and fell into disuse. The computer reports were reconciled to the manual report by the sales accounts staff responsible for source document preparation and errors were regularly found.

Two further disadvantages made the computer reports less useful to the division. Cne, the level of detail was inadequate for the division's specific needs and commodity code and footage, although more detailed than in the manual reports, were poor substitutes for commodity code, bore size and unit length. Two, the time lag between orders and invoices made these reports on sales turnover into a set of historical analyses which could not be used to effect any great control over divisional activities.

The computer system as used by the division did not help the division to monitor orders (the control stage) or the on-going outstanding order situation and left the division with many information problems which had to be tackled manually. Although a good idea of the value of outstanding orders was available from the marketing report, the volume mix responsible was unknown and it was realised that such information deficiencies were no longer acceptable to the division as the market leader in the offshore business.

2.6 CONCLUSION

As the management structure at Grimsby evolved, manual reports were designed to meet the early information needs. These reports, except for the orders received list, were financial summaries only, although some ad hoc volume analyses were compiled by the product manager to facilitate more detailed performance analysis. As the business grew,more detailed analyses of volume and value were required and a computerised sales information system was introduced to serve Hose Group (i.e. the Oil and Marine, Industrial and Hydraulics divisions). This computer system produced analyses every month but the volume figures were in a form more appropriate to the other divisions.

The manual reports were held in high esteem by the Grimsby users whereas the computer reports gained a reputation for poor accuracy and timeliness. The nature of the business changed and demand, prices, lead times and competition increased but the computer system was not modified to cater for these changes. Management found it increasingly difficult

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to extract useful information from the "inaccurate" computer reports and many of these fell into disuse. Thus the managers continued to rely strongly on the manual reports.

The major failing of the computer system, apart from inadequate product detail, inaccuracy and untimeliness, was that it dealt only with sales turnover. A period of about six months between receiving an order and invoicing it was common and this made the information on the reports too old to be used as an effective controlling agency. Furthermore, the division generally had a substantial outstandingorder book, consisting of fully and partly outstanding orders. This meant that, whilst management had a good idea of the value of such orders, their knowledge of the volume mix was negligible. Faced with rising costs, it became necessary to monitor this volume mix so that on-going gross contribution calculations could be performed. A detailed knowledge of outstanding orders was needed to enable production priorities to be set (to retain customer goodwill) and prices to be reviewed. The orders received stage was thus identified as the phase at which management could take corrective measures if indicated (e.g. low volume/value of orders compared to plan).

The feedback from the users indicated that the use of the computerised system was limited and that a new system more appropriate to the division's needs was required. It was fully appreciated that the potential of the computer resource

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was not being used. The need for a system to monitor (in various levels of detail) the orders received, the sales, the outstanding orders and the performance against plan was identified. The development of a new computer system to satisfy these requirements would save a considerable amount of staff time (i.e. manual compilations would require mammoth clerical efforts) and produce detailed, accurate and timely reports on a regular or ad hoc basis that would improve management efficiency and control. This indicated that a detailed investigation of the marketing and sales requirements should be undertaken (see Chapter 4) and then developed as part of the division's on-going commitment to computerisation.

CHAPTER 3

THE MANAGEMENT PLANNING SYSTEM

3.1 INTRODUCTION

Planning (30-34) is a very important function of management. In its broadest sense (34,35) it is 'deciding in advance what is to be done'.

From an organisational viewpoint, planning (31) is concerned with:

- i) setting organisational goals or objectives
- ii) determining the approach by which the goals and objectives are to be accomplished.

Thus planning (31,34) serves as a vehicle for coordinating the activities of the organisation toward defined and agreed upon objectives. It permits a manager to act with initiative and to create situations to the organisation's advantage instead of reacting to problems (crisis management).

Planning (36,37) has also been defined as:

i) 'Decision making concerning the future'

 ii) A decision making process involving the commitment of resources - money, people, time, capital - today; the payback or return on which will not be realised until some future period.

Thus planning will require predictions about future events for which decisions have to be made. Forecasting (36) must supply these necessary inputs for planning.

Formal planning (34) requires information processing. The way planning is carried out therefore depends heavily on the current state of information technology. The division's management information system was described in the last chapter and it is therefore easy to understand why the division's planning activities depended very heavily upon managerial judgement.

Thus the history of planning in the context of the company and the division is presented in this chapter. Planning is considered further in Chapter 5.

3.2 THE MANAGEMENT PLAN - COMPANY CONTEXT

3.2.1 History

The current approach to planning was introduced in 1963 and the company required each division to submit a Management

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Plan, annually, for consolidation into a Corporate Plan. This followed the decision of the company to decentralise and appoint Divisional General Managers with responsibility for all the affairs of their divisions (other than corporate structure and the supply of capital). The Corporate Plan was to serve as a control document for the company and operating funds were to be allocated to the divisions on the basis of their Management Plans. The detailed Management Plans were to constitute a basis for monitoring divisional performance and effecting control.

Before the Management Plan was introduced, divisional planning and control had been achieved by means of an Annual Budget Statement, which detailed the anticipated performance for the next operating year. This budget was expressed entirely in financial terms and was mainly an accountant's exercise.

The Management Planning Process was introduced so that the Executive Directors could ensure that divisional management directed their efforts towards achieving acceptable levels of earnings and return on capital. Against a background of corporate objectives, therefore, divisional managements were required to set out their objectives, strategies and action programmes for the three years of the plan period (i.e. for the detailed one year plan and summaries for a

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further two years) and to quantify the plans in financial terms.

The three year period was chosen to emphasise the importance of planning on influencing future activities, as opposed to accepting or reacting to situations (or crises) as they happened (31), without knowing whether the actions taken were in the best long-term interest of the divisions and the company. However, only the first year of each Management Plan was used for control purposes, both by the divisions and the head office. The divisions monitored their progress against their Management Plans and monthly reports were issued. The figures for the first year of the Management Plans were reviewed and updated (if necessary) twice a year in March and September.

The Management Plan was also designed to give the Executive Directors, Head Office staff and Corporate Planners the necessary detailed information for determining company policies, consolidation into the Corporate Plan and the distribution of operating funds. Much of the content and detail of the Management Plan was dictated by Head Office requirements and not by the divisional managements.

From both the company and divisional viewpoint, the advantages of the Management Plan were to:-

i) facilitate control of divisional operations

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- ii) encourage divisional management to take a longer term view of activities as a matter of habit, despite the day to day pressures
- iii) bring together all the aspects of the division's operations and direct efforts to achieve the long term objectives
 - iv) detail clearly where the division is going in the three year period
 - v) form a basis for orderly action and thereby minimise crisis management situations, without destroying flexibility and initiative.

3.2.2 The Format

The format of the plans prepared by the divisions was specified by Head Office staff.

A pro forma was sent to the divisions early in the year and this detailed the format, the content and the accounting rules to be used. (The format headings and the plan schedules are listed in Appendices 3.1 and 3.2 respectively.)

The use of a standard format and the systematic approach to planning enabled the corporate planners to analyse and review individual plans more easily, and this was important when dealing with so many divisions (and Pirelli units too) engaged in different businesses all over the world.

Divisional managements could exercise only minimal discretion over the level of detail to be included in, or omitted from the specified structure.

3.2.3 The Planning Operation

The planning operation (see figure 3.1) is a time consuming exercise (involving about six man-months of effort in the case of the Oil & Marine Division). It starts early in the year (preliminary work is started in late April or early May) and is completed in late September or early October. The exercise involves many people from each division in its many stages which include:-

- 1 the statement of assumptions and objectives for the plan period
- 2 the forecasts of general economic factors and major key indicators (from central economic planning)
- 3 the preparation of sales forecasts by representatives in conjunction with area sales managers
- 4 the coordination of the sales forecast consolidation and amendments, if necessary, by marketing management
- 5 the preparation of production budgets for one year
- 6 the derivation of cost standards and preparation of other functional budgets (e.g. research and development, advertising and training)
- 7 the profit estimates (i.e. the reconciliation of marketing budgets and established costs)
- 8 the capital expenditure forecasts (working capital, cash requirements)
- 9 the preparation of Master Plan, balance sheet, profit and loss account, together with a quantitative analysis of internal functions and market substantiated by key indicator data.

The planning cycle begins each year, as early as April or Nay, when the overall objectives and strategies of the divisions are formulated by the Divisional Directors and the Executive Directors.

The objectives and strategies of divisions have to be :-

- 1 consistent with corporate strategy
- 2 capable of producing the desired return on capital, appropriate to the division
- 3 consistent with the amount of capital that will be allocated to the division, within the operating year.

At the beginning of June, guidance notes are issued to the divisions. These contain the timetable, responsibilities and cost assumptions for the planning exercises. The major forecasting work on the markets is carried out in May and June and the standard costs are established in June and July.

In August, pricing policy is established by the divisions and prices are set, together with advertising appropriations and the capital expenditures and agreed by the Divisional Directors. At this stage, the action programmes to be included in the Management Plans are reviewed.

By September preliminary sales figures for the plan period are reviewed. These figures are consolidated by each division and submitted to Head Office in early October.

The Divisional Management Plans are then studied in detail by the Corporate Planners and Executive Directors. This is the critical stage of the planning cycle and, if the Management Plans are challenged, amendments may have to be made. Once the Management Plans are accepted by both the responsible divisions and Head Office management, they are consolidated into a Corporate Plan and reviewed by the central committee.

The final company plan is presented to the Board in January and, if accepted, each Divisional Management becomes responsible for the implementation of its own plan.

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The operating budgets and standards produced in the preparation of each Divisional Management Plan are then transmitted through each division to become the major instrument of control and measurement during the first year of operation.

Major reviews of the Management Plans are carried out by the divisions in March and September, by which time the next plans are under preparation.

3.2.4 Corporate Activity

The Corporate Planners make a consolidation of the figures for all the divisions and analyse the future prospects of the company. They then determine how the operating funds should be allocated to the divisions.

Funds are allocated on the basis of the total company picture, the divisional categorisation, the past performance of the divisions and current and future divisional plans.

The company has a three category divisional classification system which is described in Table 3.1.

TABLE 3.1 DIVISIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS

Class	Description
14	Highly profitable, with a high technology base and a strong growth forecast
1B	Highly profitable, with a high technology base (not as great as Class 1A) and strong growth
.2	Less profitable, with an old established technology (and mature products) and negligible growth
3	Similar to Class 2 but even less efficient

It is usual to find that Class LA and LB divisional managements receive the funds which they request, assuming that funds are available, with some reservations about Class 1B.

Class 2 divisions are usually given momentum capital only. This is the working capital required to cover the additional turnover requirements (indicated in the Management Plans) plus some modernisation capital to keep the factory equipment in order. These funds are insufficient to take the divisions into new markets which would involve new risks. Class 2 divisions are big earners in what could be described as well established and traditional markets. The Class 3 divisions have to compete, on their own merits, for proportionate shares of the remaining funds (if any).

Funds for innovation acquisitions are treated as a separate issue and are judged on their cwn merits and not as part of the normal allocation process.

Thus the Divisional Management Plans are very important documents which not only form the basis for the allocation of operating funds but serve as running manuals against which performances are measured and corrective actions are taken as necessary.

3.2.5 Recent Developments

In the sixties the divisions used to produce three plans, the short term (1 year), the medium term (3-5 years) and the long term (10 years).

The ten year plan has been removed from the planning scheme because of the gross inaccuracies experienced. However, the five year plan has been retained as a strategy document to encourage divisional managements to think about the future over more reasonable time period. The main plan used to consist of a detailed one year plan (i.e. the Management Flan) with projections for the next two years given as a summary, in financial terms, of a possible strategic outcome. Shortly after the author joined the company there was a shift in emphasis to favour the one year plan which became known as the Operational Plan. The longer term strategies were still formulated and controlled by the Divisional Directors and were based, in part, on the projection of the detailed one year plan. Thus, the current strategy plans were a result of the streamlining of the old three and ten year plans.

It was accepted by the company that the medium term strategy plans could not be quantified to any degree of accuracy but would serve as a guide to future planned activities of the divisions. This change in emphasis was in part due to the high inflation of recent years and a general business recession.

The one year plan (i.e. the Operational Plan) is carried out as previously described (Section 3.2.3), adhering to the same format and method, whilst the second and third year of the plan are now replaced by a separate five year strategy document. This strategy document makes no claim to accuracy but outlines future policies, sets financial objectives and suggests methods of achieving these.

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3.3 THE MANAGEMENT PLAN - DIVISIONAL CONTEXT

3.3.1 Introduction

The Management Plan is produced to reflect accurately the thinking of the management, in both volume and financial terms. The plan is constructed (tailor-made) using two constraints:-

1 what marketing management think they can sell

2 the physical limitations placed upon point (1) by the factory production capacity.

The form of the Management Plan is determined by the needs of the corporate planning section. Thus, the division submits its plan in the prescribed format (see Appendix 3.2). As the major function of the plan is to give the division a control facility, the plan is first produced in the most useful operational form. The information is then translated into the corporate format.

The core of the divisional plan is the sales forecast (in volume terms) and this is the weakest part of the planning exercise. The method of planning has not changed over the years and the current results indicate that more systematic approaches are required if accuracy is to be improved.

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The division produces a very detailed one year plan (see Figure 3.2 and Appendix 3.3) and a more consolidated strategy document (see Figure 3.3 and Appendix 3.4). A key to the abbreviations used to describe the plan formats appears in Table 3.2.

FIGURE 3.2 OPERATIONAL PLAN FORMAT YEAR = Y

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where Turnover $(\hat{x}) = Quantity (Q) x$ Unit Selling Frice (USP) and $GO_{\#}^{\#} = \left(\frac{\text{Total Selling Price} - \text{Total cost Price}}{\text{Total Selling Price}}\right) x \frac{100}{1}$ i.e. $GO_{\#}^{\#} = Q x \left(\frac{\text{USP} - \text{UCP}}{\text{USP}}\right) x \frac{100}{1}$

FIGURE 3.3

STRATEGY PLAN FORMAT YEARS Y+1, Y+2

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TABLE 3.2 KEY TO MANAGEMENT FLAN ABBREVIATIONS

Market Sectors	Other Symbols
HD - Home Direct	Q - Quantity (i.e. No lengths
HAC - Home Associated	or No items)
Companies	F - Footage
ED - Export Direct	£ - Turnover
EAC - Export Associated	GC% - Gross Contribution %
OE - Original Equipment	of Turnover
NACO - North American	USP - Unit Selling Price
Companies	UCP - Unit Cost Price

The figures from these detailed plans are used by the division to monitor and control its progress in the market and to prepare the consolidated company plan in accordance with the format (Appendix 3.2) prescribed by Head Office. The consolidation of the figures into the company format removes the means by which operational management effect control and it is for this reason that the division produces two versions of the plan.

The divisional version of the operational plan (Appendix 3.3) is a lengthy document and contains the one year picture for 170 products each with several bore sizes. Fortunately, not all the products are sold in each market sector and thus the content is reduced. Running horizontal and vertical totals complete the detailed plan matrix.

The strategy document detailed the volume demand (footage and quantity) for each product for each market and included divisional volume and value totals. This document was used to indicate the future in broad terms and a summarised version was sent to Head Office. No great accuracy could be attached to the volumes because the assumptions used to project the financial picture were subject to change in the lifetime of the document due to inflation, rising costs and other factors. The two year strategy document has now been extended to cover a five year period.

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3.3.3 The Planning Cycle

The planning cycle (Figure 3.4) is an on-going process and starts with the implementation of the plan (prepared in the previous year) in January. The actual plan figures are monitored monthly and in March the plan is reviewed, in the light of the performance during the first quarter. This first review is usually an appraisal of financial expectations, but some attention is paid to the product volumes.

The new planning phase commences as soon as this review is completed. Senior divisional management focus their attention on strategy formulations for the next calendar year and some guidance is given by Head Office staff. The sales forecast formats are produced and distributed in May/June. The volume plan is produced in June and July and turned into the financial plan in July and August. This detailed divisional plan is translated into the company format in August and September and is submitted to Head Office in October.

In the final stages of the new plan, in September, the second review of the current plan is undertaken. The major concern is the financial performance and alterations may

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be made based on the performance during the previous three quarters. Some attention is again paid to the volume of business and this serves to complement and explain the financial analyses.

At the end of the year the performance against plan is evaluated and the new plan is implemented to restart the cycle.

3.4 THE DIVISIONAL PLANNING OPERATION

The divisional one year operational (formerly management) plan is based on a volume forecast. Since the marketing department was established at Grimsby in 1970, only two methods of producing a volume forecast have been used, namely:-1 The Executive Judgement Approach 2 The Sales Force Composite plus Executive Judgement Approach The first method was only used for one year (1971) and was then replaced by the second method. These methods are outlined in the following sub-sections.

3.4.1 The Executive Judgement Approach

The plan was created by the Product Manager (now the Marketing Ccordinator) and the Divisional Marketing Manager (now the THE PLANNING CYCLE



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Commercial Director), after discussing the situation with the Sales Manager. The plan was based upon their volume forecast produced by virtue of their experience (38) in the market. The volume figures were produced in the light of the available sales history, order history, market knowledge, competitive knowledge and an instinctive feeling for the likely trends.

This method has been referred to as 'The Jury of Executive Opinion' (39) or Panel Consensus (40). In brief, the method consisted of combining and averaging managers' views concerning the items to be forecast in order to get the benefit of broad experience and opinion. This technique (38,39) is based on the assumption that several experts can arrive at a better forecast than one person because of the cross-fertilisation of ideas.

The interchange of ideas and experience meant that the product manager and the divisional marketing manager also made use of historical analogy (40) and visionary forecasts (40) during the preparation of the Management Plan.

The planning exercise was a long and tedious manual exercise as the volume plan was converted into the financial plan

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without the aid of electronic calculators.

The volume and financial plan, so produced, was studied in depth and adjustments made until it was considered to be acceptable both from the production and financial viewpoints.

This method has been used, and is still used, by many organisations (39). It is now often used to appraise and modify results obtained by using other techniques.

The method has produced acceptable results where the market is well defined, the product range is small and the bulk of the business is transacted with a few major customers. It is very dependent upon the experience of the 'planners' and becomes more inaccurate as the number of products, customers and competitors increases.

3.4.2 The Sales Force Composite, plus Executive Judgement Approach

The divisional management currently use, and have done so since 1971, the sales force composite plus executive judgement approach to planning.

The sales force composite approach (39) involves obtaining the views of the sales force and the sales managers on the likely

future sales of the products in their areas. The individual forecasts are then combined to get an aggregate (i.e. a composite) forecast of the division's potential sales.

The figures are then analysed by senior management who may make modifications based on their executive judgement (i.e. their knowledge of the factory production capacity, the market environment and other factors) to produce an acceptable plan.

A fuller description of this approach in the divisional context follows and a diagrammatic representation of the procedures is presented in Figure 3.5.

The senior divisional managers formulate their objectives and strategies for the plan period. Their proposals are presented to Head Office staff and may need to be modified to comply with the company guidelines. After these proposals have been approved, the divisional managers formulate detailed goals and policies to achieve these.

Sales forecast formats (see Appendix 3.5) listing all the products and bore sizes to be included in the plan are prepared. These formats, with an explanation of requirements and assumptions (e.g. which unit lengths are to be used) are issued to the sales force four to six weeks before the specified deadline, to allow plenty of time for thought and preparation. Even so, the formats are usually returned late after reminders have been issued.

The salesmen return their forecasts to their managers who study the figures, apply judgement (based on their wider experience and knowledge of the market and divisional policies) and combine these into the market forecasts. Thus, the Home Sales Manager produces consolidations of his salesmen's figures for the Home Direct and Associated Markets, whilst the Export Sales Manager does the same for the Export Direct, Associated, Projects and NACO Markets. The NACO forecasts are usually handled by telex and have a record of late submissions. Thus, the sales managers apply the first stage of executive judgement to the forecasts.

These consolidated market forecasts are submitted to the Product Manager who might make some slight modifications at this stage, based on his greater experience. The volumes are entered on the Management Plan format (Figure 3.2). The volume plan, so produced, is distributed to other management functions for analysis. The major functions interested in the volume plan are Production (to assess whether the plan volume and the plant capacity are compatible), Production Planning, Purchasing (to formulate buying requirements and policies) and Accounts (for costing). Comments and criticisms result in the Product Manager studying the volume plan in detail and comparing the figures with previous plans and manually compiled statistics (see Chapter 2 - Other Information) of orders and sales making certain modifications (the next stage of executive judgement).

The volume plan is then converted into a financial plan by the use of discounted selling prices and standard costs for the plan period. This is a lengthy exercise and is accomplished in two stages.

The first stage, the preparation of the turnover plan, involves the multiplication of quantities (for each bore size, product and market) by the appropriate unit selling prices. Horizontal and vertical running totals are also calculated. The plan, so produced, is reviewed and modifications may again be made (in terms of volume and/or value adjustments) to bring it into line with the initial plan objectives.

The second stage involves the calculation of the gross contribution as a value and as a percentage of turnover. This is also a length exercise, and the following calculations are performed for every bore size, product and market:-

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1 Gross Contribution (GC) = Total Selling Price - Total Cost Price 2 Gross Contribution % (GC%) = $\left(\frac{GC}{\text{Total Selling Price}}\right) \times \frac{100}{1}$

The financial calculations (turnover and GC%) are entered on the plan format (Figure 3.2).

When the two stages are completed a number of analyses (both volume and value) of the full plan are made (by product group and/or major product and bore sizes) to assist in the evaluation of the plan. Again judgement may be applied using past orders, statistics, sales statistics (see Chapter 2), previous plans, performance against previous plans, current orders, current sales and a knowledge of the market environment to produce a plan that has acceptable volume, turnover and profitability levels.

The plan is then distributed to senior and middle managers. Further review takes place and alterations may be made. The detailed divisional operational plan (Figure 3.2 and Appendix 3.3) is then translated into the company format (Appendix 3.2).

The plan, in the company format, is then presented by divisional management to the executive director responsible for the Oil and Marine Division. The plan is discussed and altered if and as necessary. The agreed plan is

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FIGURE 3.5

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submitted to Head Office (and further modified if necessary). The plan is consolidated with those of the other divisions and corporate planners make their recommendations on the basis of the total plan, the divisional plans, the divisional categories and the past divisional performances. The Dividional Director and the Board discuss the plan (and alterations may again be made) and funds are allocated to the division on the basis of the accepted one year plan.

The division then becomes responsible for the task of implementing, monitoring and controlling the plan and hopefully achieving the initial objectives.

3.5 THE CURRENT METHOD - CRITICISM

The present planning operation is based on forecasts submitted by the sales force compiled to the judgement of the managers. This method has been used by the division for many years and no alternatives have been investigated. Thus:-

3.5.1 The Advantages

1 The method relies upon the experience of the sales force (based on 2)

- 2 Face to face contact with the customers and the feedback of customer intentions (i.e. either indirectly via each salesman's assessment of customer intentions or directly via a definite statement of customer intentions)
- 3 It can be applied where historical data may not be available or applicable (e.g. the launch of a new product).

