

ENGINEUITY TUTORIAL



Handling Job Delays



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The **effectiveness of labour** allocated to a job by the Construction Manager can be adversely affected by a number of factors, such as :-

- The expertise of the project manager on the site
- Labour relations
- Overmanning of the site

There is also another key factor that the Construction Manager needs to take into account, and that is **delays to the job caused by risks striking**.

We will at how the Construction Manager can mitigate against the consequences of job delays.



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Job 106 (In progress)

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Management consultants report Risk analysis

JOB SUMMARY

JOB PROGRESS

Planned schedule			Job progression								Profit analysis			
Job period	Planned labour	Cumul % complete	Actual progress								By period		Cumulative	
			Period	Status	Actual labour	Ineffect due to delays	Ineffect due to overman	Effective labour	Actual % complete	Completion status	Profit	Profit % of cost	Cumul profit	Cumul profit % of cost
1	68	25 %	7	Past	80	5.4	0.0	74.6	28.16 %	Ahead of schedule	165,909	3.0 %	165,909	3.0 %
2	81	55 %	8	Past	96	0.0	0.4	95.6	64.27 %	Ahead of schedule	498,526	7.4 %	664,435	5.5 %
3	81	85 %	9	Past	96	9.2	0.0	86.8	96.77 %	Ahead of schedule	110,051	1.7 %	774,486	4.2 %
4	41	100 %	10	Current						FINAL planned period of the job				

Total planned labour needed to complete the job is 271.

For a Energy job, the effective labour on site (after delays) cannot be more than 18% above the planned labour.

Consider the following example.

The intention was to complete job 106, an **Energy job**, in period 9, a period earlier than the planned duration of 4 periods, and receive a bonus from the client for early job completion. To achieve this 96 labourers were allocated to site.

However, the effective level of labour **was reduced by 9.2 due to delays caused by risks striking**. This resulted in the job being 96.77% complete at the end of period 9, and not quite completing.

We will now look in more detail at what caused the risk delays using the **Risk analysis** option at the top of the screen, and what action could have been taken to mitigate against their affect in order to complete the job a period early.



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Risk analysis											
COST ANALYSIS					DELAY ANALYSIS						
Job details					Risk details			Risk status		Delays	
Job	Status	In	BIM job	Sector	Risk description	Chance	Expected labour reduction	Struck	In period	Affect of Invest	Actual labour reduction
106	In progress	IND	Yes	ENE	Inadequate site procedures	Medium	2.3 %	No			
					Local transport problems	Medium	2.4 %	Yes	9	-30.0 %	1.68 %
					Hazardous materials found at site	Low	6.9 %	Yes	7	-30.0 %	4.83 %
					Inadequate staff training	Medium	2.7 %	Yes	7	-30.0 %	1.89 %
					Site safety issues	Medium	11.3 %	Yes	9	-30.0 %	7.91 %

The **Risk analysis** reveals that the delays to the job in period 9 were caused by 'Local transport problems' and 'Site safety issues'.

The combined delay should been a labour reduction of 13.7% (2.4% + 11.3%), but targeted investments on the Financial Decisions Screen reduced the labour reduction by 30% to 9.59%.

KEY POINTS

- More than one risk can strike in any period of a job, **but they only occur during the planned duration of a job, and not if it overruns.**
- Completing a job at least one period early can prevent risks striking in future periods.



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Investment Details

ASIA PACIFIC SOLUTIONS

Desc: Management consultants

Profile: For over 40 years, Australian based Asia Pacific Solutions have been saving their clients millions by providing risk mitigation solutions at all stages of the construction process, and they recently invested in a state of the art computer system to stay at the forefront of their field.

The company operate solely with contractors in the energy sector worldwide, although 75% of their turnover is within the Asia Pacific region, which they serve from their Gold Coast headquarters, along with around 20 regional offices.

PERFORMANCE HISTORY

PERIODIC RETURNS

Period	% return to investors	Company investment		Investment for investors
		Amount invested	Investment	
1	2.4 %	0		port
2	2.0 %	0		port
3	2.5 %	100,000		port
4	2.4 %	202,500		port
5	2.0 %	307,360		port
6	2.6 %	413,507		port
7	2.2 %	424,256		
8	2.5 %	433,550		
9	2.9 %	444,700		

BENEFITS - REDUCTION IN JOB COSTS

	Build cost	Risk cost	% of total
Industrial	0	0	0 %
Building & Commercial	0	0	0 %
Transport	0	0	0 %
Energy	0	431,437	100 %
Water & Sewage	0	0	0 %
	0	431,437	

The targeted investment that reduced the job delay was in Asia Pacific Solutions, whose profile clearly shows that they have built up an enviable global reputation for risk management solutions to contractors in the Energy sector of the construction industry, which job 106 is.