Unfortunately, the method becomes increasingly inaccurate when the business grows and the number of products, customers and competitors increases. Thus:-

3.5.2 The Disadvantages

- 1 There are many sources of potential error as the method relies very much upon guesswork
- 2 There is the problem of bias. The salesman may be either optimistic or pessimistic
- 3 The individuals in the customer firm are often unable to predict accurately their own requirements and may deliberately over-estimate in an attempt to guarantee their supplies
- 4 The salesmen are often unable to factor into their estimates variables such as the changing market structure and the competitive forces

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- 5 The judgemental amendments applied by the managers may be erroneous (optimistic - pessimistic). Indeed, the managers may be unable to assess correctly the bias of their salesmen and may therefore introduce compound errors
- 6 The method is susceptible to the biases of those who are most influential in the group (39).
- 7 The method is poor when there is a turnover of staff. A person new to the job and the business cannot be expected to have a 'feeling' for the market and consequently cannot be expected to produce accurate forecasts
- 8 The ability to produce accurate forecasts decreases as the number of variables (e.g. products, customers, competitors) to be considered increases. (In the case of the division, there are about 170 products, 1,000 customers and 10 main competitors.)
- 9 The sales force make their estimates with very limited statistical support and rely heavily on their 'experience' built up by long service in the market
- 10 The sales forecasts are prepared in June for the next operational year and thus the sales force are having to look eighteen months into the future. An assessment of the remaining six months of the current year is required for this may affect the potential for the plan period
- 11 The current planning operation is a very time consuming exercise (involving twenty people from the marketing

department alone, from the divisional director to the typists) and involves about six man-months of effort. The personnel involved in the planning exercise are not planners and their time commitment to planning at the expense of their other activities is often resented. The feeling of resentment is not conducive to accurate forecasting. Indeed, the past record of poor volume accuracy has only served to increase this feeling of resentment

- 12 The plan produced from the sales forecasts is costly (in terms of staff time and related salaries), rigid and contains no error limits (i.e. no indication of the uncertainties attached to the various figures).
- 13 The preparation of the plan is, unfortunately, an annual operation and it is very difficult to modify at the detailed level once it has been accepted
- 14 The financial plan, only, is reviewed twice a year and adjustments are made in value terms, if thought to be necessary. (A financial amendment of ± 10% is permissible within the company structure without having to alter the volume plan, i.e. without having to repeat the entire planning process)
- 15 The method is not amenable to continuous planning (i.e. the production of more than one plan a year) because of the prohibitive demands made on staff time. Indeed, the

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division has made no attempt to make planning into a continuous exercise although it has already been mentioned that work related to the preparation and monitoring of the plan continues throughout the year.

3.5.3 The Accuracy of the Current Method

The sales force composite plus executive judgement currently used by the division gives far from acceptable results. Although there has been reasonable agreement between the total value of the forecast and that actually realised (see Table 3.3), the volume mix responsible differed very considerably from that forecast (see Appendix 3.6).

TABLE 3.3 DIVISIONAL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE - PLAN v. ACTUAL

Year	Method	Plan £000's	Actual £000's	$\frac{\text{Actual}}{\text{Plan}} \ge \frac{100}{1}$		
1971	EJ	3,612	3,450	95.5		
1972	SFC + EJ	4,777	3,924	82.1		
1973	SFC + EJ	5,203	4,554	87.5		
1974	SFC + EJ	6,600	6,806	103.1		
1975	SFC + EJ	10,246	10,213	99.6		
1976	SFC + EJ	13,764	12,360	89.8		
1977	SFC + EJ	14,850	11,710	78.9		

Where EJ = Executive Judgement

SFC + EJ = Sales Force Composite plus Executive Judgement

This can be explained quite simply by reference to the following two equations:-

1 FORECAST $n_1c_1 + n_2c_2 + n_3c_3 + \dots + n_ic_i = V$ 2 ACTUAL $n_1c_1 + n_2c_2 + n_3c_3 + \dots + n_ic_i = V$

where

n₁ = volume forecast for product one
c₁ = unit selling price for product one
n₁ = actual volume sales for product one

In each case the value for all quantities of all products is V. The descrepancies between actual and forecast summing to zero in value terms.

The division has six market classifications and offers about 200 products (not all products are sold in each market) and so in crude terms there are between 600 - 1,200 possible contributions to V. It is, therefore, quite easy to appreciate that the actual results above the forecast will have a balancing effect on those below the forecast. The overall result is thus a value which is acceptably close to V but generated by a volume mix (Appendix 3.6) quite different from that forecast.

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The division went through a period of very rapid growth. A management structure evolved, at Grimsby, but the approach to planning was not modified. The division became the market leader in the large bore offshore hose business, a position which it has retained in spite of increasing competition, by virtue of its reputation for product quality and service and concerted marketing efforts.

The financial performance has improved but the volume of business has been declining (see Table 1.2) and this reflects the rising prices and increased competition from other hose manufacturers and alternative technologies. The comparison of results with those obtained in previous years is not a very satisfactory method of measuring performance as it does not indicate the market potential, hence the need for an accurate plan. Indeed, the global demand has increased over the years and yet the division's volume of business has declined, indicating that other manufacturers have improved their market shares at the division's expense. Thus the division realises that it must improve the quality of its volume forecasts to permit management to review the situation and formulate strategies to maintain if not improve its performance (in both volume and financial terms).

The need for accurate planning is great both at divisional and Head Office levels. The forms of the plan for divisional and Head Office use are well structured and serve to justify requests for operating funds and as a basis for monitoring performance. Significant deviations from the plan figures should cause management to take corrective action or else to re-assess the plan and make changes as necessary. However, at the detailed divisional level the use of the plan as a control agency is overshadowed by the limited credibility attached to the sales force forecasts in the light of the past record of inaccuracy.

The current planning procedure, i.e. the sales force composite plus judgement approach, is very time consuming and represents about six man-months of effort each year. The method involves people from many departments: marketing, production, production planning, production services (formerly work study), purchasing and accounts. Indeed, twenty people from the marketing department, from the divisional director to typists, are engaged for different lengths of time in the preparation of the plan. The volume forecasts are produced by the sales force and sales managers and these are analysed and form the basis of the volume plan. The volume plan is converted into a financial plan by the product manager and staff from the newly created market planning department, and this exercise takes

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approximately one month to complete, allowing for alterations. The record of the sales forecasts for inaccuracy has meant that there has been a need to modify and remodify the plan and review it constantly throughout its construction.

The end result of all this activity is a costly (in terms of time and salary of the preparers), rigid plan with no error estimates, that is theoretically acceptable in volume, turnover and profitability terms. Unfortunately, when the plan is implemented and monitored, discrepancies between actual and plan are evident. At the end of the year detailed analyses have shown that there is fair agreement between actual and planned turnover (see Table 3.2) but poor comparison between actual and planned volume (Appendix 3.6). Thus the plan fulfils its corporate function but its rigidity and past record of inaccuracy at the detailed level mean that its use at divisional level is not as great as it should be.

The method of plan preparation and its past record does little to stimulate confidence in plan accuracy and as a consequence the best is not being made of the potential business demands which are continually changing. Whilst the potential benefits to the many departments is appreciated, the measurable, tangible benefits are small and limited by the level of inaccuracy. The accuracy of the plan must be

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improved so that the departments can place greater reliability in the figures and use these to improve their efficiencies.

The changing market environment (i.e. the increase in the number of manufacturers, the similarity of products and the competitiveness of prices) and the division's past performance (i.e. increasing turnover for declining volumes) indicate that a more systematic approach to planning must be adopted by the division. An improvement should be possible if the emphasis is switched to continuous planning instead of being concentrated on the production of one rigid plan. The new divisional aim must be to plan and not just to produce a plan. The current planning system is too time consuming to justify its use to produce more than one plan a year. Thus, as the division bases its plan on a volume forecast, a detailed study of alternative approaches to forecasting (manual and/or computerised), in the context of divisional requirements, will be an important part of future work (see Chapter 5).

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CHAPTER 4

THE NEW INFORMATION SYSTEM

4.1 INTRODUCTION

The division and its information requirements have grown whilst the old information system, outlined in Chapter 2, has remained unchanged. Many of the computer reports had a record of inaccuracy and untimeliness and had consequently fallen into disuse and management relied heavily upon the limited, but accurate, information from the manual reports.

Today the complexity of business operations and the rate of change demand (41) that those who manage must be prepared to provide themselves with pertinent information. Indeed, systematic information has become essential to systematic management.

Thus, information, the failure of the old system and the development of the new system will be discussed. Indeed, the division, in line with company policy, had a commitment (see Figure 4.1) to computerisation.

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OVERVIEW OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED GRIMSBY COMPUTER SYSTEMS

FIGURE 4.1

(Position in September 1974)

Industrial Engineering	A Labour Per- formance B Evaluation of Standards fandards
Technical	B Product Design B Cost Enquiries C Development Project Control C quality Control C Test Analysis KEY A B KEY A B L
Engineering	C Planned Maintenance C Equipment Development C Expense Analysis
Accounts	<pre>B Product Costing A Evaluation of Production A Expense Analysis B Material Variances B Payroll & Wages Analysis Analysis C Ledger - Sale - Purchas - Nomina C Operating Reports Reports C Fixed Assets Accounting Plan</pre>
Production	- B Production v. Plan B Production Monitoring
Planning & Supplies	C Capacity Flanning C Production Flans B Materials Requirements C Scheduling A Finished Goods Control B Stock Control B Material Stock Control C Goods Received C Despatch Facking Transport
Marketing	<pre>B Order Intake B Order Control A Sales Analysis C Sales Forecasting</pre>

The analysis of the old system, discussions with the managers and an appreciation of the literature (41-56) aided the development of a new and more appropriate information system.

4.2 INFORMATION

Knowledge, information, intelligence and data (42) are the components that management decisions are made of. A business encompasses many activities (e.g. marketing) and it is the function of management to control these activities for the economic good (33) of the business.

Managers (42) are constantly making decisions, more often than not based upon insufficient information. Sometimes, management (42) just does not know enough about what it is doing in terms of information to make the best decisions, or even know what the feasible alternatives are in every situation. This is because of

- 1 the lack of time
- 2 the necessity for assimilating much of the useless information which is presented to management.

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Management is expected to have many characteristics, including comprehension, experience, cognizance, insight, perception, as well as substantial talents for communication, enlightenment, acquisition of knowledge and others which insure the skilful use of information.

However, while information is basic to all good management decisions and actions, it certainly does not insure good management. Nevertheless, it can be equally stated that bad information can almost certainly nullify good management.

Information (42,43) differs from data in that data is raw information, described (42) as facts in "isolation", appertaining to day-to-day activities, which does not enable decisions of any consequence to be made. Information is the aggregate of facts organised into knowledge or intelligence. Thus information is, necessarily, meaningful data, whereas data has no intrinsic meaning or significance in itself.

The distillation (43) of data through its being processed results in the creation of information. Information, if it is of proper quality, facilitates decision making and planning on the part of management.

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In the pre-computer era (42) both data and information were rare commodities. Indeed, the manager, especially the innovator (41), was forced to rely upon meagre unsystematic information and his ideas had to be developed from his own unaided experience, flair and imagination. The facilities are now vastly improved and are capable of meeting the manager's needs. However, his ideas will still need to be created from his own innate flair and imagination, but it is possible for him to make use of far more effective information than his predecessors ever had (i.e. information that he can use to stimulate his creative faculties (31) and test the soundness of his ideas). Today, data (42) is available in inverse proportion to the need for information. Thus the manager must now ascertain that the data collected will furnish the information required and then sift out the information found within the data.

4.3 INFORMATION - CATEGORIES

There are three main categories of business information, and these are related to the purpose for which the information is used. Thus, managers require information to help them make decisions in the areas (43,44) of Strategic Planning, Management (i.e. Tactical) Control and Operational Control.

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TABLE 4.1 INFORMATION - CATEGORIES, CHARACTERISTICS AND ACTIVITIES

Category	Characteristic Information Inputs	Activities
Strategic Planning	"External" data: Narket Analyses Technological Developments Government Actions Economic Data Trends Predictions "Internal" information Competitive intelligence	Choose company objectives Plan the organisation Set the personnel policies Set marketing policies Set research policies Choose new product lines Decide on non-routine capital expenditure
Mana gement Control	Control: Internal Information Historical Summaries Performance Comparisons Regular Reports Decision making: Trends Regular Reports Special Studies Product & Market Data Customer & Product Profiles Production - Process Efficiency	Formulate budgets Plan staff levels Plan working capital Formulate advertising programme Select research projects Choose product improvements Decide on plant rearrangement Decide on routine capital expenditure Formulate decision rules on operational control Measure, appraise & improve management performance
Operational Control	Product Data Inventory Reports Production Schedules Production Costs	Control hiring Control credit extension Control placement of advertisements Schedule production Control inventory Measure, appraise & improve workers' efficiency

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The information requirements of each are different and examples of the information characteristics and related activities for the three areas (44) are detailed in Table 4.1.

4.4 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Management information is produced by processing raw data. The term 'management information system' has become (43) synonymous with computer-based data processing systems.

The effective management information system (42) does specific things in response to specific requirements. It furnishes relevant data in useful form to the right person, at the right time, for use in management decisions.

The system (42) once defined tends to develop or evolve into a specialised hierarchy of information subsystems (some examples of systems and substems appear in Figure 4.1). Management information (43) arises from the routine data processed regularly in the organisation.

Management is responsible (42) for the important components of the Management Information System, which include:

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1 recognising the need

2 planning the system

- 3 implementing the system
- 4 operating the system
- 5 evaluating the operation
- 6 recycling additional requirements as needed

Each of these stages requires commitment and involvement on the part of management. Indeed, recognition (42) is perhaps the most important single management function in Management Information Systems, without it no system will be implemented.

Management has made its major decisions (often required early in the management process) with very little information. In the past, management has mustered the available information in an impromptu approach, usually having information which is neither well organised nor timely. Unfortunately, a Management Information System can provide no better support than the quality of management that has been introduced into it. Since the system cannot perform the impossible, early decisions will still be made on less information than the later, more routine decisions. It is also regrettable (42) that the information supplied by the system does not always insure that management will make full use of it.

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The decisions made by management cannot (43) be based entirely upon internal information. Additional information concerning customers, competitors, suppliers, new technologies and many other environmental factors is required and this tends to be of a diverse and subjective nature. The environmental information is derived from sales force reports and market research (38) studies involving surveys and analyses of published statistics. Thus, management decisions are usually made, consciously or unconsciously, on the basis of combined internal and external information.

4.5 THE NEW MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

A management information system is a set of procedures and methods for the regular, planned collection, analysis and presentation of information for use in making management decisions.

The failure of the old system to produce timely, accurate and relevant information for management control and planning activities suggested that a new, more systematic approach was required. The steps taken to remedy this deficiency of information by developing a new system are described in the following sections.

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4.5.1 The Steps in the Development of a System

The development of a Management Information System may be regarded as (45) a process of eight discrete steps:-

- 1 Establish or refine an information requirement
- 2 Develop gross system concepts
- 3 Obtain approval to detail a particular gross system
- 4 Prepare the detailed system specifications
- 5 Test
- 6 Implement
- 7 Document
- 8 Evaluate

These steps in the system development often overlap. Thus, it is not always possible to finish one step before going on to the next. It is also necessary to note that the process is iterative and that designers are often forced to recycle.

4.6 THE INFORMATION REQUIREMENT

The need for a new information system was established by considering:

- 1 the failure of the old computer system
- 2 the report appraisals
- 3 management decisions

4.6.1 The Failure of the Old computer System

The old information system was outlined (46) in chapter 2. Management had become increasingly dependent upon manually produced reports because the computer reports had gained a reputation for untimeliness and inaccuracy and had fallen into disuse.

The computer system failed because of four main reasons;

- 1 The system had been developed by adapting a system designed for the other two divisions in the Hose Group (i.e. Industrial and Hydraulics Divisions), with very little involvement of Oil and Marine staff (42,44,48, 49,52). This meant that the specific requirements of the division were never catered for. This was not an example of failure caused by management delegating the responsibility for design to the specialists, indeed the failure was caused by the system being imposed upon the division as a result of the company's policy on computerisation.
- 2 The control of the information system rested not with the divisional staff in Grimsby, but with data preparation staff in Newcastle. The divisional staff prepared the data input documents and sent these to Newcastle for punching and processing. If errors were detected these were returned to Grimsby for correction and this was time consuming and accounted for the

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untimeliness and inaccuracy of the reports which were often produced late with incomplete data or worse still, produced with data that had been incorrectly corrected by Newcastle staff. The delivery of the reports to Grimsby by road also contributed to the delay.

- 3 The system produced sales analysis reports only. These reports could not be used as the basis for management control because of the time differential between the receipt of an order and the processing of the related invoice(s) which was often in excess of six months.
- 4 The level of detail produced in the stendard reports (because of point 1) did not meet the specific requirements of the division. The reports (see Appendix 2.3) concentrated on financial analysis and paid little attention to product volumes. Although turnover and contribution were listed for the various product codes, there was no facility to produce analyses by bore size and unit length for each product code. The reports had a column heading "FOOTAGE" which was an appropriate volume indicator for Industrial and Hydraulics Divisions which dealt in long lengths of small bore hoses. However, "FOCTAGE" was not an appropriate volume measure for the division and instead the division used this column to show "NUMBER OF LENGTHS".

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4.6.2 The Report Appraisals

The manual and computer reports were discussed with the managers and examples of the findings are presented in Tables 4.2 - 4.5 and Appendix 4.1. A scoring system:

1 = Very bad 2 = Bad 3 = Fair 4 = Good 5 = Very good

was used to assess the reports.

The manual reports obtained higher scores than the computer reports. This was because they were designed and controlled by the users for the users. However, whilst the manual reports were held in high regard, it was appreciated that the level of detail was limited because the clerical effort involved was great and often accounted for the late issue of the reports.

The computer reports obtained low scores because they had been designed with little user involvement and were usually untimely and inaccurate. Furthermore, the level of detail was inappropriate to the divisional needs and the financial analyses produced by product code took no account of product sub classification and the related bore sizes and unit lengths. Thus the poor performance, due to say rising

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TABLE 4.2 ORDERS RECEIVED LIST - APPRAISAL BY SALES MANAGERS

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(Manual : Weekly, see Figure 2.1)

Objectives	To inform management of incoming order position			
Action	Identification of weekly contribution made by each salesman - stimulate performances			
Assessment:		Score:		
Relevant	Yes	5		
Timely	Yes	5		
Accurate	Yes 5			
Understandable	Yes	5.		
		TOTAL 20 (i.e. 100%)		

TABLE 4.3 SALES SYNOPSIS - APPRAISAL BY DIVISIONAL DIRECTOR

(Manual : Monthly, see Figure 2.2)

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To assess current performance - monitor trends				
Discuss with divisional manager marketing - reappraise targets if necessary				
Yes Yes Yes	<u>Score</u> : 4 4 4			
Yes	4 			
	To assess current perf trends Discuss with divisiona reappraise targets if Yes Yes Yes Yes			

TABLE 4.4 PRODUCT OPERATING REPORT - APPRAISAL BY HOME SALES MANAGER

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Cbjectives	To assess performance against plan (by product group)			
Action	Corrective measures initiated (e.g. more sales visits) if performance against plan is down			
Assessment: Relevant Timely Accurate Understandable	Yes No Moderately Yes	Score: 5 2 3 4 TOTAL 14 (i.e. 70%)		

(Manual : Monthly, see Figure 2.3)

TABLE 4.5 MONTHLY COMMODITY BY BRANCH - APPRAISAL BY HOME SALES MANAGER

(Computer : Monthly, see Figure 2.9)

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Objectives	To inform manager and his salesmen of up to date position of area with respect to turnover and profitability				
Action	Figures scrutinised by manager and circulated to representatives to stimulate action to increase turnover and improve profitability				
Assessment:		Score:			
Relevant	Yes. It is essential that this information is received	5			
Timely	No, usually very late	2			
Accurate	Statistics often diffi- cult to reconcile	3			
Understandable	New format is desirable	1			
	Design and the second second	TOTAL 11 (i.e. 55%)			

costs, of one product/sub-product size was often concealed at the expense of another size. This meant that the information in the computer reports was unsuitable for use as a control agency.

It was appreciated that a more systematic method of producing information appropriate to management needs was required.

4.6.3 Management Decisions

Managers make decisions (44) concerning planning, management control and operational control activities. Thus an understanding of the main decisions helps to determine the information requirement.

The main decision areas, the information characteristics and the decisions or activities, have in essence been presented in Table 4.1.

It is clear from Chapter 2 and from sections 4.6.1 and 4.6.2 that the existing system was capable of furnishing only a fraction of the information requirement listed in Table 4.1. The lack of this information limited management's ability to control and plan (see Chapter 3) effectively. A consideration of the existing information system (Chapter 2), the planning system (Chapter 3), section 4.6 and discussions with managers established that there was a need for a new and improved information system. Indeed, a threefold requirement was identified:

- 1 An Historical Analysis System to produce various analyses of the data from previous years to help planning activities
- 2 A Management Reporting System to produce various analyses of current data to permit performance to be monitored and hence better control of activities
- 3 A Market Research System to provide information on the environment

The development of the historical analysis and management reporting systems was undertaken by the author whilst formalised market research was undertaken, for the first time, by other staff in the newly formed Market Planning Department.

The historical analysis and management reporting systems will be described in this chapter and market research will be referred to in Chapter 5.

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The need for internal management information was estblished in section 4.6. A twofold internal information requirement was identified and comprised:

- 1 Historical Analysis Reports analysing old data
- 2 Management Reports analysing current date

An overview of a system to produce this information by manual mechanical or electronic means is shown in Figure 4.2.

FIGURE 4.2

SYSTEM OVERVIEW



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A lack of statistics, in appropriate levels of detail, limited the accuracy of the division's management plan, described in Chapter 3. The plan was based upon the sales force estimates and the judgement of the managers. The judgement of the managers was based upon their experience of the market and a qualitative feeling for what had happened in the past, augmented by some manually prepared statistics of a limited nature.

A historical analysis system, capable of producing more appropriate statistics, was needed to:

- 1 enhance the present planning system
- 2 form the basis for more systematic planning, based for example on statistical forecasting
- 3 aid the sales force, especially those members new to the business, to prepare for business trips. (Thus a knowledge of previous orders, at product level detail, by customer could be used to assess the likely replacement business and hence more systematic field trips.)

The processing of invoices often occurred six months after the receipt of orders. Consequently, the importance of order analysis as an aid to management control and planning

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activities was appreciated.

Orders received lists (see Figure 2.1) were available from 1970 to date. A wealth of data was contained in these lists but analysis was required to produce information at appropriate detail levels for use in planning activities. The orders received lists contained market, customer, location, product and financial details and numerous analyses were possible.

Three main information requirements were identified to aid planning activities, using the orders received lists as source documents. These are outlined in figure 4.3.

The volume of data to be analysed was large and it was estimated that there were some 10,000 lines of orders received data per year. This meant that, for the period July 1970 (when the orders received list was issued) to December 1976 there were some 65,000 lines of data to be analysed.

A consideration of the time taken to produce the limited statistics currently available, and a discussion of the problem with local managers and group systems staff indicated that the historical analysis system should be computerised. It was further appreciated that, by computerising the data, additional analyses could be produced, as required, by means of simple interrogations.

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FIGURE 4.3

HISTORICAL ANALYSIS SYSTEM - CVERVIEW



Source: Orders Received Lists

Detailing: Year, week, market, representative, customer, order no., location, quantity, length, bore, commodity code, value

> Detailing: Product, bore, length, quantity (month, quarter, year), market

Detailing: Product, bore, quantity (quarter, year), market

Detailing: Product, bore, country, year

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Information was not available in the level of detail required to permit effective monitoring and control of divisional activities.

Discussions with the managers indicated that a reporting system was needed to

- 1 produce information which is relevant, timely, accurate
 and easily understandable
- 2 produce information on orders, outstanding orders, sales and performance against plan, in various levels of detail (e.g. market, area, country, representative, customer and product) to permit better control of the business. The use of information for control is outlined further in points 3 to 6
- 3 produce detailed information at the product level to permit the evaluation of individual product profitability and hence control of the range of products offered
- 4 enable performance to be monitored (by market, area, country, representative, customer value and volume) to permit decisions to be made concerning sales representation, advertising, pricing policy and market research
- 5 enable constant monitoring of performance against plan (by value and/or volume) to permit corrective measures to be formulated (e.g. more sales representation, pricing) if necessary

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- 6 monitor outstanding orders (not previously done) to permit the assignment of production priorities, the formulation of pricing policies to maintain profitability and the setting of marketing objectives concerning undersubscribed products
- 7 to provide accurate current statistics to complement the historical statistics and aid planning activities

An appreciation of the literature (41-55) and discussions with marketing staff formed the basis for the design of the system.

The future potential (52,55) and the possible pitfalls(42, 44,48,49,50,52) were used to ensure that the information requirement was met and had scope for future development. Indeed, it was indicated (52,55) that a broader view of the information requirement be considered than that for one department.

The managers were interviewed to determine their requirements and were encouraged to participate (42,44,48,49,52) in the problem defining and solving stages. The approach finally adopted was a composite of the committee and low level approaches (51).

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Report formats were designed to meet the requirements discussed with the managers. These formats were analysed (50) and discussed with the managers, over a period of time, and changes were made. (The formats are discussed in greater detail in section 4.9.2).

The system was designed, initially, for the marketing department but the inputs and outputs were found to be suitable for other departmental needs (52,55). Thus the order inputs would be used by production planning and buying and the sales inputs would be used by accounts. Consideration, therefore, was given not only to marketing needs but also to future divisional needs (see Figure 4.1) and it became essential to ensure that the basic data would meet these needs.

The marketing department required four types of reports:

- 1 Orders Received Reports
- 2 Sales Reports
- 3 Outstanding Order Reports
- 4 Performance versus Plan Reports

An overview of the envisaged system is presented in Figure 4.4.

A consideration of the data volumes (see Table 4.6), the level of detail produced by the current manual method and the level of detail desired suggested that a computerised

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TABLE 4.6 MANAGEMENT REPORTING SYSTEM - DATA VOLUMES

Data Type Time I Period		Number of Data Items	
	Section of the sector of the	ange siker i	
Week	40	200	
Month	160	800	
Quarter	500	2,500	
Year	2,000	10,000	
Week	120	160	
Month	500	640	
Quarter	1,500	3,000	
Year	4,500	9,000	
'On average'	600	1,800	
Month		720	
Quarter	-	5,100	
	Time Period Week Month Quarter Year Week Month Quarter Year 'On average' Month Quarter	Time PeriodNumber of Source DocumentsWeek40 160 quarter Year160 2,000Week120 2,000Week120 1,500 quarter 1,500 Year600Von average'600Month quarter - quarter-	

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management information system should be developed. It was appreciated that by holding all the data in computer files additional analyses would be possible as new needs were identified.

The nature of the business and the decisions made meant that there was no demand for a rapid turn around of information and a batch processing system, rather than an on-line system (56), was preferred.

4.8 APPROVAL FOR SYSTEMS DESIGN

The approval to develop the proposed systems was obtained after a report detailing the likely costs and benefits was presented to management.

4.8.1 Cost Survey

A report outlining the systems and the required reports (the finalised versions of which are detailed in section 4.9) was presented to Group Management Services (Newcastle) and four external bureaux. The bureaux consulted were:

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1 Time Sharing Limited - (Birmingham	n)	1
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2 Comshare	- ((Wakefield)	
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3	Honeywell	- (Manchester	-	.)
4	Leasco Response	- (London)	_	

The division's requirements were discussed in detail and development and running cost estimates were obtained. These costs are detailed in Table 4.7.

TABLE 4.7

COST SURVEY RESULTS

Computer Organisation	Development Cost £	Annual Running Cost £		
In-House	9,850	1,600		
Time Sharing Limited	400	1,100		
Comshare .	200	1,200		
Honeywell	200	1,300		
Leasco	10,500	2,500		

On the basis of the cost survey, it was recommended that Time Sharing Limited should develop the proposed systems.

However, Group Management Services staff persuaded divisional management that the quality of the systems developed for the

quoted prices would be poor. The divisional management were wary of using outside facilities and decided to use in-house facilities to develop the marketing/sales application as part of the longer term commitment (see Figure 4.1) to computerisation.

4.8.2 System Justification

The divisional management, because of their previous poor experiences with computer systems (Chapter 2), exhibited resistance to change (47) and this was only overcome by the timely arrival of the Chief Accountant and the Market Planning Manager who supported the need for the system. It was advocated that the system should be evaluated in terms of its estimated effects on efficiency and not just on cost savings (47,51). Unfortunately, managers found it very difficult at this stage, because of their lack of experience of the worth of good information, to quantify the potential benefits. Thus the system was justified on the basis that the information was needed and that the computer approach produced a saving over a manual approach (see Table 4.8).

Thus analysis indicated that the break even point would be reached late in the second year, after which an annual saving of £5,750 could be expected.

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TABLE 4.8 BENEFIT ANALYSIS - IN HOUSE COMPUTER VERSUS MANUAL METHOD

System	Development	Annual	Years £ Cumulative		Years & Cumulative		Years & Cumulative		
Cost	Cost	1	2	3	4	5			
Manual (2 clerks + over- heads)	-	7,000	7,000	14,000	21,000	28,000	35,000		
Computer System	9,850	1,600							
(Old System)		-350							
	9,850	1,250	11,100	12,350	13,600	14,850	16,100		
SAVING			-4,100	650	6,400	13,150	18,900		

4.9 DETAILED SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

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The detailed system specifications were developed by the author and Group Systems staff, whilst the users were involved (42,44,48,49,52) to ensure that their requirements were met.

Attention was paid to the proposed reports (50) and every effort was taken to provide information at the right level of detail. The historical analysis system (section 4.9.1) had to be developed independently of the management reporting system (section 4.9.2). The reporting system required more detailed data than was available from the orders received lists, and the transformation of some 65,000 data lines from one format to another was dismissed. Thus the historical analysis system was developed using the existing orders received lists as source documents. The data for the new reporting system would be accumulated to produce fresh statistics as those for 1970-1976 lost their value through age.

4.9.1 Historical Analysis System - Specification

Three main analyses, to help planning activities, were identified:

- 1 Detailed product analysis by market showing the volume of business by product, bore, length, market, month, quarter and year, separate analysis for each year (1970-1976).
- 2 Product Analysis Summary (1970-1976) showing the volume of business by product, bore, market, quarter and year. One analysis for 1970-1976.
- 3 Product Analysis by Country (1970-1976) showing the volume of business by product, bore, country and year. One analysis for 1970-1976.

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Diagrammatic representations of the output formats are presented in Appendix 4.2.

The orders received lists (see Figure 2.1) were the source documents for these analyses. Discussions with the Data Processing staff resulted in coded orders received lists (see Appendix 4.3) being used as input documents.

A standard package, QUEST (Query, Extract, Sort and Tabulate), was used to produce the required analyses. The package also permitted additional analyses of the data to be carried out.

4.9.2 Management Reporting System - Specification

The preliminary output forms were examined (50) and the information requirement reappraised. The possibility of producing (43) on-demand, exception, and ad hoc reports to complement or replace the standard reports was considered. Managers were unable to define their business well enough at this stage to permit an exception reporting system (43) to be developed. It was realised that ad hoc reports, to complement the standard reports, could be produced by use of the standard QUEST package. However, the users favoured the standard and regular reporting approach.

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A need for various analyses of:

1 orders received

2 sales

3 outstanding orders

4 performance against plan

was established. An example of the detail and format of one of the proposed reports is presented in Figure 4.5. The other reports are presented in Appendix 4.4.

The input documents for this system were designed and examples are presented in Appendix 4.5. There were four types of inputs:

- 1 Master file inputs (e.g. area/country codes)
- 2 Data inputs
- 3 Plan inputs
- 4 Maintenance inputs (e.g. order amendments)

(e.g. orders)

A diagrammatic representation of the marketing/sales system is presented in Figure 4.6.

Data validation procedures were specified to prevent corrupt data from entering the system and included the standard field checks (i.e. alpha, numeric, alpha/numeric) and checks against master file data (customer account number, area/country code, product group/product code).

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REPORT O1

WEEKLY ORDERS RECEIVED LIST

- To report in a readily assimilated format a detailed breakdown of orders received in the previous week ı Objective
- Marketing Management 1

Distribution

Frequency

Action

- Weekly ı
- To assess the order intake situation for the previous week and raise any resulting queries. 1

To arrange for all order/items with no estimated gross contribution shown to have an estimated cost input before the month end run.

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Where - CN = Order No., CC = Commodity Code, B = Bore, L = Length, NI = No Items, Est = Estimated,

GC = Gross Contribution

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The existing product group classification was extended (see Appendix 4.6) by the introduction of product sub groups to permit the grouping together of like products (and hence easier ad hoc interrogation).

A new area/country classification (Appendix 4.7) was introduced to replace the old inappropriate classification (Appendix 4.8).

To permit customer analyses an account numbering system was introduced. The account number contained ten digits, the last being a check digit to eliminate possible transcription and transposition errors.

A more detailed set of diagrammatic representations of the system is presented in Appendix 4.9 and report distribution is detailed in Appendix 4.10.

4.10 TESTING

The author produced test data and specimen results for both the historical analysis system and the management reporting system. THE MARKETING/SALES SYSTEM



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4.10.1 Historical Analysis System - Test

The production of test data for this system was quite straightforward. Data from various orders received lists were coded (see Appendix 4.3).

The three reports produced were checked against the specimen answers. Excellent agreement was obtained for the two product analyses by market (Appendix 4.2 and 4.3) but the results for the country analysis were poor.

The failure of the country analyses was attributable to mis-punching and transpositions of letters in the country name. The validation process for the historical analysis system only checked the input fields for their alpha, alpha-numeric or numeric nature and no checks against standard tables of countries and product codes was undertaken.

The punching error on numeric fields was established from the test sample as less than 1% and this was most acceptable.

To achieve this accuracy for the country analysis, it was decided to compare all country names against a standard file and correct the rejections.

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4.10.2 Management Reporting System - Test

The preparation of the test data for this system was more involved than for the historical system. This time, order, sales, credit and master file (account number, area/country, product group/product code) inputs had to be prepared.

The results compared most favourably with the specimens and proved that the validation processes were working by reporting on the deliberately wrong elements.

The checking of the maintenance facilities was undertaken by group systems analysts.

As a result of the detailed checking undertaken by the systems staff, a few problems were identified and resolved.

4.11 IMPLEMENTATION

As a result of the successful testing of the two systems, an implementation plan was established. Timings were determined and responsibilities were assigned (46). 4.11.1 Historical Analysis System - Implementation

The historical analysis system was completed before the reporting system. Thus the author was able to accomplish the implementation whilst the development work for the management reporting system was still in progress.

The author collected all the orders received lists for 1970-1976 and checked these for completeness. Copies were missing from marketing department's master file but replacements were obtained from other recipients of the report.

The lists were then coded (see Appendix 4.3) and passed to data preparation staff on a weekly basis. Extremely poor quality lists were retyped and coded.

The data once punched was verified. The annual analyses by market were produced as soon as the data for each year was transmitted to Newcastle. However, because of their size the reports were delivered by road rather than being transmitted down the telephone line.

The summary analysis (1970-1976) was produced when all the data had been prepared, verified and transmitted.

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The analyses were shown to members of the marketing department and the results seemed to compare favourably with their qualitative assessments.

The country analysis was produced after some months, once country elements had been verified and errors corrected.

Specimen historical analyses are presented in Appendix 4.11

4.11.2 Management Reporting System - Implementation

The implementation of the reporting system was a longer term exercise when compared to the historical analysis system.

Group systems staff produced a Job Instruction Manual (see section 4.12) detailing the system. In November of 1976 the timescales and responsibilities for a January 1977 systems launch were established. The Systems staff held a half-day training session to explain the system to the managers and to the clerical staff who were to be responsible for data preparation. The bulk of the work was assigned to the author who was responsible for:

- 1 Product group/product code classifications (see Appendix Appendix 4.5.1 and 4.6
- 2 Area/country code classifications (see Appendix 4.5.2 and 4.7)

- 3 Customer account number creation (see Appendix 4.5.3)
- 4 Evaluating the outstanding order situation
- 5 Training the local clerical staff
- 6 Preparing outstanding order inputs (see Appendix 4.5.4 and 4.5.5)
- 7 Dating and batching outstanding inputs (see Appendix 4.5.6 and 4.5.7)
- 8 Correcting errors (see Appendix 4.5.8 4.5.13)
- 9 Preparing the monthly value plan inputs (see Appendix 4.5.14 and 4.5.15)
- 10 Preparing the quarterly volume/value plan inputs (see Appendix 4.5.16 and 4.5.17)
- 11 Controlling the input of new orders (from January 1977)
- 12 Report distribution (see Appendix 4.10)

Sales accounts were responsible for:

- 1 preparing and correcting sales inputs (see Appendix 4.5.18)
- 2 preparing and correcting credit inputs (see Appendix 4.5.19)
- 3 checking and batching of input (see Appendix 4.5.6 and 4.5.7)
- 4 requesting the standard reports (see Appendix 4.5.20)

The timescales were intended to have the master files, plans and outstanding orders prepared, on magnetic tape, ready for the systems launch on 1st January 1977.
The pre-implementation exercises (product classification, country classification and account number creation) were accomplished promptly.

The training of staff was undertaken first in groups and then on a one to one basis. Job instruction manuals, product classifications (Appendix 4.6), country classifications (Appendix 4.7) and customer account number files were made available to all clerical staff in the marketing and sales accounting areas. (The job instruction manual was a training document which fully explained the management reporting system in simple terms.) Considerable resistance was encountered but this was gradually overcome by close supervision and guidance until experience was gained.

The system was launched and there was still much work remaining to be done on the outstanding orders and the preparation of the plan. New orders were prepared by the sales clerks and this action was run in parallel with the preparation of outstanding orders.

The processing of sales invoices served as an aid in establishing outstanding orders. If a sales invoice was rejected because an order was not on file, it indicated that the order was outstanding and corrective measures were taken. After three months, the situation stabilised and rigorous monitoring of input and outstanding order files gradually brought the figures into line with the manual figures produced by the marketing coordinator.

The responsibilities and timings for order processing are detailed in figure 4.7. This was subject to delay because the marketing coordinator had to estimate the costs applying to each order. These estimates often differed from the costs calculated by costing department and entered on the invoice inputs. This caused discrepancies when the orders and sales file were interrogated to produce the reports.

Thus an improved approach, detailed in figure 4.8, was introduced to ensure that the data reached data processing staff on time and that both orders and invoices contained the same costs. Discrepancies still occurred because of rising cost over the life time of an order and these were closely monitored and corrected by marketing and sales accounts staff.

A similar set of responsibilities existed for sales accounts staff. The marketing and sales accounts staff were responsible for the correction of their own errors but jointly responsible for correction of errors caused by order/invoice clashes.

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In this rather hectic period certain deficiencies in the order maintenance procedures (for example, the inability to amend a part invoiced order) were detected. The findings were communicated to systems staff who corrected the situation.

Close liaison between marketing and sales accounts departments ensured the accuracy of the reports which gradually became accepted as valuable management tools.

Specimen management reports are presented in Appendix 4.12.



ORDER PROCESSING - RESPONSIBILITIES AND TIMINGS - MODIFIED APPROACH

FIGURE 4.8



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4.12 DOCUMENTATION

The documentation was twofold and was undertaken by group systems analysts who:

- 1 detailed the systems and the programmes (to permit easy maintenance and even modification, if required)
- 2 produced the job instruction manual (a comprehensive training guide for the user, explaining the use of all the standard input documents, the error messages that may appear on error reports and the corrective measures).

The historical analysis and management reporting systems have been operational for over $2\frac{1}{2}$ years. They provide information that was not available from the old information system, described in Chapter 2, and have proved to be very useful management aids.

4.13.1 The Historical Analysis System - Evaluation

The historical analysis system was designed to produce information to aid management planning activities,. described in Chapter 3. The management plan was produced from sales force estimates, modified by judgement, based on a qualitative feeling of the past because of the limited statistics that were available. The problems of producing estimates for 170 products, without a detailed knowledge of the past, were great and the accuracy of the volume plan was poor.

The historical analysis system produced statistics at the product level (i.e. the planning level) that were not . previously available to

1 aid the present planning system by providing the sales force, especially those new to the business, with detailed information by product, market and country, to complement their field experience

2 form the foundation for either the selection of a more appropriate forecasting method (38-40) or the development of a model to meet the specific needs of the division.

The statistics have been compared with the manual analyses produced for selected products by the marketing coordinator and agreement was good for the more recent years (1973-76). The figures for the period 1970-72 were believed to be less accurate because many alterations made to customer orders were not reported on the orders received lists. A further limitation of the early information was caused by products being phased out, product codes being changed and new products being introduced. Even so, the early statistics provide a picture of the market which is not available from management experience alone, especially when there has been a turnover of staff and management experience has been lost.

The information was produced, using the Quest package, for a cost of £500. Benefits were realised in the saving of the management time previously spent on manual analyses and in savings made by phasing out

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certain low profitability products. The combination of the historical analysis and management reporting information permitted Market Planning staff to identify certain lowvolume profit items that were occupying production capacity capable of producing higher returns. These products were removed from the range.

The information produced formed a valuable starting point for further work but it was also realised that there was a need for new information to complement the historical statistics. Some of the division's products have working life times of three years and six years of past data could not provide a full picture of trends. The information produced from analysis of the orders received file (1970-76) was to be extended by producing reports, in the same format, by interrogating the reporting system files by use of the Quest package. It is believed that, as the information is built up over the years, better forecasts will be produced.

4.13.2 The Management Reporting System - Evaluation

The management reporting system was designed to produce information, not previously available, to help managers to monitor, control and plan their business activities. The accuracy of the reports produced in the first months of operation was not good. This was attributable to

- 1 an imprecise knowledge of the outstanding order structure prevailing at the time of the systems launch, which led to much incorrect data being entered on file
- 2 poor data preparation

However, stringent control of data input by the author and analysis and correction of the cutstanding order file improved the accuracy of the reports.

The agreement between the computer reports and the manual summaries was encouraging and the managers began to make more and more use of the new reports.

The reports were produced in the formats requested by management and the comments (see representative examples in Appendix 4.13) were very favourable.

The example set by the Chief Accountant stimulated greater confidence and further promoted managerial use of the reports. . For example, the Product Operating Reports (orders and sales) were used at the monthly Management Committee meetings and at the frequent marketing meetings. The new reports enabled marketing department to

- 1 set new order targets
- 2 monitor outstanding orders and consequently set production priorities and establish which product groups were performing badly against plan and thereby initiate corrective action
- 3 establish the value and gross contributions for both orders and sales for the period and the year to date
- 4 establish which products were making low returns and consequently (in conjunction with the historical analyses) permit product range rationalisation
- 5 gauge the shift in profitability, caused by rising costs, by comparing the estimated contributions of orders with the actual contributions of the sales to permit more realistic pricing policies to be formulated.

The system was developed for £9,560 and the running cost for the first year was £800. These costs were less than those estimated by Group Management Services (see Table 4.7).

The information in the reports meets the specifications detailed in section 4.9.2 and initial observations

indicate that the managers are satisfied. However, because judgement and intuition as well as information plan an important part in overall management effectiveness, it was very difficult to quantify the effects of improved information flow. It was appreciated that the managers might be unable to make efficient and immediate use of all the available information and that in-depth training sessions would be required to permit both optimal use and effective evaluation of the system. The training was supplied and the users have learnt to control the information and apply it to their business activities.

The system has been responsible for a reduction in the amount of management time spent on collecting and analysing data both for day-to-day activities and longer term planning requirements. It has been estimated that some 280 man days of effort, for the marketing department alone, worth some £7,000, could subsequently be released for use in other activities as a result of the new information system. This, added to the benefits detailed in Table 4.8 coupled to the potential improvements in management control and planning activities fully justifies management commitment to the development of the system.

Managers have become more experienced in the skills required to control and use their information to help their

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business activities and have paid renewed attention to the changing nature of the business. Indeed, new requirements have been identified, some of which have been implemented (e.g. materials requirements - based on orders received, sales ledger and nominal ledger), whilst others are planned (e.g. production scheduling - based on orders received, sales force performance against quota - unheard of previously, and management planning).

The system continues to evolve and the users continue to gain experience. Further new aids to management, possibly in the form of extensions to the existing system, will be developed to encompass the needs of many of the departments of the division as management experience and familiarity with computer potential grows and the resistance to change and prejudices caused by the old system are dispelled by success of the new system. Managers have indicated that the use of the standard reports and the ability to request more detail using the Quest facility has helped them to improve the quality of their business activities and that they expect further improvement as their experience increases and new information needs are satisfied.

4.14 CONCLUSION

The need for a new information system was established by considering the limitations of the old system and the

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information required by managers to help them make decisions of various types. The eight stages of development outlined in section 4.5.1 were followed and resulted in the successful implementation of a new information system to meet the identified needs of the users. The development of the new system was enhanced by the involvement of the managers in the design phase but the latent reluctance to change had to be overcome during implementation. The timely appointment of the Chief Accountant and the Market Planning Manager, both having previous experience of successful computer systems, greatly assisted the implementation activities.

The reluctance to change was overcome when the use of the reports was demonstrated and the accuracy of the figures established against the trusted manual reports, produced in parallel during the implementation of the system.

The managers were satisfied with the system and often requested ad hoc reports to supplement the standard reports. Further management requirements have been identified and the prospects for more systematic management involving decisions based on timely and relevant information and judgement, rather than on judgement alone, are promising.

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The objective of producing an information system capable of meeting day to day control and longer term planning requirements was satisfactorily accomplished.

CHAPTER 5

TOWARDS MORE SYSTEMATIC PLANNING

5.1 INTRODUCTION

In Chapter 3 the current operational, formerly management, planning system was described. This plan is compiled by marketing staff who are responsible for implementing, monitoring and amending it.

The plan is a very important document and is used extensively at divisional level and also in summarised form as a unit to be built into the company corporate plan. It is on the basis of this summary that the divisional objectives and plan are sanctioned and operating funds, for the next calendar year, are allocated. At the detailed level for divisional use, the plan serves as a running manual for the many functions of the business. Thus, for example, the detailed plan is used by Marketing to monitor performance, by Production to determine manning levels and plant capacity, and by Purchasing to determine raw materials requirements.

The limitations of the planning system discussed in Chapter 3 indicated that a more systematic approach was

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needed to help divisional management, not only to maintain, but also to improve divisional performance. The current planning procedure is limited by the accuracy of the forecasts produced by the sales force. Consequently, better forecasts are required if the accuracy of the plan is to be improved.

5.2 PLANNING

Planning is a very important business function and must be carried out as systematically as possible in order to make the most of the existing and anticipated future opportunities.

5.2.1 Planning - Definitions

Planning has been described as:-

- 1 'Deciding in advance what is to be done' (34,35)
- 2 'Decision making concerning the future' (36)
- 3 'A decision making process involving the commitment of resources - money, people, time, capital - today; the payback or return on which will not be realised until some future period' (37)
- 4 'A continous decision making process' (37)
- 5 'The continuous process of making present entrepreneurial (risk-taking) decisions systematically and with the

'best possible knowledge of their futurity, organising systematically the efforts needed to carry out these decisions and measuring the results of these decisions against the expectation through organised systematic feedback' (57)

- 6 'A current creative thought process, which aims to anticipate accurately the trends and patterns of future events and their incidence; and to formulate a series of appropriate actions which will result in the fullest advantage being taken of the opportunities presented' (58)
- 7 'The systematic development of action programmes aimed at reaching agreed business objectives by a process of analysing, evaluating and selecting from among the opportunities which are foreseen' (59)
- 8 'Identifying alternative courses of action and presenting them and their effect for decision before their respective lead times are reached' (60)

5.2.2 Planning - Purpose

The purpose of planning (61) is to achieve the greatest possible success and efficiency in the conduct of a business, large or small.

The planning process (37) produces a road map for the organisation, by focussing on the future and hence providing a stable decision making environment for today.