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Industry parameters

FINANCE	OVERHEADS	PROCUREMENT	JOB PROGRESSION
CASH ACCOUNT			
	Credit rate:	1.8 % per annum	
	Overdraft rate:	6.4 % per annum	
	Overdraft limit:	600,000	
CAPITAL BASE			
	Increase limited to:	5 % this period	
	Sold off limited to:	25 % this period	
	Depreciation rate:	2.5 % per annum	
	Capital writing down:	25 % per annum	
INVESTMENTS			
Restrictions			
There cannot be more than: 6 investments at any point in time			
For each investment the maximum increase in the investment is limited to: 100000 each period			
Benefits for jobs in progress			
A minimum amount of: 200000 needs to have been invested to obtain any benefits for jobs in progress			
For investments that deliver build cost reductions, once the minimum amount has been invested to obtain benefits, and depending upon how much has been invested, the build cost reductions are between: 0.3 and 0.5 %			
For investments that provide risk management services, once the minimum amount has been invested to obtain benefits, and depending upon how much has been investment, for risks that strike the risk cost reductions are between: 30 and 40 %			
job delay reductions are between: 25 and 30 %			
Cease trading			
If an investment company ceases trading, the amount invested recovered is between: 25 and 85 %			

The **Industry parameters** reveal that if at least 200,000 is invested into companies that provide risk management services for the construction industry, job delays can be reduced by between 25 and 30%, as has been achieved by the investment in Asia Pacific Solutions.

KEY POINTS

There are 2 tiers of cost reductions, a lower and upper tier. You are not told the investment required to obtain the upper tier saving, and this knowledge can only be acquired as time progresses, but there is a linear increment between the two tiers as the investment increases.



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MAKING Job progression decisions (Labour) for period 9 in the Early Years

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IDLE LABOUR POOL

START OF THE PERIOD
 Number in the idle pool: 77
 Number to layoff: 0
 Number available for jobs in progress: 77

AFTER DECISIONS
 Net transfers: -40
 Number left in the idle pool: 37

JOBS IN PROGRESS

Job	Country	Sector	Plan Dur	Remaining planned periods	Progress so far	This period		Own Labour					Subcontract Labour			Total		
						Status	Plan lab	To site		From site		On site	End last	Take on	Lay off		On site	
								Last per	From ILP	New	To ILP							Paid off
106	IND	Energy	4	2 planned periods remaining	Ahead of schedule	3rd period	81	96	0	0	0	0	96	0	0	0	0	96
121	UK	Transport	4	2 planned periods remaining	Ahead of schedule	3rd period	99	137	0	0	0	72	65	7	0	7	0	65
146	US	Energy	4	3 planned periods remaining	Ahead of schedule	2nd period	37	34	9	0	0	0	43	1	0	0	0	44
173	UK	Energy	4	4 planned periods remaining		1st period	26	0	31	0	0	0	31	0	0	0	0	31

Delays that occur in the periods before a job is due to complete are not such a concern, apart from the additional site cost. **HOWEVER, delays that occur in the period a job is due to complete can be costly** because they can prevent a job from completing, with associated late completion penalties, and a waste of resources in terms of the further labour and a project manager to complete the job.

Gong back to the previous period, how could the Construction Manager adjust the labour on site for job 106 to mitigate against the affect of any potential delays ?



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Risk analysis Navigate to "Main menu/Making decisions/Job progression decisions (Labour)/Display job details/Risk analysis"

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RISK	Likelihood	Chance it hits
	High	70 to 80 %
	Medium	40 to 50 %
	Low	20 to 30 %

The **Risk analysis** for job 106 reveals that there are 3 risks that have not yet struck, and which could delay the job if they were to strike, the delay causing a reduction in the labour on site :-

- 'Inadequate site procedures', which has a **'medium'** chance of occurring, and an expected labour reduction of 2.3%
- 'Local transport problems', which has a **'medium'** chance of occurring, and an expected labour reduction of 2.4%
- 'Site safety issues', which has a **'medium'** chance of occurring, and an expected labour reduction of 11.3%

The **Industry parameters** show the chance a risk may strike for each likelihood level.

Since the risks all have a medium chance of occurring, the Construction Manager decides to take action in all 3 cases.

The combined delay is expected to be 16% if all the risks strike, but the investment in the Asia Pacific Group should reduce the delay by 30% i.e., from 16% To 11.2%. Hence, the required labour level of 96 is adjusted in case of the 11.2% delay, giving a revised labour level of 108.1 labourers ($96 / 0.888$). Since we cannot have fractions of people, the labour level is adjusted upwards to 109.

KEY POINTS

Targeted investments on the Financial Decisions Screen into risk management companies can reduce the delays caused when risks strike, and reduce the amount of additional labour added to compensate for potential delays.



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IDLE LABOUR POOL

START OF THE PERIOD

Number in the idle pool: 77

Number to layoff: 0

Number available for jobs in progress: 77

AFTER DECISIONS

Net transfers: -54

Number left in the idle pool: 23

JOBS IN PROGRESS

Job	Country	Sector	Plan Dur	Remaining planned periods	Progress so far	Status	Plan lab	Own Labour					Subcontract Labour				Total			
								This period		To site		From site			On site	End last		Take on	Lay off	On site
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The adjusted labour level of 109 labourers should compensate if all of the risks strike, and enable the job to complete on time.

KEY POINTS

If the delays do not occur the job will complete earlier than the end of the period, and as all labour is retained on site until the end of the period when a job completes, there will be additional labour costs due to the ineffective labour. **However, at least the job will have completed.**