Planning (59) provides a means whereby management can do things in anticipation of changes which are forecast, and, more importantly, make things happen rather than be forced to react to pressures when they arise from the environment. (Better planning reduces the occurrence of crisis management situations.)

The planning process (37) produces a plan which is intended (34) to bring about the behaviour that leads to desired outcomes. The plan (see Chapter 3) must (59) therefore:

- 1 describe the actions and outcomes
- 2 serve as a formal vehicle for coordination

Formalised planning encourages managers to think (58) about the future of the business and hence to be ready to face change. It requires that current strengths and weaknesses be appraised so that meaningful objectives can be set and strategies formulated to achieve these. The objectives (for example, increasing product sales) must be consistent with the available resources (e.g. product production capacities).

There are six characteristics (58) of a good plan:-

- 1 It should be based on clearly defined objectives
- 2 It should be simple
- 3 It should provide for a proper analysis and classification of actions

- 4 It should be flexible
- 5 It should be balanced
- 6 It should use available resources to the utmost before creating new authorities and new resources

To produce good plans to meet the objectives of the firm, a systematic approach involving a number of steps must be adopted.

5.2.3 The Planning Process

The effective planning (61) of business activities is a task which is placing a heavy responsibility on management. Policy decisions regarding future activities must be based upon sound and careful appraisal of those factors (e.g. competition, technological change, production capacity, manpower) which could have an important bearing upon the achievement of the plans envisaged for the future development of the firm.

The planning process (37,60) involves a number of steps (60):-

- 1 Study the opportunities, influences and constraints
- 2 Refine the initial objectives
- 3 Develop forecasts based on current strategies
- 4 Propose alternative or additional strategies to meet objectives

- 5 Evaluate strategies and develop new forecasts
- 6 Decide on the 'best plan'
- 7 Document the plan (see Chapter 3 and (59))
- 8 Allocate resources to implement the plan and resolve conflict
- 9 Control implementation of the plan

These steps permit the managers to consider the various business and environmental factors in the context of the planning process, and form a systematic basis for planning.

These steps impose a discipline on the managers to help them (62) maximise the anticipated opportunities. To make decisions about future courses of action, managers require information (63-65) about economic trends, political trends, social trends, competition, technological change, the market environment and internal performance. The internal information is produced by analysing the orders and sales statistics (see Chapter 4) and environmental information is (63) usually produced by market research (38,63-65).

Planning (36) concerns itself with future events as does forecasting. Forecasting can provide predictions about the state of these events in such a way that the planning concerning them can become more accurate. Forecasting (67) has to be regarded as an integral part of planning, as its "inventive core".

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It is from the picture (59) of the future, obtained from the information derived from forecasts, oriented to the particular interests of the firm, that the business opportunities facing it can be seen. The extent to which these opportunities can be exploited leads tospecific operational objectives. Strategies are then formulated to achieve the defined objectives.

5.3 FORECASTING

Business forecasting (61) has been developed to give a logical and comprehensive means of providing management with the information to determine the most advantageous plans which can be made with the anticipated resources of the business.

Traditionally, until the last two decades, the dominant approach to forecasting (67) was that of subjective 'judgement'. For many companies, the judgement approach remains the most significant but in others simple extrapolation techniques have been adopted and in some cases have been replaced by more sophisticated models.

Extensive use was made of the published literature (36-40, 59-121).

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5.3.1 Forecasting - Definitions

The purpose of forecasting, which has been described in various ways (compare Planning in Section 5.2.1), is:

- 1 'to provide predictions about the state of future events in such a way that the planning concerning them can become more accurate' (36)
- 2 'to predict future events so as to be able to take meaningful action now to allow future opportunities to be exploited as they occur' (38)
- 3 'to predict on the basis of scientific observations and applied experience' (68)
- 4 'to minimise uncertainty and to identify and evaluate risk' (69)
- 5 'to minimise the unknown factor' (58,61)
- 6 'the calculation of probable events' (61)
- 7 'not merely prediction it has to be regarded as an integral part of planning, as its inventive core' (66)
- 8 'a service whose purpose is to offer the best available basis for management expectations of the future, and to help management understand the implications for the firm's future of alternative courses of action available to them at the present' (70)

5.3.2 Forecasting - Purpose

Forecasts (59) are prepared to create a picture of the future so that the business opportunities facing the firm can be evaluated and plans made accordingly. The good manager (71) is not so much one who can minimise the effects of past mistakes, but rather one who can successfully manage the future. The manager needs to be able to answer many questions, for example:-

- 1 What will next month's sales be?
- 2 How much should be produced this month?
- 3 How much material should be bought?
- 4 What should the sales targets be?
- 5 What prices should be charged?
- 6 What will the profit be?

To obtain the best answers to questions like these, the manager would need to be able to see into the future. To be able to give the best practical answers, the manager needs to be able to forecast the future.

In the past most answers to such questions have been based (71) on unconscicus or semiconscious forecasts. In these forecasts it was frequently assumed that the future would be just like the recent past. The growing interest in forecasting is based on the belief that conscicus and careful thought cannot fail to help improve forecasting skill and thus the ability to get answers to questions concerning the future.

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Forecasting is a tool to help managers decide what needs to be done to maintain and improve performance in the market. In the short term, it is used to gauge the sales demand, for example for the products for the next year. In the longer term it is used to help managers answer questions such as:

1 What business will the firm be in in ten years?

2 What products will the firm be manufacturing?

3 Who will be the customers?

It has been said (72,73) that "The plain simple fact is that sales affect the operations of every department. No company function can afford to ignore the future outlook for the firm's products. The sales forecast is, in one form or another, the basic planning tool for every department - the master schedule upon which all other operations depend".

It is only by thinking about the future that the performance of the firm can be maintained in a changing environment (e.g. rising competition, rising costs - material - labour, new technologies - new manufacturing processes - new products). Forecasting is a planning tool (36,66) used to provide information about the future to permit better management decisions today (37) that will not realise a payback until some future period.

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Numerous methods of forecasting have been developed (36,40). Many are subjective (99) depending upon judgement whilst others are objective and depend upon historical data (107). Judgement applied to results obtained from the more sophisticated methods of projection can improve the accuracy.

The basic methods can be classified (40) into three general types:

- 1 qualitative techniques
- 2 time series analysis and projection
- 3 causal methods

5.4.1 Qualitative Techniques

These methods use qualitative data (expert opinion for example) and may or may not take the past into consideration. This group of methods includes:-

1 The Sales Force Composite

This approach (39) to forecasting involves obtaining the views of sales persons, sales management, or both on the outlook for individual products and/or total sales. It has the advantages of integrating judgement and experience in situations where historical data may not be available or applicable. However, it has the disadvantage of being susceptible to the biases of those who are the most influential in the sales group.

2 The Jury of Executive Opinion (Panel Consensus)

This method (38,39,40,72,99) consists of combining and averaging top executives' views concerning the item to be forecast. It is based on the assumption (40) that several experts can arrive at a better forecast than one person. There is no secrecy and communication is encouraged (unlike the Delphi method). It has the advantages (39) that forecasts can be provided easily and quickly without elaborate statistics and a range of management viewpoints can be considered. However, it is also susceptible to the biases of those who are the most influential in the group.

3 The Delphi Method

This approach (36,38,40,88,105) involves the independent interrogation of a panel of experts by a sequence of questionnaires. The responses to the questionnaires are used to produce another questionnaire (and so on). Any set of information available to some experts and not others is thus passed on, enabling all experts to have access to all information for forecasting. This technique limits the bandwagon effect of majority opinion because the experts do not come into contact with each other and the originator of the information on each of the circulated questionnaires is not named. However, it is often difficult to select a panel with the necessary experience.

4 Market Research

This is a systematic (38,39,40,114,120) formal and conscious procedure for evolving and testing hypotheses about real markets. It involves the gathering of information from both published statistics and the marketplace (surveys) to be used to gauge the future potentials.

5 Historical Analogy

This involves a comparative analysis (36,38,40,105) of the introduction and growth of similar new products and bases the forecast on similarity patterns. This method is obviously very useful for forecasting the demand for a new product, having no historical statistics, when data on a similar product is available.

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5.4.2 Quantitative Techniques - Time Series Analysis and Projection

These methods focus on patterns (36) and pattern changes (95). These are illustrated in figures 5.1 and 5.2.

The methods (40) rely entirely upon historical data. This group includes:-

1 Last period demand

This is a 'primitive' method (71,94,110,115) which uses the actual sales for the last time period as the best estimate of the next time period.

2 Simple Average

This involves (36,71,115) the averaging of all data, or a well-selected sample of them and using their mean as a forecast for the future, or the rest of the population. The mean forecast can only be used when the type of data is horizontal (see Figure 5.1), i.e. when there is no growth or decline. Otherwise, it will result in a large error between the actual and the predicted values.

3 Moving Average

This method (36,38,40,91,94,110,112,115) is similar to the simple or mean average (method 2) except that the FIGURE 5.1 COMMON DATA PATTERNS



FIGURE 5.2 COMMON DATA PATTERN CHANGES



number of data points averaged remains constant. In a time series this involves dropping the oldest information as a new value becomes available. The moving average can only be used for horizontal type data since it is a special form of the simple average method.

This method can be modified by assigning weights to the data to attach more significance to new data than to the old. The sum of the weights must be one.

The method requires (40) at least two years of past data.

4 Exponential Smoothing

This technique (36,38,39,40,71,74,75,79,82,84,89,91,94, 100,106,107-110,115,117) is very similar to the moving average, except that more recent points are given more weight. Descriptively, the new forecast is equal to the old one plus some portion of the past forecasting error.

Linear smoothing (36,75,82,83,106,115) is very similar to the simple exponential smoothing method and provides for an adjustment in case the data includes a trend.

Adaptive forecasting (or filtering) can be used (36,71, 77-79, 94,100,101,107) for any type of data (seasonal,

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cyclical or trend) and is very similar to the smoothing techniques in that it weights past observations in a manner which is determined by the technique itself in such a way that the error between the actual and forecast values is minimal. (It is called Adaptive Filtering because, in the process of minimising the error, it filters the disturbances out of the data).

The method (40) requires at least two years of past data.

5 Box-Jenkins

This technique (36,39,40,71,105,106,112) is a highly sophisticated approach to time series forecasting. It seeks to identify (39) patterns in the historical values of a time series and then to extrapolate these patterns into the future.

The time series (40) is fitted with a mathematical model that is optimal in the sense that it assigns smaller errors to history than any other model.

It is a very accurate method, but it is also (36,39,40) very expensive and difficult to use.

This method (40) requires at least two years of past data.

This technique (36,38,40,71,98,101,113,116) fits a trend line to a mathematical equation and then projects it into the future by means of this equation. Some examples are:

1	Straight line	:	Demand = a + bt
2	Parabola	:	Demand = $a + bt + ct^2$
.3	Simple Exponential	:	log(Demand) = a + bt
4	Logarithmic Parabola	:	$log(Demand) = a + bt + ct^2$
*5	Simple Modified Exponential	:	Demand = $a - br^t$
*6	Gompetz	:	log(Demand) = a - br
*7	Logistic	:	Demand = $1/(a + br^{t})$

where: a,b,c are constants and * a,b,r are positive constants with r less than one

The amount of data required varies with the technique used. However, a good rule of thumb (40) is to use a minimum of five years' annual data to start. Thereafter, the complete history.

5.4.3 Causal Methods

These methods (40) use highly refined and specific information about relationships between system elements and are powerful enough to take special events formally into account. As with time series analyses and projection techniques, the past is important to causal models. The methods in this group include:

1 Regression Model

This type of model (36,38-40,71,72,91,96,100,110,112,115) relates sales to time or to other economic, competitive or internal variables and estimates an equation using the least squares technique. For example:

1 Simple Regression Y = a + bX

2 Multiple Regression $Y = a + b_1 X_1 + b_2 + b_3 X_2 + \dots$

Multiple Regression (36) is one of the most powerful and flexible techniques. It determines the existence of some form of functional relationship between a dependent variable (e.g. sales) and a number of independent variables (e.g. prices, advertising, etc.) and estimates the parameters of equation 2 above. Through simple procedures Multiple Regression can handle trend, seasonal or cyclical type data and can provide confidence intervals, tests of significance and measures of goodness of fit between the forecast values and the data.

This method (40) requires several years' quarterly history to obtain good, meaningful relationships. (It is mathematically necessary to have two more observations than there are independent variables.)

2 Econometric Models

An econometric model (36,38-40,99,100,105) is a system of interdependent regression equations that describes some sector of economic sales or profit activity. The paramaters of the regression equations are usually estimated simultaneously. As a rule (40) these methods are relatively expensive to develop. However, due to the system of equations inherent in the models, they will better express the causalities involved than an ordinary regression equation.

This method (40) also requires æveral years' quarterly history to obtain good, meaningful relationships.

5.4.4 Other Methods

The methods mentioned in sections 5.4.1 - 5.4.3 are those most commonly used to produce, for example, sales forecasts. There are a number (36,40) of other quantitative (e.g. Product Life Cycle Analysis) and causal (e.g. Intention-to-buy and anticipation surveys, Input-output models, Leading indicators and economic input-output models) methods, each of which can contribute to better predictions if they can fulfil some particular need which cannot be met by the common methods.

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A forecast is produced to help managers make decisions about activities, that will realise a payback (37). Its ability to help managers must be assessed against five characteristics:

- 1 OBJECTIVITY the particular forecast values should not be dependent on the prejudices of the individual making the forecast. Even when 'predicting' values on the basis of objective judgement, an element of objectivity can be introduced by feeding back to the forecaster some measure of his performance. Thus a knowledge of the difference between actual and predicted values could permit modifications to be made. This is useful as most people are either optimistic or pessimistic. Some formal reporting of errors is therefore useful.
- 2 BIAS every forecast is inherently subject to error (there will be cases when the future event is larger than the forecast and cases when it is smaller. Usually the penalties of being over forecast are different from those for being under forecast (e.g. production capacity could be exceeded, causing delays and loss of customer satisfaction)).

A bias can be introduced to minimise the expected sum of these penalties. In many cases, however, the difference between being over or under forecast may be small and

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zero bias should be aimed for.

- 3 ESTIMATION OF ERROR it is very desirable to know the possible error the forecast might have, together with the probability of having an error that size. It is also desirable that the error be normally distributed, i.e. the probability of an error of a particular size gets smaller as the size of the error gets larger.
- 4 THE ERROR SIZE the smaller the error, the more powerful the forecast and the smaller the risk. Error size can be reduced by improving the forecasting system, usually at some expense, but even so there is a limit to the accuracy of any system. Another way of reducing risk is to reduce the lead time. It is nearly always possible to forecast with greater accuracy over a short lead time than over a long lead time.
- 5 TIME TAKEN TO PRODUCE THE FORECAST this is a very important factor in the business situation when very often answers are needed quickly. A rapid forecasting system will ensure the very latest information can be utilized, having the effect of shortening the lead time.

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To handle the increasing variety and complexity of managerial forecasting problems, many forecasting techniques (40) have been developed (see section 5.4) in recent years. Each method has its special use, and care must be taken to select the correct technique for the particular application. The manager as well as the forecaster (40,119) has a role to play in technique selection. Indeed, models (119) must have management support or, better yet, a champion to make them succeed. The better the manager understands the range of forecasting possibilities, the more likely it is that a company's forecasting efforts will be successful.

The selection of the method depends on many facturs - the context of the forecast, the relevance and availability of historical data, the degree of accuracy desirable, the time period of the forecast, the cost/benefit (or value) of the forecast to the company, and the time available for making the analyses.

Where a company wishes to forecast with reference to a particular product, it must consider the stage of the product's life cycle (105,119,120). The availability of data and the possibility of establishing relationships

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between the factors depend directly on the maturity of a product, and hence the life-cycle stage is a prime determinant of the forecasting method to be used.

Some suggested methods (40,105) and information available for the product life cycle stages are shown in figure 5.3.

Method selection is further constrained by cost, or more accurately by the cost of accuracy. Errors can be reduced by improving the forecasting system or selecting another more costly technique. A new technique (40) which offers potentially greater accuracy may require non-existent information, or information that is difficult to obtain. This kind of trade-off is relatively easy to make, but others will require considerably more thought. A balance must be obtained between technique accuracy and the cost of that technique. An indication of the cost of forecasting versus the cost of inaccuracy (40) is shown in Figure 5.4.

5.7 FORECASTING - INFORMATION REQUIREMENT

Forecasts are based upon a knowledge of the past internal and external environment compared with an appreciation of present and likely future events.

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Volume/ Value of Business				Time	
Product Life cycle Stage	Launch	Growth	Maturity	Decline	
Information	"None"	Orders Sales Market Intelli- gence	Orders Sales,Market Research Environmental Appraisal Competitive Information	Environmental Information - Dynamic Marketing Role to retain market share	
Suggested Forecasting Techniques	Predictive Qualitative: Panels, Delphi, Judgement, Historical, Analogy	Market Research, Surveys, Exponential Smoothing, Trends	Extrapolation Regression, Time Series, Econometric Models, Statistical Control Models, 'Tracking'	Predictive, (Case of survival of most aggressive .firm - signals phasing out of weak products	



FIGURE 5.3 PRODUCT LIFE CYCLE - FORECASTING TECHNIQUES

Information (64,65,71,121) is essential to forecasting (and hence to planning). This need is shown diagramatically in Figure 5.5 - 5.8:

FIGURE 5.5 FORECASTING - GENERAL MODELLING APPROACH (Reference (71)



FIGURE 5.6 FORECASTING - PRACTICAL STRUCTURE (Reference (111)



FIGURE 5.7

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

Reference (64)



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The purpose of planning, based on forecasting, is to help the division make the most of its opportunities (58). However, a consideration of the financial and volume performance, illustrated in Figure 5.9, shows that opportunities have not been exploited. The graphs show that the turnover has been increasing for a decreasing volume of business, due largely to spiralling prices. The indexing of the financial performance to a base year (1970) emphasises the poor performance. The business, i.e. the global demand for hoses, has increased in the time period illustrated and yet the division is selling fewer products now than in 1974 which indicates that the competitors are making more of the opportunities than the division. This is further emphasised by the fact that, for slightly increased volumes in 1977, the financial situation showed a general decrease for the first time - this was due to fierce competition and price reductions.

The division bases the construction of its operational plan (see Chapter 3) on a sales forecast. The structure of this plan is well defined (59) but the accuracy is limited by the forecast result obtained from the sales force composite plus executive judgement method. Whilst the financial estimates (see Table 3.3) have been good, the volume mix (see Appendix 3.6) has been very poor.

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FIGURE 5.9 DIVISIONAL PERFORMANCE - FINANCIAL AND VOLUME

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The division plans at the product level and so forecasts at the product level. The division offers approximately 200 products and operates in 6 markets. Fortunately, the problem does not involve 1,200 forecasts because not all products are sold in all markets. Even so, the accuracy of the plan is dependent upon the quality of about 600 product/market forecasts. These forecasts, unfortunately, have been based on management experience assisted by very limited statistics and the accuracy has left much to be desired. Consequently the benefits associated with an accurate volume/value plan are not being realised.

5.8.1 Divisional Forecasting - Reasons

The divisional marketing staff produce detailed volume forecasts to aid planning exercises. The volume forecasts are analysed by production staff who determine whether the figures are consistent with the production capacity - often modifications are required. The volume forecasts are used:

- 1 by Production to determine new plant needs
- 2 by Production to determine manning levels
- 3 indirectly by Personnel, in accord with point 2, to determine recruitment and training needs

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- 4 by Production Planning to produce advance schedules
- 5 by Furchasing to determing raw materials requirements and negotiate favourable terms and regular deliveries with the suppliers
- 6 by Marketing to determine pricing and discount policies
- 7 by Marketing to prepare the detailed volume/value plan against which to monitor performance and take corrective action, if needed
- 8 by Marketing to prepare the summarized financial plan, in the company format (see Chapter 3) for submission to Corporate headquarters to obtain operating funds for the next year
- 9 by Accounts, in conjunction with the financial plan, for analysis and costing
- 10 by Marketing to determine the level of sales representation and the amount of advertising required to achieve the forecast level of sales
- 11 by Marketing as the basis for preparing, in conjunction with the financial plan, strategy plans for divisional and corporate use (see Chapter 3).

5.8.2 Divisional Forecasting - Potential Value

The development of a new, more systematic approach to forecasting could prove (40) to be expensive and in general the more accurate the technique the more costly it will be. To justify any expenditure on an improved system, and indeed to determine how much should be spent, it is necessary to place a value on the planning/forecasting exercise. This may be done by attempting to assign values to the cost of producing the current plan and to the possible savings due to a quicker and more accurate method. Thus:

CURRENT COST - Planning and planning reviews have become ٦. a routine function of divisional activity over the years. The potential of accurate planning is appreciated, and desired, but no conscious thought has been given to the cost of producing the plan. This cost can be approximately measured in terms of staff time spent on planning and the value of this time in terms of salary. The preparation of the plan involves no fewer than twenty people from the marketing department, for varying periods of time, from the divisional director to typists. It is difficult to assess the amount of time each individual spends on planning activities, but a conservative estimate of the cost, to the marketing department, would be £5,000 p.a. Additional costs are incurred in terms of staff time contributed by production, production planning, purchasing and accounts. This cost produces a rigid plan, without error limits, which experience has shown to be acceptable in financial terms but unacceptable in volume terms.

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- 2 POTENTIAL SAVINGS These are twofold namely
 - Staff time Senior management's time commitment to planning (e.g. setting objectives) is assumed, here, to be constant, regardless of the method employed. However, savings in time commitments of all other marketing staff, engaged in planning could be realised. It is estimated that savings of £2,000 p.a. could be possible.
 - 2 Accuracy Improved accuracy would benefit many departments (see section 5.8.1). An accurate plan would form a basis for the smooth running of departmental activities. However, it was difficult to quantify the benefits of accuracy in most areas apart from purchasing.

In the past Purchasing Department has had an excellent record and has usually realised savings against standard. This was attributable to the large outstanding order book which meant that the raw materials requirement was based largely on known orders, complemented to a small degree by the forecast. However, the situation is changing and the outstanding order book is not so large and different raw materials are required for new products. Purchasing have stated that they will become more and more dependent upon the sales forecast in the future. Accurate forecasts would permit early negotiations with suppliers, the establishment of goodwill, scheduling of deliveries, purchases to be made in economic order quantities and better stock control. The division holds fin stock and this is turned over monthly. A one per cent saving on purchasing activity could represent £60,000 p.a. Discussions with Purchasing indicated that greater savings would be expected.

The division has a requirements for better management plans, derived from marketing plans, based on sales forecasts.

5.9.1 Market Flanning -Requirement

Market planning (58) aims to produce profitable growth and development through advantageous exploitation of change, whether it be by innovation, diversification or straightforward expansion. The plan so produced is based upon the interpretation of market intelligence, the apparent potential of the total market, the firm's estimated market share, the finances available and other resources, for example, personnel and plant needed to optimise the production and marketing operations within a stated timescale and specified budget.

A model market planning procedure (58) is outlined in Figure 5.10.

5.9.2 Divisional Forecasting - Requirement

The division requires more systematic forecasts in order to produce better management plans.

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FIGURE 5.10

A MODEL MARKET PLANNING PROCEDURE



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There are numerous forecasting techniques that have been well documented, and selection becomes a problem. A model forecasting procedure (38) is outlined in Figure 5.11.

FIGURE 5.11

A MODEL FORECASTING PROCEDURE



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The entire planning exercise currently hinges on the accuracy of the volume forecast and so new methods (possibly different methods for different products), capable of fulfilling the division's requirement, must either be selected from existing standard methods, or developed.

An overview of the requirement system is presented in Figure 5.12 .

5.10 ABC ANALYSIS - A FURTHER AID TO FORECASTING METHOD SELECTION

It was necessary to identify one or more forecasting techniques ap ropriate to the division's situation which involved the selling of low volumes of highly profitable products. The product range consisted of more than 170 products (each with several bore sizes) and the possibility of developing 170 models was not contemplated. Indeed, efforts were made to reduce the size of this problem to expedite the investigation of standard methods or customised models. There were numerous standard methods.available (see Section 5.4)

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FIGURE 5.12

DIVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS - OVERVIEW



varying from the simple and inexpensive to the sophisticated and expensive. It was, therefore, necessary to study the products and classify them by importance (and life cycle stage, Figure 5.3) to facilitate the choice of methods.

Thus an ABC analysis (94) was undertaken. This is based on the fact that, in many companies, a large proportion of the turnover is derived from the sales of a small part of the product range.

This characteristic is illustrated in Figure 5.13 which is based on the Pareto curve.

FIGURE 5.13

PARETO CURVE - ABC ANALYSIS



- A expensive or much used
 - use most sophisticated forecasting and monitoring method
- B medium priced or moderately used products
 use adaptive forecasting techniques without forecasting
- C lower priced products, often with low demands
 - no formal forecast, value assessed annually (judgement)

The division's products ar classified into six product groups (see Appendix 4.6). This classification provides a basis for ABC analysis and subsequent forecasting method selection.

The financial performance by product group (for several years) is detailed in Table 5.1.

Product Group	Hose Type	197 V	73 %	19' V	14	197 V	15	197 V	16 %	197 V	7* %
1	Machine	58	1	138	2	282	3	182	2	311	3
2	Dock	658	14	942	14	1641	16	1341	11	1619	13
3	Oil	3074	67	4484	65	6486	64	8802	71	7781	64
4	Dredger	162	4	515	8	347	3	309	3	823	7
5	Vacuum	386	9	464	7	587	6	742	6	917	8
6	Factored	222	5	263	4	870	8	1014	7	658	5
•	TCTALS	4560	100	6806	100	10213	100	12390	100	12109	100

TABLE 5.1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE BY PRODUCT GROUP (1975-77)

Where V = Value £000's

* = Estimated figures

These figures indicate that the percentage contribution by product group to annual turnover has reamined fairly constant for the past years and divisional managers believe that this trend will continue.

The figures suggest the following forecasting requirement:

Offshore Oil Hose	- sophisticated methods
Dock Hose	- less sophisticated methods
Others	- judgement methods (as at present

5.11 DATA COLLECTION

It has been stated (section 5.7) that information is an essential element in forecasting exercises. The results from section 5.10 indicate that data collection efforts should be concentrated on the important product groups, namely the Offshore Oil Hose and Dock Hose groups.

Internal and external information was needed as a basis for forecasting.

5.11.1 Internal Statistics

The need for historical statistics for forecasting (36,40, 71,94,101) was appreciated. At the outset of this peoject, detailed product level information (i.e. the level of detail forecast) was not available. Thus the development of an appropriate internal information system (see Chapter 4) formed the prelude to any forecasting activity. The internal information system, designed, comprised two parts:

- 1 The historical analysis system (1970-1976)
- 2 The management reporting system

The cost, in terms of preparing new style order input documents (see Chapter 4 and Appendix 4.5) for the years 1970-1976 was considered to be prohibitive. Consequently, the historical analysis system was developed, as a separate system, to use coded orders received lists (see Figure 2.1 and Appendix 4.3).

A routine was written (using the Quest facility, mentioned in Chapter 4) to interrogate the management reporting data, annually, to update the historical analyses available for 1970-1976. Specimens of these reports appear in Appendix 4.9.

The two systems could also be interrogated, using Quest, to produce ad hoc reports to aid forecasting activities.

The information available from these systems permitted other analyses to be made, for example:

- 1 Offshore Hose order volumes 1975-77 (see Appendix 5.1)
- 2 Divisional Financial Performance (see Appendix 5.2) by Sector 1971-77
- 3 Orders received Value Analysis (see Appendix 5.3) by Country 1971-77
- 4 Offshore Hose Orders received (see Appendix 5.4) by Customer 1977

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5 Offshore Hose - Orders received (see Appendix 5.5) by Country 1977

Analysis 4 shows that orders placed by the top ten customers accounts for 81.9% of the total value of offshore hose business. Also, analysis 5 shows that 77.25% of the total value of the offshore business is conducted with ten countries.

The internal statistics provide a firm foundation for the selection and/or development of alternative forecasting methods.

5.11.2 External Information

Market research activities (38,114,122) were instituted to obtain information (see section 5.7) to complement the internal statistics. These took two forms:

1 ANALYSIS OF PUBLISHED STATISTICS :-

The published statistics consulted served to supply more general information about the market and related external factors.

Statistics detailed in Chapter 1 concerning the oil market were obtained from numerous publications (1-27). These served to show that oil will continue to be an important commodity until the early part of the next

century and hence establish the need for hoses or some alternative technology.

Additional information was obtained by using the Export Trade Library facilities. The various publications detailed information by commodity and by country for imports and exports. The coding employed in these journals corresponded to two standards:

1) S.I.T.C.(R) - The United Nations Standard International Classification (revised)

2) B.T.N. - The Brussels Trade Nomenclature

Each commodity code has a sub classification and examples are:

CODE	621.05	- Hose piping, rubber (piping and tubing of unhardened vulcanised rubber)
SUB CLASSI- FICATION	4009.0009 4009.0144 4009.0265	 Suction Hose Wire braided hose Long length moulded and braided
	4009.0404	- Mandrel made, wrapped ply hose
	4009.0532	- Other

The journals provided statistics in weights, lengths and volumes for these categories for both import and export. Unfortunately, the statistics concerning hoses are not sufficiently well categorised to be useful to the division for forecasting purposes. Some of the journals consulted were:-

Overseas Trade Statistics (The government statistical service) Japan - Exports and Imports France - Statistique du Commerce Extérieur Iran - Foreign Trade Statistics Singapore - External Trade

The survey of the published statistics indicated that external information required by the division, to complement the internal statistics, for forecasting would have to be obtained by market research field surveys.

2 MARKET RESEARCH SURVEYS :-

It was accepted (63,64,65) that additional (external) information was required to complement the available internal historical statistics if better forecasts were to be produced. Thus information (65) was needed, for example, on the market, competitors and alternative technologies.

This additional information was to be supplied by market research (38,114,122). Market planning staff interviewed the sales force to collect the 'market intelligence' information gained on field trips. This information was analysed and filed for use.

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The knowledge possessed about the number of monobuoys in the world was thought to be poor and a questionnaire (see Appendix 5.6) was designed to collect information to check the results presented in Table 1.11 (see also section 2.3.8). This form was sent to the major customers (see Appendix 5.4) but the response was poor. The market planning staff then issued these analysis sheets to the sales force to be completed during business trips. Examples of the results are summarised in Appendix 5.7.

A consideration of the monobuoy figures and the feedback from the sales force concerning competition enabled the global demand to be assessed and permitted the market shares of the division and its competitors to be estimated (see Appendix 5.8).

5.12 DATA ANALYSIS

The abundant data made available as a result of the work mentioned in Chapter 4 and in section 5.11 had to be analysed to aid forecasting efforts.

5.12.1 Historical Data Analysis

The historical data available from the historical analyses (see Appendices 4.2 and 4.5) was:

- 1 used, in the short term, as a basis for hopefully improving the quality of the existing method (the sales force composite plus judgement method) described in Chapter 3. The sales force composite forms (see Appendix 3.5) were issued earlier than in previous years (i.e. 6-8 weeks before the data specified for their return) to give the sales force longer to prepare their estimates. This time, however, instead of having to rely upon their experience alone they were supplied with the historical figures (by market and by country). Whilst some volume estimates were in closer agreement with actuals than realised in previous years, the overall performance (see Table 3.3 - 1977) was down due to increased competition, reduced prices and reduced global demand.
- 2 to be used, in the longer term, as a basis for selecting and developing forecasting methods appropriate to the division's needs. To gain an appreciation of the data, numerous graphs of annual (see Appendix 5.9) and quarterly data (see Appendix 5.10) were drawn to see

if any underlying patterns (see figure 5.1) were easily discernible. It was generally accepted by divisional managers that there were groups of products having working life times of one, two and three years. It was hoped that underlying one, two and three year replacement cycles could be identified. A consideration of the graphs in Appendices 5.9 and 5.10 show that the pattern is more complex. Tier charts (71) in which quarterly data for several years were superimposed, were constructed (see Appendix 5.11) as further aids to identify seasonal and/or cyclical variations. This preliminary graphical analysis indicated that the data was very complex and often involved a combination of growth and/or decay trend, seasonal and cyclical behaviour. The simple methods (averages, moving averages, weighted moving averages, exponential smoothing, trend curve analysis and linear regression) do not seem to be immediately applicable to the data. Furthermore, given the postulated working lifetimes of the products, more data would be needed for the newer products to permit trends to be established. Methods capable of coping with combinations of trend, seasonality and cyclical behaviour such as modified exponential smoothing techniques (71,75,82,83,94,110) and adaptive techniques (36,71,77,79,94,100,101,107) are indicated. Sufficient

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data is not yet available to permit multiple regression and econometric models (see section 5.4) to be considered.

5.12.2 Market Research Data - Analysis

The information obtained from the questionnaire (see section 5.11.2 and Appendix 5.6) and summarised by major area (see Appendix 5.7) was used to calculate the potential replacement business using the estimated product working life cycles. Some of the results of this analysis are presented in Appendix 5.12. These figures formed the basis for the global estimate and market shares (see Appendix 5.8) were used to calculate the potential business for the division and for its competitors. These estimates were not used as the basis of the operational plan but were used by managers to aid their manipulations, based on experience, of the plan produced by the current method.

A more precise knowledge of the date of installation of each hose in each monobuoy installation coupled to more accurate working life times (calculated from the historical internal data - globally or for the geographic region under consideration, or from more detailed feedback from the customers) would increase the accuracy and usefulness of

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this method. Indeed, this approach could incorporate specialist information (e.g. the life cycle in given geographic areas) and form the basis of a customised model. This approach must be supported by more accurate information, constant/regular updating and better estimates of the market shares held by the division and its competitors.

More detailed data collection could permit monobuoys, oil consumptions and customer activites/prices to be built into a regression or econometric model.

5.13 FUTURE WORK

The divisional route to successful forecasting must be based on a more detailed analysis of the data to permit the selection or development of appropriate techniques (see Section 5.4).

The divisional problem can be simplified by considering the forecasting requirement in two phases:

- 1 Replacement business (about 75% of annual turnover)
- 2 Original equipment (about 25% of annual turnover)

It is hoped that historical statistics can be used to develop more systematic methods of forecasting the replacement business whilst market research can provide estimates of original equipment.

There are four routes to be explored to produce a solution to the forecasting problem:

- 1 Manual the present system could be improved by training the sales force to make better use of the statistics (and other approaches) and by using a computer procedure to convert the forecasts into the final plan (thereby reducing the staff effort involved in computation and typing).
- 2 Computer bureaux the availability of many techniques as standard packages does away with the expensive development work. The costs involved relate only to data preparation, data storage, model building and running time. The ability to analyse easily the same data using several techniques (each producing error estimates) permits the best model to be selected. (Costs Comshare - ca. £1,000)

3 In-house computer (total systems development) discussions with in-house computer staff indicated that there were no standard techniques available and that it would be some considerable time (1-2 years) before they could undertake any development work, because of other commitments. Problem solution by this approach would be expensive (and would depend on the nature of the forecasting techniques selected -£1,500 per technique and £10,000 for a full system was suggested). Indeed, the systems staff recommended the use of external services.

4 In-house computer (development of purchased packages) - discussions with systems staff indicated that this would be a cheaper approach than the total systems development mentioned in point 3. The package(s) would have to be identified by divisional staff. Systems staff would, before purchase, investigate the application possibilities for other divisions for the greater the demand, the easier the justification. The cost would depend on the number of packages needed and the systems support to adapt and implement these. (Systems analysis estimated that a cost of £5,000 would not be unreasonable.)

The need for data reduction (71) is essential. It is not economically feasible to prepare forecasts for each product - bore - market combination (i.e. 5,000 estimates). It is necessary to select product indicators from like families, so that the forecast of the 'indicator' can be used to generate the other product forecasts. Suitable models have to be selected

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to produce the 'indicator forecasts'.

The suitability of qualitative methods was thought to be limited except for

- forecasting the demand for a new product (no historical data)
- long term forecasting (when accuracy is not expected)

Greater analysis of quantitative (i.e. time series analyses and projection) techniques is required and selection will be aided as more data becomes available and the older data (of dubious accuracy) can be dropped. Substantially more data is required (on competitors - prices - products, alternative technologies, oil trends and customer trends) if causal methods are to be developed.

A process of evolution is indicated, and the division must progress from the qualitative techniques to the more sophisticated techniques gradually. This change can be accomplished with greater ease when the abilities of the preparer, the user and the user-preparer are considered (39) and management support and participation is given (118). Indeed, a champion of the cause (118) is needed. The arrival of the Market Planning Manager expedited the development of the information systems and introduced fresh stimulus into the forecasting problem.

5.14 CONCLUSION

Internal (Chapter 4) and external (section 5.11.2) data collection procedures have been established to produce information for forecasting.

At the commencement of this project, detailed product level information was not available and forecasts were based upon judgement. The sales force composite and judgement method (39) is still widely used but accuracy decreases as the variables to be considered increase. The division offers 170 products, each with 5 bore sizes and requires a forecast to be returned by each product and bore for each of the appropriate markets (this represents 5,000 product bore - market combinations) and this is just too much for the current method. The volume accuracy is poor but the financial accuracy is tolerable.

The failure of the division to produce accurate forecasts, and hence plans, has meant that it has failed to make the most of its opportunities and indeed whilst the global demand has increased, the division's market share has dropped.

The production of one rigid plan has contributed to this failure to seize opportunities and a choice of plans, applicable under different circumstances and involving different objectives and strategies (i.e. Contingency plans) would greatly help matters. Unfortunately, the division finds it difficult enough to produce one plan and the idea of producing more than one, with the effort that would be involved, was not considered.

The managers did not involve themselves in the forecasting study and were wary of mathematical techniques. Consequently, the support and participation (118) required for a successful outcome were missing initially.

The internal information system and the market research activities form a sound basis for the development of more appropriate forecasting systems. The magnitude of the problem suggests that a computer solution should be investigated. The use of external (bureau) services is recommended as the standard techniques are readily available. The testing of the standard techniques using the data available should allow appropriate techniques or customised models to be developed for the two important product groups (Offshore Oil Hose and Dock Hose).

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The identified models should then either be maintained on a bureau machine or developed by Group Systems Staff for internal use.

The ability to produce forecasts speedily by computer would mean that detailed reviews of the plan, its objectives and strategies could be carried out regularly which is not possible with the present approach.

The plan which is carved in stone and criticised when wrong, must be replaced with the ability to produce several plans easily.

The benefits to be derived from planning based on more accurate forecasts are great, but much work remains to be done before these can be realised.

CHAPTER 6

PROJECT OVERVIEW

6.1 INTRODUCTION

The division went through a period of rapid growth (see Table 1.2) without changing its supporting information and planning systems. The record of plan accuracy (see Table 3.3) was not good and divisional management realised that corrective measures must be taken if the division was to retain its position as market leader, in the face of increasing competition (see Appendix 5.8).

6.2 PROBLEM REVIEW

The division operated in a highly competitive growth market and the managers required more accurate plans to permit better direction and control of its activities.

The accuracy of the plans decreased as the product range expanded and the number of customers and competitors increased. The turnover of sales staff, with market knowledge, further limited the accuracy of the plans.
The division's approach to planning was dependent upon the experience of the sales force and senior marketing management. All decisions (69) are about the future and rest upon a view of the future. Forecasting (36) can provide information about future events to help decision making. Thus the problem of forecasting needs (69) to be approached in as scientific a manner as possible. Precise techniques need to be adopted. The literature (40) indicated that there were numeous forecasting techniques available and that the quantitative (i.e. time series analysis and projection) and causal methods required considerable amounts of data (63-65). This data was not available from the old information systems.

It was, therefore, necessary to make more information available to permit more systematic forecasting methods to be selected and/or developed.

Thus, the initial overview of the problems facing the division indicated that there were three phases to be tackled:

- 1 the development of an historical analysis system
- 2 the development of a management reporting system
- 3 the development of a more systematic forecasting system to aid planning activities.

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The information required to expedite forecasting activities and help managers in the day-to-day running of the division fell into two categories, namely internal and external statistics.

The internal information was of two types, namely historical statistics and current statistics. Systems were designed (see Chapter 4) to supply this information in the level of detail required.

The historical analysis system was designed to produce statistics to give managers a more quantitative (69) feeling for the past, to complement their qualitative experience, and also to form the basis for more systematic forecasting. The system produced statistics at product level detail (by country - see Appendix 4.2 and by market - see Appendices 4.2 and 4.11) which was the level of detail at which division planned.

The management reporting system was designed to :-

- 1 supply managers with up-to-date information
- 2 monitor performance against plan
- 3 update planning data (i.e. to update the statistics for 1970-76 supplied by the historical analysis system).

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This system fulfilled these three functions well and became accepted by managers as a valuable management tool.

The external information was supplied by market research involving literature surveys and field surveys. Market research had not been used as a formal tool until the marketing planning department was created in 1976. Before 1976 external information was derived from the reports written by the sales force after business trips. Attempts to encourage the sales force to collect more information during their field trips was not very successful. The sales force and sales managers concentrated their efforts on selling and believed that market research should be undertaken by other staff so as not to interfere with their activities. Thus, the market planning staff undertook many formalised market research projects (to evaluate global potential and competitor activity) whilst the sales force were gradually persuaded to report back more fully on the market intelligence obtained during their trips.

The information now available was greater than ever before and managers began to use it more and more to help them make decisions that had previously been based on judgement alone. However, the availability of more and better information did not immediately improve the quality of management

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decisions (50), because the managers had first to learn to use the information effectively and it was realised that this would take time.

The information available was intended not only to help the managers on a day to day basis, but also to provide the basis for better planning. The information was used extensively to try to improve the current forecasting exercises whilst alternative methods were being considered.

Unfortunately, commitment to the development, implementation and control of the information systems (the first two phases of the project) limited the progress made on the third phase (see Chapter 5). Management accepted that the information systems were a necessary prerequisite to a more systematic forecasting system and realised that such a system would have to be developed at a later stage.

6.4 CONCLUSION

The positive outcome of the project has been the implementation of a management information system to help managers in their day to day activities. The level of detail possible, and the availability of extra reports using the Quest facility has meant that managers now have an effective tool for monitoring and controlling divisional performance. (Thus, for example, if estimated contributions for a product are low, corrective pricing activities can be initiated to remedy the situation for the future).

The system has been justified (see section 4.8.2) when compared with the cost of producing the required information manually. It also produces savings in terms of management time released for other activites (e.g. additional business trips - the worth of which are difficult to assess). The divisional management are well satisfied with the system (see Appendix 6.1). The Market Planning Manager has commented:

'As you know, the manual system in existence prior to 1977 was somewhat disjointed and unreliable with great amounts of time, effort and patience necessary to get at the information. Although the computerised HIS at first appeared to baffle and confuse many of the people operating and using the system, I am pleased to report that, after great effort, initially by yourself of course, and individual education of all concerned, that the system has now become extremely efficient and effective.

The analysis reports, based on orders, sales and marketing information, are now being used by management to good advantage. Perhaps the most dramatic improvement has been the accessibility of information held on file via the Quest facility. This has certainly helped my own department a great deal.'

The combination of the historical analysis system and the management reporting system permitted certain weak products (119,120) to be phased out.

The introduction of market research, as a formal management tool, established that there would be a demand for oil until the early part of the next century (see Chapter 1 and Appendix 1.2) and consequently that there would be a continued demand for hose or an alternative technology for transportation purposes. Market research provided a vehicle for determining new uses for existing products, new customers for existing products, the possible demands for the products and the need for new products, their uses, the users and anticipated demands. Indeed, market research activities permitted marketing management to direct, for the first time, the efforts of research and development staff.

The information now available from internal and external sources forms a sound foundation for future work, namely the development of the planning system and systems for other divisional departments (e.g. Production Planning). The information required for effective forecasting (64,65) was just not available at the commencement of this project and this deficiency has now been rectified.

A considerable amount of work remains to be done to develop a more systematic forecasting system (which may involve the use of several techniques). The scope for the future has been discussed and the use of computer bureau facilities

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to develop appropriate models, using the information available, has been recommended. It is believed that the problem will be tackled with renewed vigour now that management resistance has been overcome by virtue of the successful implementation of the information system. The development of a forecasting system will be an evolutionary process and methods will be superseded by others as management experience and the demand for better accuracy increases. The initial system will probably be based on time series techniques (see section 5.4.2) and these will probably be replaced by causal models, for the major products, when more information from market research activities is available to complement the internal statistics.

One area of possible future development which has been highlighted by the results from the information system (see Appendix 5.4) was that 81.9% of offshore hose turnover (i.e. 54.4% of divisional turnover) for 1977 was realised from business with only 10 customers. It should therefore be possible to conduct market research surveys to establish potential offshore hose business to a high level of accuracy.

The information system has proved to be a valuable management tool and has stimulated much thought about future applications, for example forecasting, for which it forms a sound foundation for development. APPENDICES

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APPENDIX 1.1

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURES

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OIL & MARINE DIVISION : ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE (FRE 1974)



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DIVISIONAL MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE (JUNE 1978)

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APPENDIX 1.2

ENERGY STATISTICS

TABLE 1

TOTAL U.K. INLAND CONSUMPTION OF PRIMARY FUELS % SHARES

Year Fuel	1963	1964	1965	1966	1973	1974	1975	1976
Petroleum Coal Natural Gas Nuclear/Hydro	30.0 68.4 0.1 1.5	32.6 65.5 0.1 1.8	35 61.8 0.4 2.8	37.9 58.3 0.4 3.4	46.0 37.9 12.6 3.5	45.0 35.0 15.8 4.2	42.0 37.0 13.0 4.0	40.7 37.0 17.8 4.5
CONSUMPTION m TONS COAL EQUIVALENT	283.8	286.0	298.5	298.3	346.1	331.0	397.0	324.7

References: (12 - 15)

TABLE 2

ANALYSIS OF ENERGY USED BY ALL U.K. CUSTOMERS

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Year	1963	1964	1965	1973	1974	1975	1976
Petroleum	33	36	38	49	47	46	46
Coal	38	34	32	13	13	11	10
Other Solid Fuels	14	14	14	8	7	7	7
Gas	6.5	7	7	18	21	23	24
Electricity	8.5	9	9	12	12	13	13

References: (12 - 15)

TABLE 3

ANALYSIS OF ENERGY USED IN U.K. INDUSTRY

% SHARES

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Year	1963	1964	1965	1973	1974	1975	1976
Petroleum	32	33	36	44	42	40	38
Solid Fuel	54	52	49	25	24	23	23
Gas	6	6	6	20	23	25	27
Electricity	8	9	9	11	11	12	12

References: (12 - 15)

TABLE 4

ANALYSIS OF ENERGY USED BY SECTOR IN U.K. % SHARES

Year	1963	1964	1965	1973	1974	1975	1976
Industry	28	29	30	32	32	31	31
Iron/Steel	13	14	14	11	. 9	9	9
Domestic	29	27	27	24	26	26	25
Air	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Road	11	12	12	16	16	17	17
Rail/Water	5	4	3	1.5	2	2	2
Miscellaneous	6	6	6	5	5	5	6
Public Services	5	5	5	6	6	6	6
Agriculture	1	1	1	1.5	1	1	1

References: (12-15)

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TABLE 5

PETROLEUM ANALYSIS - U.K. ENERGY AND NON-ENERGY USES

UNITS MILLION TONNES OIL

Year	1965	1966	1973	1974	1975	1976
Power Stations Domestic Road Transport Iron & Steel Other Industry Other Customers	6.5 2.2 14.8 4.9 14.9 14.9	7.4 2.2 15.5 4.8 16.5 15.8	16.9 3.8 22.6 5.0 22.2 17.7	17.2 3.4 23.0 4.0 19.8 15.1	12.8 3.3 21.5 3.3 17.9 14.6	10.2 3.3 22.5 3.1 17.9 14.5
Total Energy Use	57.3	62.2	88.2	81.5	73.4	71.5
Non-Energy Use	6.4	6.8	11.1	10.8	8.3	8.8
Total Consumption	63.7	69.0	99.3	92.3	81.7	80.3
Refinery Output	60.9	66.3	106.0	103.1	86.6	90.3

References: (13 - 17)

The non-energy use, i.e. use as a raw material in industry, runs at approximately 10% of the total oil use per year.

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TABLE 6 ANALYSIS OF ENERGY RESCURCES USED IN U.K. ELECTRICITY GENERATION - THE IMPORTANCE OF OIL

Fuel	1965	1966	1973	1974	1975	1976
Coal, Coke Oil Natural Gas Nuclear Power Hydroelectric Power	70.1 10.6 - 4.5 1.8	68.8 12.2 - 6.4 1.9	75.7 28.0 1.1 8.2 1.7	66.0 28.5 3.9 10.3 1.8	73.6 21.1 3.4 9.3 1.6	76.6 16.8 2.5 11.2 1.6
Total Fuel Input	87.0	89.3	114.7	110.5	109.0	108.7
Oil %	12.2	13.6	24.4	25.8	19.8	15.5

UNITS MILLION TONNES COAL EQUIVALENT

References : (13 - 17)

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TABLE 7 ANALYSIS OF DELIVERIES INTO U.K. CONSUMPTION: GAS, DIESEL AND FUEL OILS - INLAND TRADE (EXCLUDING DERV)

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THOUSANDS OF TONS

Year	Gas, Diesel Oils	Fuel Cils	Total
1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975	- 6,001 6,856 7,587 8,073 9,025 10,348 11,918 12,370 14,874 14,861 13,366 12,844	- 28,824 31,463 33,663 35,298 35,694 38,957 43,908 44,859 46,973 45,765 43,572 35,925	26,280 29,648 32,033 34,825 38,319 41,250 43,372 44,719 49,305 -55,827 57,219 61,847 60,626 56,938 48,769
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THOUSAND	73	369	236	2261	133	3537	4657	2167	1410	1605	1505	. 623	106	16104	178
CTOR - (72	348	221	2197	209	3101	4761	2319	1428	1792	1842	573	120	17322	192
E) BY SE	11	357	396	2189	235	2779	2007	2563	1412	2121	1917	498	107	14310 ·	198
AND TRAL	02	401	373	2107	299	2370	5551	2853	1620	2388	1901	495	139	12046	244
LINIT) NO	69	423	364	1992	259	2083	5,578	2792	1671	2415	1782.	415	145	8369	262
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O UK COI	67	282	473	1737	194	2120	4740	2577	1585	2459	1604	361	267	. 7842	270
ES INT	66	254	548	1560	177	1744	4746	2445	.1542	2494	1492	359	787	7328	258
SLIVERI	65	762.	602	1442	170	.1643	4898	2374	1346	24422	1339	328	135	6670	238
UEL DI	64.	271	632	1292	139	1458	4428	2151	1206	2268	1173	286	115	6207	241
TABLE 8 ANALYSIS OF 1	YEAR	AGRICULTURE	MARINE	FOOD .	MINES/QUARRIES	CHEMICALS .	METALS	ENGINEERING	TEXTILE/LEATHER .	BRICKS/CERAMICS/CEMENT	TIMBER/RUBBER/PAPER	OTHER MANUFACT. IND	BUILDING/CONTRACTING	PUBLIC UTILITIES	LAUNDRIES -

References (19-26)

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TABLE 9

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ANALYSIS OF DELIVERIES INTO U.K. ELECTRICITY GENERATICN: GAS, DIESEL AND FUEL OILS - INLAND TRADE (EXCLUDING DERV FUEL)

THOUSANDS OF TONS

Fuel	Gas, Diesel Oils	Fuel Oils	Total
1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975	- - - - 754 438 443 606 958 706 1,615 840 715 415	- 5,506 5,965 6,882 7,359 6,359 7,984 11,717 14,115 17,124 15,884 16,760 12,119	5,698 6,025 5,493 5,895 6,536 7,636 7,788 6,802 8,590 12,675 14,821 18,739 16,724 17,475 13,134

References: (19 - 26)

TABLE 10 TOTAL EXPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND REFINED PRODUCTS BY PRODUCERS

THOUSAND BARRELS PER DAY

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Country	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Algeria Gabon Iran Kuwait Saudi Arabia Venezuela Others	985.5 100.7 3,625.7 2,830.9 3,786.4 3,469.6 16,527.9	693.4 114.6 4,288.5 3,009.4 4,718.2 3,282.3 17,394.8	1,006.8 122.6 4,804.9 3,135.5 6,012.7 3,064.9 18,535.0	999.5 137.4 5,572.5 2,847.4 7,598.2 3,150.1 20,144.3	937.6 195.1 5,664.1 2,395.7 8,499.3 2,751.9 19,096.0	939.6 212.6 4,984.1 1,943.9 7,081.2 2,086.1
World Total OPEC Total OPEC % Share	31,326.7 22,191.1 70.8	33,501.2 23,833.5 71.1	36,682.4 25,862.0 70.5	40,449.4 29,287.6 72.4	39,539.7 28,889.8 73.1	
World Total Crude OPEC Crude OPEC % Crude	23,441.6 20,229.2 86.3	25,541.2 22,031.8 86.3	28,341.7 24,077.3 85.0	31,376.9 27,354.9 87.2	31,116.7 27.031.5 86.9	
World Total Refined OPEC Refined OPEC % Refined	7,885.1 1,961.9 24.9	7,960.0 1,801.7 22.6	8,340.7 1,784.7 21.4	9,072.5 1,932.7 21.3	8,423.0 1,858.3 22.1	

Reference: (18)

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Vear Origin	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Algeria Gabon Iran Kuwait Saudi Arabia Venezuela	26.3 * 534.9 289.2 154.7	9.6 * 484.5 549.1 420.9 188.1	21.2 1.3 709.4 507.2 496.6 119.5	* 12.2 977.4 904.1 576.2 98.1	13.3 17.7 943.3 431.8 780.4 79.8	36.3 1.3 * 171.7 420.9 79.9

TABLE 11 U.K. IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND REFINED PRODUCTS THOUSAND BARRELS PER DAY

Reference: (18)

TABLE 12 W. EUROPE IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND REFINED PRODUCTS THOUSAND BARRELS PER DAY

Vear Origin	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Algeria	878.9	604.8	829.2	*	582.5	557.5
Gabon	38.4	54.3	52.1	68.5	93.5	100.9
Iran	739.7	978.9	1,633.2	2,207.1	2,398.1	*
Kuwait	1,630.7	1,689.9	1,694.5	1,507.5	1,103.3	697.8
Saudi Arabia	1,728.1	2,385.3	3,271.6	3,932.5	4,315.5	3,084.5
Venezuela	4,467.1	423.7	332.5	296.3	247.0	227.7

Reference: (18)

* Exports by destination not available

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Year Origin	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975
Algeria	7.0	1.1	82.9	*	233.4	286.5
Gabon	0.1	0.7	23.5	15.5	45.3	39.2
Iran	71.1	159.4	272.3	368.2	561.9	*
Kuwait	46.1	38.6	47.2	53.4	34.7	25.3
Saudi Arabia	57.2	200.6	362.7	397.3	405.6	345.0
Venezuela	1,529.4	1,510.0	1,431.7	1,547.6	1,399.0	956.0

TABLE 13 NORTH AMERICA IMPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND REFINED PRODUCTS THOUSAND BARRELS PER DAY

Reference: (18)

* Exports by destination not available

TABLE	14	WORLD	EXPORTS	OF	CRUDE	OIL	AND	REFINED	PRODUCTS
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Exporter	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
N. America Latin America W. Europe Middle East Africa Asia (Far East) Others	934.9 5,173.5 2,561.8 13,393.7 5,956.5 1,162.8 2,143.7	1,002.5 5,110.1 2,550.8 15,499.3 5,544.7 1,413.8 2,380.0	1,267.6 5,019.4 3,126.2 17,503.6 5,542.2 1,726.7 2,506.7	1,434.6 5,379.5 3,143.1 20,208.5 5,632.7 1,921.7 2,729.9	1,218.8 4,947.7 2,646.6 20,798.6 5,161.2 1,882.6 2,884.2
TOTAL	31,326.7	33,501.2	36,682.4	40,449.4	39,539.7

Reference: (18)

Importer	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
N. America Latin America W. Europe Middle East Africa Asia (Far East) Others	4,182.5 2,816.6 15,083.5 601.3 682.5 5,756.9 1,546.8	4,740.8 3,192.3 15,594.2 526.3 782.7 6,380.5 1,388.9	5,670.0 3,350.2 17,037.4 537.7 815.2 7,046.7 1,684.6	7,225.0 3,741.3 18,041.6 544.1 882.0 7,775.8 2,058.6	6,793.8 3,690.7 16,713.9 646.3 771.2 7,446.9 1,885.0
TOTAL	30,670.1	32,605.7	36,141.8	40,268.4	37,947.8

TABLE 15 WORLD IMPORTS OF CRUDE CIL AND REFINED PRODUCTS THOUSAND BARRELS PER DAY

Reference: (18)

TABLE 16

CRUDE OIL EXPORTERS EXHIBITING GROWTH THOUSAND BARRELS PER DAY

Exporter	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974			
Iran	3,309.3	3,979.0	4,498.4	5,276.8	5,369.2			
Saudi Arabia	3,216.9	4,186.8	5,444.1	7,014.6	7,904.1			
U.A. Emirates	777.0	1,054.8	1,200.1	1,531.1	1,663.6			
Angola	83.9	92.9	134.5	144.6	148.3			
Nigeria	1,050.8	1,466.4	1,756.1	1,978.1	2,179.4			
Indonesia	625.4	656.4	817.2	1,012.4	1,036.6			

Reference: (18)

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WORLD ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY SOURCE

% SHARES

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Year Resource	1960	1970	1980	1990	
Coal Petroleum Natural Gas Hydro/Geothermal Nuclear	46.7 34.4 13.7 5.2 -	30.8 44.7 18.7 5.4 0.4	26.7 44.7 19.2 5.2 4.3	22.1 39.6 18.5 4.5 15.3	
World Totals: m. bbl/day m. tonnes oil equivalent m. tons coal equivalent	60.0 3,029.0 5,048.0	100.0 4,989.0 8,315.0	136.0 6,815.0 11,358.0	192.0 9,579.0 15,965.0	

Reference: (27)

TABLE 18 WORLD ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY REGION

% SHARES

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Year Region	1960	1970	1980	1990
U.S.A. W. Europe Japan Communist Countries Rest of World	33.9 20.0 2.8 29.6 13.7	30.9 21.2 5.5 26.9 15.5	29.1 21.1 6.9 27.7 15.2	29.3 20.9 8.2 26.2 14.5
World Totals: m. bbl/day m. tonnes oil equivalent m. tons coal equivalent	60.0 3,029.0 5,048.0	100.0 4,989.0 8,351.0	136.0 6,815.0 11,358.0	192.0 9,579.0 15,965.0

Reference: (27)

LIST OF REPORTS AVAILABLE TO THE DIVISION ON THE OLD SYSTEM

PRODUCTION

Debased Compounds Inspection Reject Report O.S. & D. Balances Cutstanding to Manufacture Overtime Report Process Control Report P12. Production Report No. 3 Factory Weekly Report R. & D. Report Large Bore Hoses to Inspection Shell hoses awaiting R.T.D. release Waste Material Return P6 Production Report Factory Operating Report (Weekly) Factory Operating Report (Monthly) Major Contract Report Productivity Bonus Report Report on Non-productive Man-hours Production Achieved/Load Forward Production Position Waste Materials Report Daily Inspection Report Hoses in Limbo Monthly Quality Control Production Report - Weekly Summary Enquiry Progress Report R. & D. Quarterly Summary Hose Packing - Daily Production Record Weekend Working List Hoses to Produce List Fittings in Store List Fittings Requirements List Daily Report - Quality Control Shell Hoses awaiting R.T.D. Inspection Stock Hoses for Disposal

MATERIALS REQUIREMENTS (& OUTPUT EVALUATION)

Material Requirements Cost of Production Cost of Packing Stock Evaluation (Hoses packed, not packed)

APPENDIX 2.1 (Cont.)

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

Accident Report Form Average Hourly Earnings Capital Expenditure Analysis Volume/Profit Report Personnel Report Report of Operations Selling & Administration Expenses Monthly M.S.D. Report Foreign Currency Exposure VAT Return Creditors Report NACO Profitability Wage Anslysis Payroll

APPENDIX 2.2

MARKETING REPORTS

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SECTION 11 Indicators:

1	Market, Market share & Sales estimates
2	Production requirements: Capacities & Utilisations
3	Production quantities
4	Price trends - Main products
5	Concession & service returns
6	Purchasing usage & prices of main materials
7	Organisation & Personnel
8	Licencing Income/Payments

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APPENDIX 3.5

SALES FORECAST FORMATS

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Uninhibited Sales Forecast 19	Q	F
Commodity Details		

1975

Uninhibited Sales	R	B	0	E
Forecast 19	Q	F	Q	F
Commodity Details				

1977

Uninhibited Sales	Qtr 1		Qtr 2		Qtr 3		Qtr 4		Total	
Forecast 19	Q	F	Q	F	Q	F	Q	F	Q	F
Commodity Details										

Commodity Details = Commodity Code/Description/Bore Size

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Where

Q	=	Quantity (i.e. No. Items)
F	=	Footage
RB	=	Replacement Business
OE	=	Original Equipment
Qtr	=	Guarter

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APPENDIX 3.6

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DIVISIONAL VOLUME PERFORMANCE PLAN V. ACTUAL

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DIVISIONAL VOLUME PERFORMANCE PLAN V. ACTUAL

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APPENDIX 4.1 REPORT APPRAISALS

ORDERS RECEIVED LIST - APPRAISAL BY DIVISIONAL TABLE 1 DIRECTOR

(Manual : Weekly, see Figure 2.1)

Objectives Action	To advise on order value and follow trends Discuss with divisional manager marketing and marketing managers, assess trends and policies						
Assessment: Relevant Timely Accurate Understandable	Yes Yes Yes Yes	<u>Score</u> : 4 4 3 4					

TABLE 2

ORDERS RECEIVED LIST - APPRAISAL BY DIVISIONAL MANAGER MARKETING

(Manual : Weekly, see Figure 2.1)

Objectives	To monitor incoming or customer activity	ders, prices and	
Action			
Assessment:	1	Score:	
Relevant	Yes	4	
Timely	Yes	3	
Accurate	Yes	3	
Understandable	Le Yes 3		
		TOTAL 13 (i.e. 65%)	

TABLE 3 ORDERS RECEIVED LIST - APPRAISAL BY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

(Manual : Weekly, see Figure 2.1)

Objectives Action	To advise of business obtained by type, size and value Study value and compare with planned sales value		
Assessment: Relevant Timely Accurate Understandable	Yes, simply states order values; would prefer to see summary compared with plan Yes Variable Yes	<u>Score</u> : 3 4 3 5	
Survey Barth Strength		TOTAL 15 (i.e. 75%)	

TABLE 4

SALES SYNOPSIS - APFRAISAL BY DIVISIONAL MARKETING MANAGER

(Manual : Monthly, see Figure 2.2)

Objectives	To monitor sales performance against financial plan			
Action	Discuss performance with staff, stimulate sales force activity, reappraise targets			
Assessment:		Score:		
Relevant Timely Accurate Understandable	Yes Yes Yes Yes	4 4 4 4		
	A strain and strain	TOTAL 16 (i.e. 80%)		

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TABLE 5 SALES SYNOPSIS - APPRAISAL BY CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

(Manual : Monthly, see Figure 2.2)

Management Information Monitor performance against plan		
<u>Score</u> : 3 2 3 3		

TABLE 6

SALES SYNOPSIS - APPRAISAL BY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

(Manual : Monthly, see Figure 2.2)

Objectives	To advise of order intake performance against plan			
Action	 Study report and note rate of order intake versus plan Note value of outstanding orders and compare with previous months Note trends 			
Assessment:	a selection of the series of	Score:		
Relevant	Yes, but no note of volume	3		
Timely	Reasonable 3			
Accurate	Yes 4			
Understandable	Yes 4			
		TOTAL 14 (i.e. 70%)		

TABLE 7	PRODUCT	OPERATING	REPORT	-	APPRAISAL	BY	DIVISIONAL
			DIRE	CTO	OR		

(Manual : Monthly, see Figure 2.3)

Objectives Acticn	To assess product profitability Discuss with Chief Accountant and Divisional Manager Marketing to determine steps needed to achieve acceptable profit levels		
Assessment: Relevant Timely Accurate Understandable	Yes No Moderate Yes	Score: 3 2 3 4 TOTAL 12 (i.e. 60%)	

TABLE 8

PRODUCT OPERATING REPORT - APPRAISAL BY DIVISIONAL MANAGER MARKETING

(Manual : Monthly, see Figure 2.3)

Objectives	To assess the results of pricing policy by market by product group		
Action	Discuss with sales managers to determine steps needed to achieve acceptable profit levels		
Assessment:		Score:	
RelevantYesTimelyNoAccurateNoUnderstandableYes		4 1 2 3	
	Constant Constant	TOTAL 11 (i.e. 50%)	

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PRODUCT OPERATING REPORT - APPRAISAL BY CHIEF TABLE 9 ACCOUNTANT

(Manual : Monthly, see Figure 2.3)

Objectives	To inform management of product group profitability by market, and monitor performance against plan			
Action	To question trends and detail			
Assessment:	Ves	Score:		
Timely	Often late - because of the clerical effort	3		
Accurate	Yes	4		
Understandable	Yes	4 .		
	Marine Marines	TOTAL 15 (i.e. 75%)		

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TABLE 10 PRODUCT OPERATING REPORT - APPRAISAL BY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

Objectives	To advise of operating profit per product group		
Action	 Study turnover per product group versus plan Study contribution per product group versus plan Study allocated constant expenses 		
Assessment:	The second s	Score:	
Relevant	Yes, if marketing need it	3	
Timely	No, far too late	1	
Accurate	Yes	3	
Understandable	Yes 4		
		TOTAL 11 (i.e. 55%)	

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TABLE 10

COMPUTER REPORTS - APPRAISAL BY USERS

(Monthly, see Appendix 2.3)

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Objectives	To supply the users with a about the volume & financ division so that appropri taken to influence and co	detailed information ial situation of the ate actions can be ntrol activities	
Action	The figures are studied by the managers and then circulated to the sales force. If per- formance against plan in terms of volume and value is poor, strategies are formulated to correct the situation. Market penetration is monitored so that flexible marketing policies may be invoked to improve and control divisional performance. Returns may indicate that changes in prices are required to main- tain profitability levels		
Assessment:		Score:	
Relevant	In part only. Only sales turnover is monitored	3	
	about 6 months after an order is received.	· ·	
	received and outstanding orders are not avail- able. Reports must be		
	restructured to yield information more appropriate to the product and the user requirements		
Timely	Due to the way in which data is prepared and validated and the delay in transporting the	2	
	Newcastle to Grimsby the reports are in- variably late(2-4 wks)		
Accurate	The accuracy is poor due to 1 Poor and late data preparation 2 Late correction - often this month's figures appear on next month's	2	
	reports		

APPENDIX 4.1 (Cont.)		
TABLE 10 (Cont.)	:	
	Discrepancies usually exist between manual and computer reports and users have	
	become dependent on the manual report and prejudiced against the computer reports	
, Understandable	All the computer reports are straight-	3

forward and easy to. understand. Unfortunately the level of detail is wrong and this presents meaningful action from being taken. Thus deficiencies exist in product level detail (e.g. analyses by type and bore and length) and the area analyses are not appropriate to the division. More analyses appropriate to the division are required if the

reports are to become useful management tools. Sales lag behind orders by about 6 months and cannot be used (without other information) as a tool of management control for invoices would continue to be processed for a time even

if <u>no new</u> orders were received

TOTAL 10 (i.e. 50%)

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APPENDIX 4.2

HISTORICAL ANALYSIS FORMATS

DEFAILED PRODUCT ANALYSIS BY MARKET

HISTORICAL ORDERS ANALYSIS YEAR =

							Ma	rkets				
Time Period (M)	WR .	cc	В	L	HD NI	HAC NI	ED NI	EAC NI	EE NI	OP NI	NACO NI	DT NI
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WHERE:

M	=	Month
WR	=	Week Range
Q	=	Quarter
ST	=	Sub Total
YT	=	Year Total
NI	=	No Items (Quantity)
CC	=	Commodity Code
B	=	Bore Size

L	=	Length
HD	=	Home Direct
HAC	=	Home Associated
ED	=	Export Direct
EE	=	Export Europe
OP	=	Offshore Projects
NACO)=	North American Associated
DT	=	Divisional Total

Time Peri	e od			- Sug			Marke	ets			
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PRODUCT ANALYSIS SUMMARY 1970-1976

PRODUCT ANALYSIS BY COUNTRY (1970-1976)

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Country	l cc	В		No. of Lot		Yea	r		
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APPENDIX 4.3

HISTORICAL ANALYSIS SYSTEM - INPUT

(Coded Orders Received List)

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X = Export Associated; P = Projects; A = North American Associated (Angus).

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APPENDIX 4.4 MANAGEN	MENT REPORTING SYSTEM - DETAIL AND FORMATS
REPORT S2WM MOWTH 1	TO DATE: SUMMARY OF SALES BY MARKET COMPARED WITH PLAN
Objective - A divisio	onal overview by market of invoiced sales performance/control
Distribution - Senior ma	larketing and accounting management
Frequency - Weekly (a	at month end replaced by report S4M)
Action - To study	r variance between actual and plan and take corrective action if necessary
Format:	
	ACTUAL PLAN VARIANCE
Market Period Nett] Turnover	FVC STD VD GC GC% Nett GC GC% Nett Turnover Turnover Turnover as % Year Plan
CTTM CH CTTY	
HAC MTD YTD	
OE MTD YTD	
Division MTD Total YTD	
Credits MTD YTD	

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APPENDIX 4.4 (Cont.)	1
REPORT 03	ORDERS RECEIVED MONTHLY: SUMMARY BY CUSTOMER
Objective -	Report value and estimated profitability of orders by customer
Frequency -	bales management Monthly
Action -	Assess the value and profitability of customers' orders taken in the month
Format:	
Market Area Country Territory	
Customer	MONTH YEAR TO DATE Value CIF EST EST GC GC% GC GC%
TerritoryTotals	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Note: 1 Cne det 2 Totals 3 Print c	<pre>ail line per customer by territory/country/area/market/division by territory/country/area/market/division btions (i) (Standard) Customer YTD statistics will only be shown if customer has</pre>

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REPORT 53

Objective Distribution Frequency Action

Format:

Market Area Ccuntry Territory

Customer

Turnover GC

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Territory Totals

One detail line per customer (all customers' with turnover in current year will be shown) ч Note:

2 Totals by territory/country/area/market

3 Refers to export/NACO

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SALES YEAR TO DATE BY CUSTOMER (EXCLUDING HOME MARKETS)

- Report value and profitability of sales by customer (excluding home markets) Sales management 1 1
- On request (- Quarterly, half yearly)
- To assess the value and profitability of customers' sales, invoiced in the current year 1

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Report value and profitability of sales by product for all home Assess the value of invoiced sales, calculate representatives' GON HOME SALES ANALYSIS BY CUSTOMER I YEAR TO DATE 3 I Turnover I Home sales management ч щ Six monthly commission customers 8 IN 1 1 1 1 APPENDIX 4.4 (Cont.) Customer Totals Distribution Territory Customer Objective Country Frequency Market REPORT HS3 Note: Area Format: Action

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Totals by customer/territory/country/area/market (All customers' with turncver in the current year will be shown) ..

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APPENDIX 4.4 (Cont	
REPORT 04/04Q	ORDERS RECEIVED PRODUCT OPERATING REPORT
Objectives	- To provide by product group within market orders received performance/control details. Order value reconciliation
Distribution	- Relevant market managers/divisional totals to senior marketing management
Frequency	- Monthly (also modified set of sub-totals at quarter ends)
Action	- To study variance between actual and plan and take corrective action if necessary
Format:	
Market	ACTUIAL PLAN VARIANCE Value as
PG	Period Value FVC STD VD EST EST Value GC GC% Value GC GC% % Year Plan
Machine Made	CTN CTY
Dock Hose	
Offshore Cil	
Offshore Drede	ing
Vacuum	
Factored	
Total	
Ancillary	
Overseas	
Note: 1 Di 2 At bu	visional totals will be shown in the above format (with a reconciliation - see next page) quarter end additional product group totals by area/country/territory will be shown t there will be no comparison with plan (this will be Report 04Q)

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APPENDIX 4.4 (Cont.)
REPORT 04/04Q CONTINUED ORDERS RECEIVED PRODUCT OPERATING REPORT - MONTHLY RECONCILIATION SUMMARY
Format:
MARKET GROSS VALUE VAT CIF DISCOUNTS NET VALUE COMMISSION STD VD
Home AC Home AC Export Extort AC NACO
VIIsnore Projects
Note:
REPORT 54/549 SALES FRODUCT OF EASTING REPORT Takes the same form as 04/04Q except turnover replaces value and GC and GC% are actuals not estimates.
Note also:
Objective - To provide by product group within market sales performance/control details
Distribution - Operational management, accounts, forecasting and planning/divisional totals to Management Committee
Frequency - Monthly (at quarter end additional totals will be produced)
Action - To study variance between actual and plan and take corrective action if necessary To extract details for profit analysis calculations, finished goods stock reconciliation and report of operations
Note: 1 At quarter end additional product group totals by area/country/territory will be shown but there will be no comparison with plan, this will be Report S4Q.For home markets S4Q will be produced monthly 2 A column for credits is included in the monthly reconciliation summary

APPENDIX 4.4 (Cont.)															
REPORT 05(S5)			ORDE	RS (SALES	ANALY	SIS BY	BORE	COMPAT	RED WI	TH P	LAN			
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Distribution			- Ma	rket	plan	ning a	nd for	ecasti	ng pe	rsonne	al (s	ales m	anager	nent)	
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Action			- An di	alysivisi	se dev	iation nd tak	s betrie acti	reen ac	stual	and pl sary	an.	Inter	pret :	impact	uo
Format:															
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<u>Actual</u> <u>Plan</u> % Plan															
Note: 1	Tot	als b S5 v	y pro alue	is 1	t grou replac	p/mark ed wit	tet and th turn	l divis nover	sicn		ingen i				

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APPENDIX 4.	4 (cont	(••							
REPORT 06 (S6)			ORDER (SALI	S) ANALYS	IS BY UNIT	LENGTH 1	THAR TO DATE	
Objective			H I	lo provide a Sales) plar	a detaile nning and	d analysis forecastin	of produc	icts ordered (invoiced t and market developm	.). Orders lent
Distribut	ion		1	larket planr	iing and	forecasting	person!	iel (sales management)	
Frequency			1	Dn request ((possibly	6-monthly	to coind	side with management p	lanning/reviewing
Action			-	nalyse the produced by	detail c the regu	f this repo lar more co	rt to cl nsolidat	arify possible areas ed reports	of uncertainty,
Format:									
Market Area Country Territo Froduct	ry Group	щ	H	H	fe	Value	8	GC%	
	Totals			1	1	1	1	1	
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REPORT 007	ORI	ORDERS CUTSTANDING BY PRODUCT GROUP WITHIN MARKET (COMPARED WITH PLA	(J
Cbjective	1	- To report by product group/market estimated potential turnover, contribution(and comparison with outstanding order plan)	gross
Distribution	1	- Senior marketing management, management committee and operating	sales management
Frequency	1	- Monthly	
Action	1	- Relate estimated potential turnover and gross contribution to cu (and study of the variance between actual and plan) and take con action if necessary	rrent turnover rective
Format:			
Market Product Group		Value GC GC% (Plan Variance) (Value Value)	
Machine Made Dock Hose	2 3		
Offshore Oil			
Offshore Dredging Vacuum			
Factored			
Market Total at Discounted Net			

Note: A divisional total will be shown in the above format

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APPENDIX 4.5 MANAGEMENT REPORTING SYSTEM - INPUTS

APPENDIX 4.5.1

DUNLOP LIMITED - OIL AND MARINE DIVISION

COMMODITY CODE TABLE

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APPENDIX 4.5.2

DUNLOP LIMITED - OIL AND MARINE DIVISION

AREA / COUNTRY CODES

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COMMODITY CODE LIST

Commodity Code	Product Group	Commodity Description
1820/	11	Adm Gasoline
1875/4	11	Av Ref
1875/B	11	Av Ref
1875/0	11	Av Ref
1875/0	11	Av Re/Def
1877/1	10	Bonkon (loon
1877/2	10	Tanker Clean
10/1/2	12	Tanker Clean
10/1/3	12	
10/9/	13	L.F.G.
1000/	11	AV Re/Del
1001/	11	AV RE/DEI
1882/	11	LW AV HEI
1882/0	11	LW AV REI
1883/	11	AV Re/Dei
4001/	39	Testing
4002/	39	Refurbishing
4003/	39	Design/Devel
4004/	39	0/0 Scrap
5100/S	32	LWSF Special
5100/1	32	LWSF. Tail
5100/1S	32	LWSF. Tail
5100/2	32	LWSF. Bar
5100/25	32	LWSF. Bar
5100/3	32	LWSF. Bar
5100/35	32	LWSF. Bar
5100/4	32	LWSF. Bar.Sp
5100/4S	32	LWSF. Bar.Sp
5100/5	32	LWSF. Bar.Sp
5100/58	32	LWSF. Bar.Sp
5100/9	32	LWSF. Taper
5100/95	32	LWSF. Taper
5101/1	33	LW.Sub
5101/18	33	LW.Sub
5101/9	33	LW.Sub Taper
5101/95	33	LW.Sub Taper
5102/1	41	SF. NS.H
5102/15	4-	SF.MS.H
5102/3	41	1/2SEVSHSSBE
5102/35	41	1/2SFMSHSSBE
5102/50	41	1/28FMSH. TB
5102/4	41	1/2SFMSH TR
5102/45	41	SS. SF. MSH
5102/5	41	SS SF USU SP
2102/22	41	DD. DF. HDH-DF

Commodity Code	Product Group	Commodity Description
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5103/1	42	Sub MSH
5103/15	42	Sub MSH
5103/2	. 42	SS Sub MSH
5103/28	42	SS Sub MSH
5103/6	42	Sub MSH.LC
5103/65	42	Sub MSH.LC
5103/7	42	SS.Sub MSHLC
5103/75	42	SS.Sub MSHLC
5118/	21	Ropeflote
5119/,	21	Chainflote
5121/1	22	NEFTE OIL 50
5121/15	22	NEFTE OIL 50
5121/2	22	NEFTE OLI 52
5121/25	22	NEFTE OIL 52
5122/1	23	NEFTE A/C DI
5122/15	23	NEWDE P/C 53
5122/2	23	NEFTE P/C 53
5100/	23	P/C SB
5124/	23	P/C SB
5104/5	23	P/C SB
5128/5	22	Dock
5128/1	22	LD. DH. SB
5128/18	22	LD. DH. SB
5128/10	22	Mud Suction
5128/105	22	Mud Suction
5128/11	22	Fish Suction
5128/111	22	Fish Suction
5128/112	22	Fish Suction
5128/113	22	Fish Suction
5128/12	22 0	Barge Load
5128/128	22	Barge Load
5128/2	22	LD. DH. SB
5128/2M	22	LD. DH. SB
5128/25	22	LD. DH.SB
5128/3	22	LD. DH.SB
5128/35	22 .	LD. DH.SB
5128/4	22	DL.H.SB
5128/45	22	DL.H.SB
5128/5	22	DL.H.KB
5128/55	22	UD DIU SP
5128/6	22	HD. DLH SD
5128/6S	22	ND DIN BB
5128/7	22	UD D U PP
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Commodity Code	Product Group	Commodity Description	
5128/8	22	EHD. DLH. SB	
5128/81	22	EHD, DLH, SB	
5128/85	22	EHD, DLH, SB	
5128/0	22	EHD. DLH. BB	
5128/08	22	EHD DIH RB	
5120/1	22	DIH BR	
5120/19	22	DIH PB	
5120/2	22	DIU DD	
5129/2	22	DIN DR	
5129/25	22	IW Oil Disch	
5130/1	22	IW Oil Disch	
5130/15	22	LW.OII Disch	
5130/2	22	LW.OII Disch	
5130/25	22	LW. OII Disch	
5131/1	31	CEA.SUD. SB20	
5131/18	31	CBM.SUB. SE20	
5131/2	31	CEM.SUB. RB20	
5131/25	31	CBM.SUB. RB20	
5131/25	. 31	CBM.SUB. SB25.	
5131/35	31	CEM.SUB. SB25	
5131/4	31	CBM.SUB. RB25	
5131/45	31	CBM.SUB. RB25	
5132/	22	L.P.G.	
5132/S	22	L.P.G.	
5133/	22	Bitumen	
5133/S	22	Bitumen	
5133/1	22	Bitumen	
5133/1S	22	Bitumen	
5134/	61	Ancillary	
5134/B	61	Beads	
5134/BF	61	Blind Flange	
5134/BPL	61	Ballast Flat	
5134/BV	61	Butterfly V	
5134/CAM	61	Camlocks	
5134/CH	61	. Chains	
51 34 /CL	61	Clamps	
5134/FY	61	Fltg Y Piece	
5134/GAS	61	Gaskets	
51 34 /HS	61	Hinge Sets	
5134/115	61	Misc.	
51 34 / PUA	61	Pick Up Ass	
51 34 / PUR	61	Pick Up Buoy	
5124/100	61	C. Reducers	
5134/RED	61	Renain Vit	
5134/RK	67	Spreadon Bon	
5134/5B	10	Spreader bar	
5134/SBN	10	Stud BOIC N	
5134/SP	10	Spool Fleces	

Commodity Code	Product Group	Commodity Description
5124 /mp	61	Tie Bolts
5134/10	61	Winker Light
5140/	24	Adm. AB
5140/	24	Adm AST
5141/	24	Prohe Hose
5142/	24	Nod Mere
2144/	24	Dup conc U
5145/	24	Dracone-n Solm Sub 190
5150/4	33	Salm. Sub. 151
5150/45	33	Salm. Sub. 151
5150/5	33	Salm. Sub. 2nd
5150/5S	33	Salm. Sub. 2nd
5151/1	32	Beadflote
5151/1S	32	Beadflote
5152/1	33	Sub.H.
5152/1S	33	Sub.H.
5152/2	33	SS. Sub.H.
5152/28	33	SS. Sub.H.
5152/3	33	Sub.H. SSBE
5152/38	33	Sub.H. SSBE
5152/6	33	Sub.H.LC
5152/65	33	Sub.H.LC
5152/7	33	SS.Sub.H.LC
5152/78	33	SS.Sub.H.LC
5152/8	33	Sub.H.SSBELC
5152/85	33	Sub.H.SSBELC
5153/1	32	LWSF. DIS 15
5152/19	32	LWSF. DIS 15
5153/29	32	LWSF. DTS 20
5155/20	. 52	ML. Safe
5154/1	34	ML Safe
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5154/38	34	SF. H SS DENC
5154/9	34	baie Taper
5154/98	34	Sale Taper
5155/8	32	SF Special
5155/1	32	ML.SF
5155/1S	32	ML.SF
5155/10	32	ML 1/2 SF
5155/10S	32	ML $1/2$ SF
5155/2	32	SS 1/2 SF
5155/25	32	SS 1/2 SF

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5155/3	32	SFH.SS.BE
5155/35	32	SFH.SS.BE
5155/4	32	SS PART SF 1
5155/15	32	SS PART SF 1
5156/5	33	Sub Special
5156/3	22	Sub H WC
5150/1	22	Sub-II-NO
5150/15	22	Sub-n-wo
5150/2	22	
5156/25	33	SS.SUD.H.WC
5156/3	33	SUD. H. SSBENC
5156/38	33	Sub. H. SSGEWG
5156/6	33	Sub.H.LCWC
5156/6S	33	Sub.H.LCWC
5156/7	33	SS Sub. HLCNC
5156/78	33	SS Sub. HLCNC
5156/8	33	SUBHSSBELCWC
5156/8S	33	SUBHSSBELCWC
5157/1	32	ML.SF
5157/15	32	ML.SF
5157/10	32	1/2SF.W.LC
5157/2	32	SS.1/2.SFWC
5157/28	32	SS.1/2.SFWC
5157/3	32	SF.H.SS BEWC
5157/38	32	SF.H.SS BENC
5157/4	32	SF-H
5157/49	32	SF-H
5157/6	30	ML. SF
5159/1	22	WC. Disch
5150/1	22	WC Disch
5150/15	22	WO OCD
5156/2	22	WO OGI)
5158/25	22	WO.CDD
5158/3	22	WO
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5158/4	22	WC. Sub Disch
5158/4S	22	WC.Sub Disch
5158/5	22	WCD (FS)
5158/5S	22	WCD (FS)
5158/6	23	WCD (PIC)
5158/6S	23	WCD (PIC)
5160/1	25	Oxygen Lance
5160/15	25	Cxygen Lance
5160/2	25	Oxygen Lance
5160/25	25	Oxygen Lance
5160/3	25	Oxygen Lance
5160/35	25	Oxygen Lance

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5161/1	25	Water Cool
5161/15	25	Water Cool
5161/2	2)	Water Cool
5161/25	25	Water Cocl
5161/399	25	Water Cool
5170/9	13	ML. D-F.S
51 70/1	43	ML. D-F
5170/19	43	NL. D-F
5170/2	43	SS. D-F
51 70/29	45	SS. D-F
51 70/3	45	D-F SS.BE
51 70/38	43	D-F SS.BE
5171/	26	D-Sleeves
5171/S	26	D-Sleeves
5172/	26	Sand Suction
5172/S	26	Sand Suction
5173/	26	Sand Disch .
5173/5	26	Sand Disch
5174/1	44	Sub.D-H
5174/15	44	Sub.D-H
5174/2	44	SS.Sub.D-H
5174/25	44	SS.Sub.D-H
5180/A	27	Rotary
5180/B	27	Rotary
5180/C	27	Rotary
5180/D	27	Rotary
5181/A	27	Vibrator
5181/B	27	Vibrator
5181/0	27	Vibrator
5181/D	27	Vibrator
5182/	27	Jetting
5182/5	27	Jetting
5183/	28	Long LTM. OSD
5183/S	28	Long LTM. OSD
5184/	28	Roof Tank DR
5184/S	28 .	Roof Tank DR
5184/1	28	Roof Tank DR
5184/15	28	Roof Tank DR
5184/2	28	Roof Tank DR
5184/25	28	Roof Tank DR

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E18E /	28	Pargo Disch
5105/	20	Barge Disch
5105/5	20	Barge Disch
5187/	22	LL.LW.BH.S/D
5331/	52	VAC-IND
5400/2	62	EJ-PIR
5400/28	62	EJ-PIR
5400/3	63	Booms-PIR
5400/35	63	Booms-PIR
5400/4	64	Fenders-PIR
5400/4S	64	Fenders-PIR
5400/5	65	Factored H
5400/58	65	Factored H
5400/6	66	FAC-Sleeves
5440/	29	Dunlon E.I
5440/8	20	Dunlop EI
5542/	53	Ovugen BT
5752/0	20	TWEEDIS 20
515572	52	Daot Dr
6001/	49	Test-Dr
6002/	49	Decima (DE DD
6003/	49	Design/DE DR
6004/	49	DR-DCrap
P5100/1	32	LWPDF. Tall
P51C0/15	32	LWPDF. Tall
P5100/2	32	LWPSF. Bar
P5100/25	32	LWPSF. Bar
P5100/3	32	LWPSF. Bar
P5100/35	32.	LWPSF. Bar
P5153/1	32	LWPSF Dis 15
P5153/18	32	LWPSF Dis 15
P5153/2	32	LWPSF.Dis 20
P5153/2S	32	LWPSF Dis 20
P5154/1	34	MLP Safe
P5154/1S	34	MLP Safe
P5154/11	34	LW.Safe Tail
P5154/11S	34	LW.Safe Tail
P5154/2	34	SSP. Safe
P5154/28	34	SSP. Safe
P5154/3	34	PSFH SS BENC
P5154/35	31	PSFH SS BENC
P5154/0	34	Safe Taper
DE1 54/09	34	Safe Taper
D 5155 /1	30	MLP. SF
P 5155/19	30	MTD SF
P5155/15	32	
P5155/2	32	
P5155/2S	32	DOP 1/2 DF

Commodity Code	Product Group	_ Commodity Description
P5157/1	32	MLP.SF
P5157/1S	32	MLP.SF
P5157/2	32	SSP 1/2 SFWC
P5157/25	32	SSP 1/2 SFWC
P5157/3	32	PSFH.SS BEWC
P5157/3S	32	PSFH.SS BEWC
25330/152	51	Vac-Dom
25330/345	51	Vac-Dom
25330/90	51	Vac-Dom
12205/	61	Gacoil
90910/	90	Export VAT
90912/	90	Home VAT
90960/	90	Home Packing
90965/	90	Home Carr
90980/	90	Export CIF

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AREA/COUNTRY CODE LIST

	Area	Country	Country
	Code	Code	Description
EEC	01	01	Belgium
	01	02	Denmark
	01	03	France
	01	04	Germany
	01	05	Holland
	01	06	Italy
	01	07	Luxembourg
	01	08	Greenland
EFTA	02 02 02 02 02 02 02	01 02 03 04 05 06	Austria Finland Norway Portugal Sweden Switzerland
N. MEDITERRANEAN	03	01	Albania
	03	02	Balearic Is.
	03	03	Cyprus
	03	04	Gibraltar
	03	05	Greece
	03	06	Ibiza
	03	07	Israel
	03	08	Malta
	03	09	Minorca
	03	10	Spain
	03	11	Turkey
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NEAR EAST	05	01	Algeria
	05	02	Libya
	05	03	Morocco
	05	04	Tunisia
	05	05	U.A.R.

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Area Code	Country Code	Country Description
06	01	Angola
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06	04	Cameroon
06	06	Chad
06	07	Congo
06	08	Dahomev
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06	10	Ethiopia
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06	13	The Bambia
06	14	Ghana
06	15	Guinea
06	16	Ivory Coast
06	17	Kenya
06	18	Lesotho
06	20	Madagascar
06	21	Malawi ,
06	22	Mali
06	23	Mauritania
06	24	Mosambique
06	25	Namibia
06	26	Niger
06	21	Nigeria
06	28	Port. Guinea
06	29	Rnodesia
06	30	rwanda Sana ang
06	20	Siemen Leone
06	22	Somelin
06	20	South Africa
06	34	Span Sahara
06	36	Sudan
06	37	Swaziland
06	38	Tanzania
06	30	Toro
06	10	llganda
06	40	Unner Volta
06	12	Zaire
06	13	Zambia
00	40	Damora

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	Area Code	Country Code	Country Description
MIDDLE EAST	07 07 07 07 07 07 07 07 07 07 07 07 07 0	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Abu Dhabi Ajman Al Fujayrah Bahrain Dubaj Iran Iraq Jordan Kuwait Lebanon Oman Gatar R. El Khaymah Saudi Arabia Sharjah Syria Ummal Bawayn Yemen S. Yemen
INDIAN GROUP	08 08 08 08 08 08 08 08 08	01 02 03 04 05 06 - 07 08	Afghanistan Bangladesh Brutan Burma India Nepal Pakistan Sri Lanka
FAR EAST	09 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 09 09	01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13	Borneo Brunei Hong Kong Indonesia Malaysia Moluccas New Guinea Philippines Singapore Sulawesi Taiwan Thailand Tjmur

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CHINA	10	01	China	
JAPAN	11	01	Japan	
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0102	libva	0141	Iran
0103	Bahrain	0142	Portuguese Timor
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0105	New Zealand	0144	Maldive Islands
0106	Kuwait	0145	Western Samoa
0107	Qatar	0146	New Caledonia
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0110	Lobanon	0205	Kenya
0120	Jondan	0206	Uganda
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0127	Durma	0219	Senegal
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0129	North Vietnam	0221	Guinea
0130	Loog	0222	Liberia
0131	Cambodia	0223	West Cameroon
0132	Indonesia	0225	Domali Rep.
0133	China	0226	Sudan
0134	Toiman	0228	Southern Yemen
0135	North Korea	0229	Canada
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0130	Japan		
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0236	Trinidad & Tobago	0285	Upper Volta
0238	British Honduras	0286	Dahomey
0239	Guyana	0287	Togo
0243	U.S.A.	0288	Niger
0244	Puerto Rico	0289	Chad
0245	Cuba	0290	Angola
0246	Haiti	0291	Portuguese Guinea
0247	Dominican Rep.	0292	Spanish Morocco
0248	Mexico	0293	Spanish Sahara
0249	Guatemala .	0294	Malagasy Rep.
0250	Honduras Rep.	0295	Reunion
0251	El Salvador	0296	Comoro
0252	Nicaragua	0297	Cameron
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0254	Colombia		
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0257	Equador	0300	Gibraltar
0258	Peru	0301	Cyprus
0259	Chile	0302	U.S.S.R.
0260	Brazil	0303	Finland
0261	Uruguav	0304	Sweden
0262	Bolivia	0305	Norway (Spitzbergen
0266	Rhodesia	0306	Iceland
0267	Malawi	0308	Poland
0268	Zambia	0309	German Fed. Rep.
0269	Mozambique	0310	German Dem. Rep.
0270	South Africa	0311	Netherlands
0271	Algeria	0313	France
0272	Tunisia	0317	Italy
0273	Morocco	0318	Austria
0275	Lesotho	0319	Hungary
0276	Botswana	0320	Czechoslovakia
0277	Swaziland	0321	Yugoslavia
0278	British Vrigins	0322	Albania
0279	Falkland Isles	0323	Greece
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0281	Surinam	0325	Rumania
0282	French Guiana	0326	Turkey

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0331	Andorra	0428	Cape Verde Isles
0332	Faroes	0429	British Antartic Territory
0333	Spain	0430	Gabon
0334	Liechtenstein	0431	Canaries
0335	Portugal	0432	British Indian Ocean
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0402	Monserrat
0403	Dominica
0404	Grenada
0405	St. Lucia
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0407	Turks Island
0408	Caicos Island
0409	Cayman Island
0410	Bonaire
0411	St. Martin
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0415	Aruba
0416	Curacao
0417	Guadaloupe
0418	Newfoundland
0419	Anguilla
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APPENDIX 4.13 MANAGEMENT REPORTS - APPRAISALS

 TABLE 1
 REPORT 04 - ORDERS RECEIVED PRODUCT OPERATING REPORT

 - APPRAISAL BY MARKETING MANAGERS

(Monthly : Computer, see Appendices 4.4 and 4.12)

Objective	To provide financial infor intake performance by proc compared with plan for the to date situation	rmation on order luct group by market, e month and year
Action	If performance against pla detailed information by or Orders Received Monthly Sp and product (Report Ol - W Received Lists) is studied measures (e.g. level of sp pricing - discounts) are divisional manager market coordinator. The sales for (It must be noted that the plan is questionable.)	an is poor, the ustomer (Report 03 - ummary by Customer) Weekly Orders d and corrective ales representation, discussed with ing and marketing orce are then briefed e accuracy of the
Assessment:	The current and a second	Score:
Relevant	Yes, this information was not available previously	5
Timely	Yes	5
Accurate	In the early stages, the accuracy was poor when compared with the manual reports (produced in parallel). However, stringent control of data preparation has made the report a very accurate manage- ment tool.	4
Understandable	Ies	2
		TOTAL 19 (i.e. 95%)

TABLE 2 REPOR	T 007 - ORDERS OUTSTANDING REPORT - APPRAISAL BY MARKET PLANM	P TING MANAGEMENT
	Monthly : Computer, see Appendice	es 4.4 and 4.12)
Objective	To report the value and estimated of outstanding orders by product (The facility to compare outstand a plan has been provided for the	d gross contribution group and market. ling orders against future.)
Action	To relate outstanding value and e contributions to the present order (Report 04 - Orders Received Prod Report) and sales situation (Report) Product Operating Report). To en- taken to assign production priors pricing policies/discounts to man profitability and take steps to so of undersubscribed products. Bot production to be overcome by other plant or selling emphasis placed The report identifies problems an use of detailed information in or additional information produced, of the Quest facility, to aid sta	estimated gross er situation duct Operating ort S4 - Sales hable action to be ities and set intain/improve improve performance ttlenecks in er investment in on other products. nd managers make ther reports or on request, by use rategy formulation.
Assessment:		Score:
Relevant	Yes. This sort of information was not previously available to divisional management. The marketing coordinator monitored the situation in value terms only and this did not permit action to be taken at the product level.	5
Timely Accurate	Yes The accuracy for the first months of use was poor due to problems in resolving the uncertain outstanding order backlog. The file contained much corrupt data which has now been corrected. The reports now agree favourably with the	5 3
Understandable	manual summaries. Yes, very easy to understand. The situation by product group is highlighted and directs the manager's attention to problem areas which may require more information(from standard or ad hoc reports) to aid resolution.	5
		TOTAL 19 (i.e. 95%)

 TABLE 3
 REPORT 06 - ORDER ANALYSIS BY UNIT LENGTH YEAR TO DATE

 - APPRAISAL BY MARKET PLANNING MANAGER

(Quarterly/On Request : Computer, see Appendices 4.4 and 4.12)

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Objective	To provide a detailed analysis of to aid planning, forecasting, pr development	of products ordered roduct and market
Action	To analyse the detail of this repossible areas of uncertainty is regular consolidated reports. If in unit lengths and bore sizes of product. To identify products is contributions and to determine to should be altered to maintain put whether products should be remove	eport to clarify dentified by the To show the trends ordered for each having low estimated whether prices rofitability, or wed from the range.
Assessment:		Score:
Relevant	Yes. Detailed monitoring of orders and sales (Report S6) is essential to business	5
Timely	Yes. These reports are produced on request butquarterly issue has become the norm with further reports produced if and as required	5
Accurate	Yes. After initial problems with data preparation a very high standard of accuracy has been realised	5
Understandabl	eYes. The report is used primarily by the market planning department but figures have been made available to other users to help planning and problem solving activities. The level of detail is too great for general management use.	5
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APPENDIX	5	.1
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5150/2	17	40	40
5150/5	0	2	0
5156/4	33	0	0
5156/0	9	21	15
5150/1	33	50	22
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5157/10	0	6	1
P5100/2	0	0	14
P5154/1	0	0	12
P5155/1	0	0	58
P5157/2	0	0	7
"Specials"	62	71	149
TOTAL	1677	1516	1538

DIVISIONAL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE BY SECTOR 1971-77 ©000'S (PERCENTAGES OF TOTAL IN BRACKETS)

APPENDIX 5.2

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ORDERS RECEIVED - VALUE ANALYSIS BY COUNTRY 1971-77

APPENDIX 5:3

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1977	6,087 55,991 111,104 217,950 1,194	372,326	10,253	15,757
1976	3,181 3,181 32,257 195,737 4,085 1,015,889 1,015,889	1,256,919	6,520 3,351	9,871
1975	14,844 201,142 14,950 155,865 14,391	401,192		
1974	121 12,712 104,674 233,591 12,932	364,030		
1975	632 5,242 126,443 4,84 3,871 4,423	141,095	6,879 246 3,140 8,935	19,250
1972	623 2,962 6,698 154,878 27,259 12,111	204,531	603 1,467	2,563
1971	126 3,253 38,097 19,215 14,474	76,013	3,117	3,117
COUNTRY	N. Med. Albania Cyprus Gibraltar Greece Israel Malta Spain Turkey		HEB Bulgaria Czechoslovakia German Dem. Rep. Hungary Poland Rumania Rumania Russia Yugoslavia	

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1977	1,980	1,338 512,190	938,840		42,043		635	4,201	35,047	14,516	4,066	44		
1976	928 419,566	1,382,191	1,802,685		15,057	602	43,142	2,830	34,293	8,946	202			
1975	5,892 259,815	328,198	593,905		3,415		69,538		104,513	16,098	9th,416		•	
1974	64*457		64.457		15,024		23, 783 6, 352		50,505	39,651 654	14,648		1,308	
1973	48,546		48,546		19,689		122,545	12,749	5,587	638	2,813	852		1953)
1972	14, 739	314 14,890	46,918		15,975		544	1,887	7,619	1460	5,386	1,006		
1971	7,789 102,145	479 10,638	121,051		16, 384	83	2,185	980	22,162	5,648	1,187	1,592		
COUNTRY	<u>NE</u> Algeria Libya	Norocco Tunisia U.A.R. = (Egypt)		AFRICA	Angola Botswana	Burundi Cameroon C. African Rep.	Chad Dem.Rep. Congo Dahoney	Equat. Guinea Ethiopia	Gabon	Gambia Ghana	uunea Ivory Coast Kenya Teecho	Madagascar (Malagasy Rep.)	Kalawi Mali	

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1977	248	1,012,449			168,694	888	515		12,797	1,298,556
1976		1,164,870			284,286	245	7,510	•		1,562,836
1975	2,485	1,645,638		4,388	529,259	400	8,030	1,246	69,538	2,496,464
1974		1,117,192	610		258,658	6,834			60,066	1,597,386
1973		513,439		1,321	21,424	1,734	1,024		IZI	205,095
1972	404	507,109		2,072	910'1/1	294	. 49,284			762,759
1971	261	1,915		714 1	84,029	862	564	96	599	637,582
COUNTRY	Nauritania Kosambique Namibia	Niger Nigeria Fort Guinea Rhodesia	Rwanda Senegal	Sierra Leone Somalia (Somali Ren)	South Africa Sran Sahara	Sudan Swaziland	Tanzania Togo	Uganda Upper Volta	Laire Lambia	

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1977		168,166		8,894	189,471	345		9,516	718	358,821	497,437	. 1.00 010	1,422,056	10111		109	. 711 1		2,723,294
1976				21,308	164.698	29,689		13,977	8,570	117,296	556,864	oro and	165,960		-	502	9,552	242,518	2,329,488
1975				17,271	112,511	48,139		32,478	6,660	24,842	264,192		91,650	2,891	5	0-0-0	9,878	776,456	1,481,279
1974				2,127	- 71 .861	· 10,755		2,051	048	4,699	195,013		1, 306, 055				усл	164,262	1,803,889
1973				5,451	22 303	8,953		126.4	1,786	211,77	140,218	0-0 0	550,030	4,953		1,225	1 251	918,608	1,746,366
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1971				18,470	EO ZKO	13.798	11,960	2,064	2,708	6,365	190,634		178,497			4,098	047 -	59,000	509,373
COUNTRY	R	Abu Dhabi	Ajman Al Fujayrah	Bahrain	Dubai	Iraq	Jordan	Kuwait	Lebanon	(Muscat &) Oman	Qatar	R. El. Kaymah	Saudi Arabia	Svria	Ummal Qawayn	Yemen	(Fed.S. Arabia	Trucial States = UAE	

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1973 1974 1975	5,199 12,733	4,094 715 2. 9,772 446 2.	895 845 4.	20,939 14,339 9,		8,012 . 12,625 352, 778 1,849 9,	· 28,575 190,542 117 58,774 5,314 674	4,105 7,219 4, 57,866 282,784 1,	4,716 16,791 13 4,716 4,768 11	163,355 521,692 1,184		
2261 12	2,359 1,770	1,914 8,961	1,336 363 129 119	5, 738 11, 213		3,582 28,765 6,085 7,421	1,361 30,694 136,882 88,634	11,992 13,909 166,656	4,484 1,888	178,295 325,297	11,929	
COUNTRY 1973	<u>Afghanistan</u> Afghanistan Bangladesh (E.Pakistan)	Shutan Burma India	Repar Fakistan (W.Pakistan) Sri Lanka (Ceylon)		<u>TE</u>	Borneo Brunei Hang Kong	Indonesia Nalaysia Noluccas	New Guines Philippines Singapore	Julawesi Taiwan Thailand Timor		CHERK	

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CUNTRY	1771	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
JAPAN	135,517	32,904	7,720			297	
FE CTHERS Cambodia N. Korea S. Korea Laos Tibet N. Vietnam S. Vietnam	2,683	237	52				1,862
	6,768	162	22				1,862
<u>AUSTRALASIA</u> Australia New Zealand	104,291 6,198	13,891 45,735	17,296	4, 738 51,487	42,459	61, <u>3</u> 84 22,476	305,208 171,219
	110,489	59,626	43,917	56,225	101,867	83,860	476,427

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COLNTRY	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
SA							
Argentina	124	220				800	
Brazil Shile	28,383	3,459	14,471	17,095	46,200	54,381	201,269
Colombia Ecuador	323,664	55,342	1,588 61,413	45,444	39,017	14,003	1,537 16,723
fr. Julana Guyana	860	. 821	6,455 858	1,076	1,797	836	3,245
raraguay Peru Surinam	1,457	1,695	271		9,537		
Uruguay Venezuela	161	29,147	2,533	89,193	14,479		349,213 30,670
	362,688	103,701	. 99,658	169,099	450,312	70,170	611,938
<u>CA</u> Belize (British Konduras)			315				-
Costa Rica 21 Salvador Fonduras					16,538		
Nicaragua Fanama Quatemala	10,842	1,338 837	7,848		2,012	137	29,103
	10,842	2,175	2,848		18,550	924	29,103

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COUNTRY	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
SA	4						
Argentina	124	220				800	
Jrazil Shile	28,383	3,459	14,471	17,095	46,200	54,381	201,269
Coulombia Ecuador	323,664	55, 342	61,413	· ++++ *5+	39,017	14,003	1,537 16,723
Suyana Suyana	860	. 821	0,433 858	1,076	1,797	836	3,245
Peru Sucian	1,457	1,695	2/1		9,537		•
Uruguay Venezuela	161 317	62,147	2,533	89,193	14,479		349,213 30,670
	362,688	103,701	99,658	169,099	450,312	70,170	611,938
<u>CA</u> Belize (British Honduras) Costa Rica			315		16,538	339	
Honduras Nicaragua Panama Quatemala	10,842	1,338	7,848		2,012	137	29,103
	10,842	2,175	2,848		18,550	7476	29,103

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COUNTRY	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
OSTNER!				150,316	264,474	714,641	10,118
<u> </u>	106,482	56,160	120,871	328,954	326,614	183,277	474,131
CANADA	012,64	109,103	71,619	165,786	899'66	727,174	81,599
ATLANTIC OCEAN ISLANDS Ascension Care Verde Is. Iceland	579	556 363 1,816	1,409	1,078 362 51	4, 235 8, 235 3, 545	19,335 6,051 316	361
	5,347	2,735	1,409	1,697	16,379	25,702	361
INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS Comero Fauritius Seychelles	423 173	669 1,681		157	35, 707 5, 858		2,693
	\$2.6	2,350		157	41,565		2,693

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5 . 1976 1977		5,464 5,814	2,4404 5,014 5,			501,819 10,752,378 9,158,	757,376 2,205,000 2,306, 59,195 12,957,378 11,465,
1974 1975	59	456	TX			5,852,929 8,5	950,598 1.
1973	176	36	707	TI ⁴	II ⁴	3,879,057	672,616 4,551,673
1972	964	238	6/4	199	199	3,297,244	707,760 4,005,004
1971						2, 798, 231	500,000 3,298,231
COUNTRY	FACIFIC OCEAN ISLANDS Fiji	Other Pacific Is.		<u>MISC</u> . Liechtenstein Andorra		TOTAL EXPORT	(TOTAL)

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	OFFSHORE OIL HOSE* - ORDI	ERS RECEIVED BY	Y CUSTOM	ER 1977
	Customer	Order Value	% of Total	Cumulative %
1)	Shell	2,560,276	32.87	32.87
2)	Binzagr	1,213,169	15.57	48.44
3)	Mobil	495,464	6.36	54.80
-4)	SBM (India)	472,027	6.06	60.86
5)	Occidental	320,894	4.12	64.98
6)	Атосо	315,123	4.04	69.02
7)	Dubai Pet. Co.	263,855	3.38	72.40
8)	Sumed	260,872	3.49	75.89
9)	Conoco	244,239	3.13	79.02
10)	Texaco	224,573	2.88	81.90
11)	Aramco	151,675	11	11
12)	Sedco	146,631	n	11
13)	Dunlop Iberica	132,043	, U	n
14)	Oasis Oil	125,797	II	"
15)	Victory Engineering	117,448	11	n
16)	British Petroleum	94,707	n	"
17)	Gulf Oil	88,175	"	n
18)	Samarco	59,051	11	H
19)	Eilat Ashkel	58,571	"	"
20)	Abu Dhabi PC	57,064	11	11
21)	Protecmo	52,641	"	11
22)	Canaport	49,569	п	n
23)	SEM	44,858	"	"
24)	Hamilton Brothers	39,122	"	11
25)	Atlantic Richfield	38,658	"	11
26)	Doris Howard	33,933	"	
27)	BNOC	30,435	"	n
28)	Dunlop Singapore	25,366	"	"
29)	Pertamina	24,689	11	"
30)	Dansk Bores	24,684	n	"
31)	Crescent Petroleum	21,822	"	п
	TOTAL	7,787,431		

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Includes magnetite slurry hose and all ancillary equipment.

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APPENDIX 5.5 OFFSHORE HOSE - ORDERS RECEIVED BY COUNTRY 1977

	Country	Order Value	% of Total	Cumulative
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32) 33) 34) 35) 36) 37)	Gabon Thailand Zaire Borneo Italy Mauritius	13,833 13,418 12,797 9,712 5,495 2,993		

TOTAL 7,714,933

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MONOBUOY RESEARCH ANALYSIS FORM APPENDIX 5.6

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HONOBUOY RESEARCH ANALYSIS FORM

10. Roses are replaced after Time in use

9. Who is the replacement base supplier/s1 . .

8. Who was the original hose supplier?

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	Number of loadings	. eite, if available?	Support	Rail/Tail	Main Line	Submarine	• • in a varebouse	under canvase	in the open		Min Floatine Line	Subwarine	Others please state	iii)		************
		i. What is the recorded hose life at					2. Boses are stored		. Preset statistics		•					5. General Councils
Xef. 0 & X 6/71	What type of buoy is used?	Mican was the buoy finstalled?	Vant is the average number of tanker loadings/discharge per month?		What is the average volume throughput per month?	FLOATING HLEES	1) Number of strings Nain Line Rail/Tail 1	11) Number of house Nain Line Rail/Fail	111) Bore Size Nain Line Rail/Tail	iv) Number/Types of special hoses per string:	a) Sampaon first off buoy	b) Rail	d) Supered	SISM ANIMALS	1) Configuration Lary 'S' .	Chinese Lantern
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11) Mumber of underbuoy strings 111) Number of hoses per string · · · · Position .

Respondents Name

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TOTAL PLOATING 527 TOTAL SUBWARING 126 TOTAL HOSE 653

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APPENDIX 5.8 MARKET SHARES - OFFSHORE BUSINESS

TABLE 1 THE DIVISION'S MARKET SHARE 1975-77

Year	Total Annual Hose Market	Orders Received by the Division	Market Share (%)
1975	4,429	1,677	38
1976	4,227	1,516	36
1977	4,881	1,538	32

TABLE 2 OFFSHORE BUSINESS - ESTIMATED HOSE PRODUCTION AND MARKET SHARES (1977)

Manufacturer	Hose Production	Market Share %
Dunlop	1,538	32
Bridgestone	1,230	25
Uniroyal	740	15
Pirelli	492	10
Hewitt Robins	393	8
Kleber	244	5
Goodyear	146	3
Yokohama	. 98	2
TOTAL	4,881	100

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APPENDIX 5.12 MARKET RESEARCH DATA-ANALYSES

AREA: MIDDLE EAST (30 MONOBUOYS) INSTALLATION: EGPC, SUEZ NO.1, EGYPT MAX. TAN DATE INSTALLED: 1976 MAIN HOSE TYPE OF SYSTEM: CALM FLOATING BUOY INSTALLED BY: IMODCO SUEMARINE

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MAX. TANKER SIZE (JWT): 250,000 MAIN HOSE SUPPLIERS: PIRELLI FLOATING STRING(S): 2 x 24" (EACH 2x16"TAIL) SUEMARINE STRING(S): 2 x 24"

FLOATING HOSES

TYPE ANI) SIZE	HOSE LENS. IN USE	Pr 1977	ojected 1978	Replac 1979	ements 1980	1981
Super Samps	on 12"						
312 200	16"	a de la compansie i star		1.11			1.1.1
	20"	2	2	2	2	2	2
Selflote	12"		-				-
	16"	8	2	3	3	2	3
	20"			-			
Manan	24"	42	14	14	14	14	14
Taper	20/16"						
	16/12"			1223	1.00		•
W/W Tail	12"	Trans Distant	1.5	1000		Sec. 1	1.5
	16"		1.000				
Barbell	12"						
Estimated P	Lo"	. 4	. 4	4	4	4	4
3 Years				1			
TOTAL		56	22	23	23	22	23

SUBMARINE HOSES .

TYPE AND SIZE	HOSE LENS. IN USE	Pr 1977	rojected 1978	Replac 1979	ements 1980	1981
Sampson 12" 16" 20" 24" Standard 12" 16" 20"	6	1	2	3	1	2
24" Estimated Hose Life: 3 Years	4	1	1	2	1	1
TOTAL	. 10	2	3	5	2	3

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MONOBUOY ANALYSIS

AREA: EUROPE (13 MONOBUOYS - EXCLUDING NORTH SEA)INSTALLATION: SHELL, ANGLESEY NO.1, U.K.DATE INSTALLED: 1976TYPE OF SYSTEM: CAIMBUOY INSTALLED BY: SEMSUEMARINE STRING(S): 1 x 24"

FLOATING HOSES

TYPE AND	SIZE	HOSE LENS. IN USE	Pr 1977	ojected 1978	Replace 1979	ements 1980	1981
Super Sampso	on 12" 16" 20"						
Selflote	24" 12" 16" 20"	1	1	1.	1	1	1
Taper	24" 24/20" 20/16" 16/12"	20 1 1	3	6 1 1	7 - -	7 1 1	·7 - -
W/W Tail Barbell	12" 16" 12"	· 2	• 2	2	2	2	2
Estimated H 3 Years	16" ose Life:	. 1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL		26	7	12	11	13	. 11

SUHMARINE HOSES

TYPE AND	TYPE AND SIZE HOSE LENS. IN USE	Projected Replacements 1977 1978 1979 1980 198					
Sampson	12" 16" 20"						
Standard	24" 12" 16" 20"	2	1	1	1	1	1
Estimated H 2 Years	24" Lose Life:	. 2	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	Marine 1	4	2	2	2	2	2

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AREA HOSE ANALYSIS

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AREA: SOUTH AMERICA SUMMARY (16 MONOBUOYS)

FLOATING HOSES

. TYPE AND	SIZE	HOSE LENS. IN USE	Pr 1977	nojected 1978	Replace 1979	1980	1981
Super Sampso	on 10" 12" 16" 20"	2 3 8 8	2 3 8 8	2388	2 3 8 8	2 3 8 8	2388
Selflote	24" 10" 12" 16" 20"	6 42 63 164 180	6 28 21 78 67	6 28 22 77 69	6 28 23 79 64	6 28 22 78 67	6 28 21 77 69
Taper	24/20" 20/16" 16/12"	11	1 4	3	1 4	1 4	3
W/W Tail	12" 16"	6 48	6 48	6 48	6 48	6 48	6 48
Barbell	12" 16"	5 24	5 24	5 24	5 24	5 24	. 5 24
TOTAL		689	350	349	347	350	348

SUHMARINE HOSES

TYPE AND SIZE		HOSE LENS. IN USE	Pro 1977	jected 1978	Replace 1979	ments 1980	1981
Sampson Standard	10" 12" 16" 20" 24" 10" 12" 16" 20" 24"	4 6 20 16 14 5 7 28 19 16	2 3 10 7 6 4 4 14 8 8	4 2 9 6 7 4 2 4 8 7	2 2 10 7 8 4 3 14 8 8	2397743599	4 2 10 6 5 4 3 14 7 6
TOTAL		135	66	63	66	68	61

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AREA HOSE ANALYSIS

AREA: WEST AFRICA SUMMARY (16 MONOBUOYS)

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Barbell	12" 16"	5 24	5 24	5 24	40 5 24	40 5 24	40 5 24
TOTAL		678	329	325	335	329	324

SURMARINE HOSES

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TOTAL		124	76	78	74	81	73

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APPENDIX 6.1 APPRAISAL BY MARKET PLANNING MANAGER

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13th July, 1979

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Dear Alan,

Just a line to let you know how we are getting on with the computerised Management Information System after going "live" in January, 1977.

As you know, the manual system in existence prior to 1977 was somewhat disjointed and unreliable with great amounts of time, effort and patience necessary to get at the information. Although the computerised MIS at first appeared to baffle and confuse many of the people operating and using the system, I am very pleased to report that after great effort, initially by yourself of course, and individual education of all concerned that the system has now become extremely efficient and effective.

The analysis reports, based upon order, sales and marketing information, are now being used by management to good advantage. Perhaps the most dramatic improvement has been in the accessibility of information held on file via the Quest facility. This has certainly helped my own particular department a great deal.

Since you left the division, several changes and additions have been made to the system in order to keep it in line with reorganisation within the division and its requirements. Firstly, a new market, 07 - Europe has been introduced to enable its separation from the export market. This was brought about by the European market now coming under the direct responsibility of the U.K. (now European) Sales Department. Several changes were necessary to the entire system and the results have certainly justified the work done.

Secondly, a Forward Forecasting System is presently being introduced which is designed to forecast production (and hence turnover and gross contribution) on a monthly basis. This is based upon columns 46 - 48 of the order input form and I would anticipate accurate data from the system within a year.

From some experience now, I feel that the only problem is one of keeping "on top of" the system and ensuring that all is kept running smoothly. The major problem has probably been of keeping the Outstanding Order File "tidy" as residual values, usually due to changes in currency values have a habit of building up quickly and distorting certain reports. However, we are working on this and we seem to be winning.

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All in all Alan, the system is now working smoothly, the results justify all the work put in by all concerned and I would personally like to thank you for all the very hard work and long hours I know you put in on the project.

With best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

D. Wyse Marketing Services Manager

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