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# Risk Based Controls (Scaling Project Controls Practices)

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## About the Speaker

- Technical Services Lead within FEED Office, Petroleum Development Oman
- 11+ years experience in Project Controls within Oil & Gas Industry
- Led various continuous improvement initiatives within Planning & Scheduling, Cost Engineering, Risk Management, Change Management, Projects Reporting and Project Health Checks.
- Worked with Multi-billion-dollar projects and developed Project Controls expertise in all key phases of a project from Initiation phase to final handover
- Hands-on experience in various Project Controls products, e.g., Oracle Primavera, MS Projects, EcoSys, Easy Risk, Acumen Fuse, SAP, Tableau, SPO etc.



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# About the Topic

- What is Risk Based Controls and its key objectives?
- What are the key challenges?
- How optimization within tools and systems achieved?
- What were the key benefits / quick wins?



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**9,000**  
Direct Staff



**60+**  
Nationalities



**60,000**  
Contractor Staff

**>9400**  
Active Wells

**230**  
Operating  
Units

**> 33,000 km**  
of Pipelines &  
Flowlines



**60%**  
Energy Development Oman  
*(on behalf of Government of Oman)*



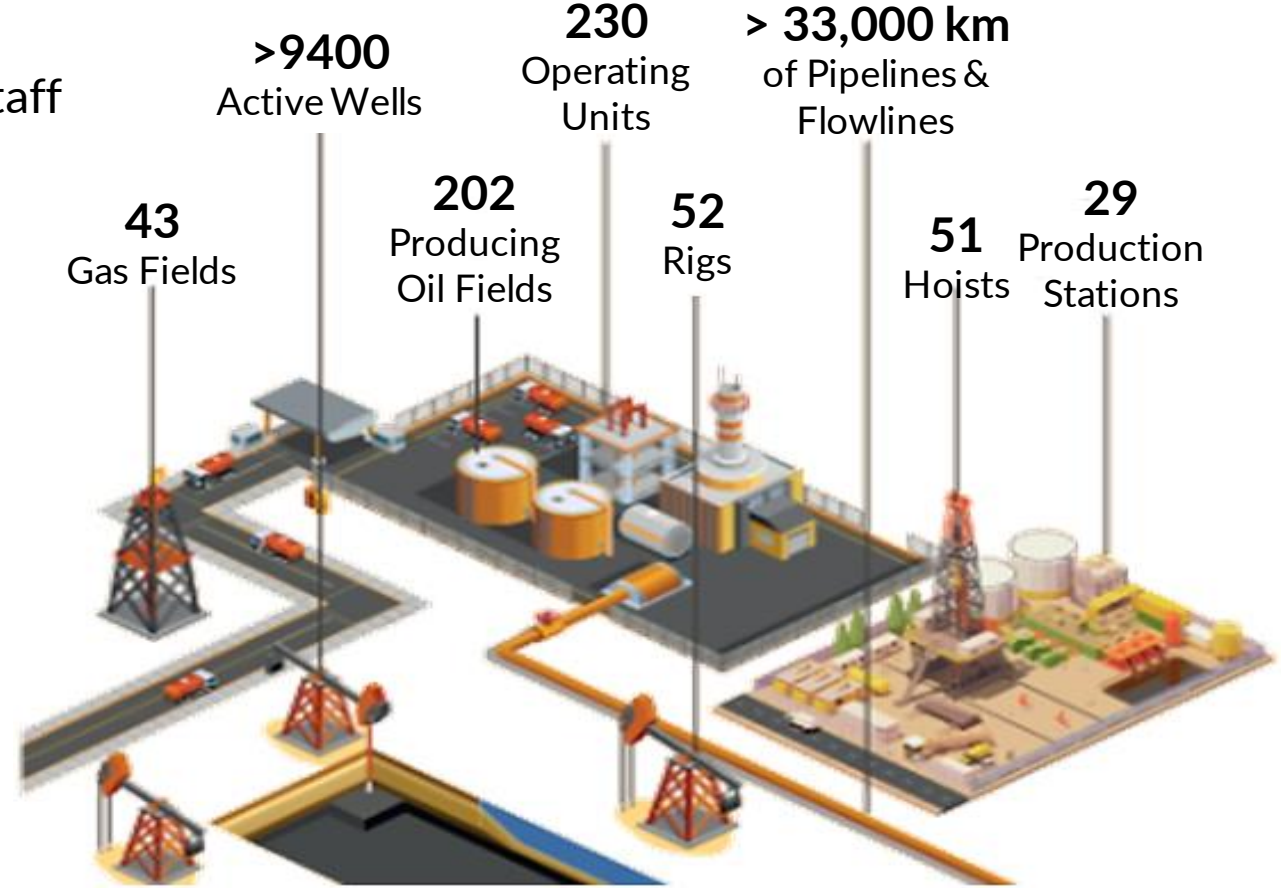
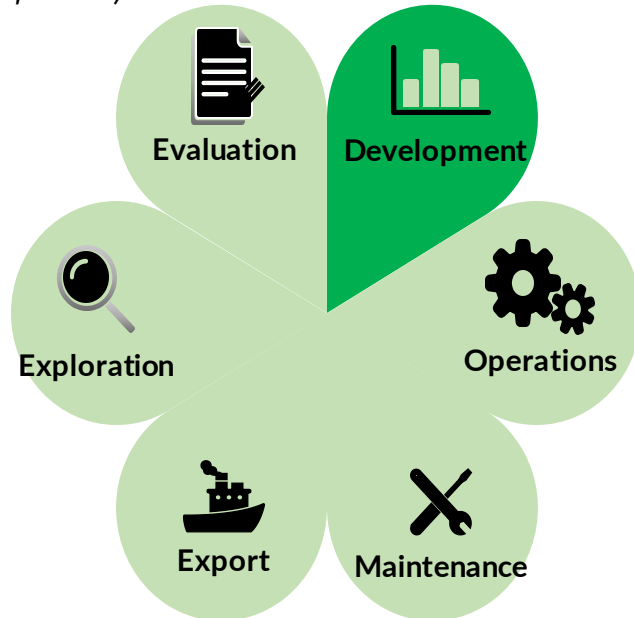
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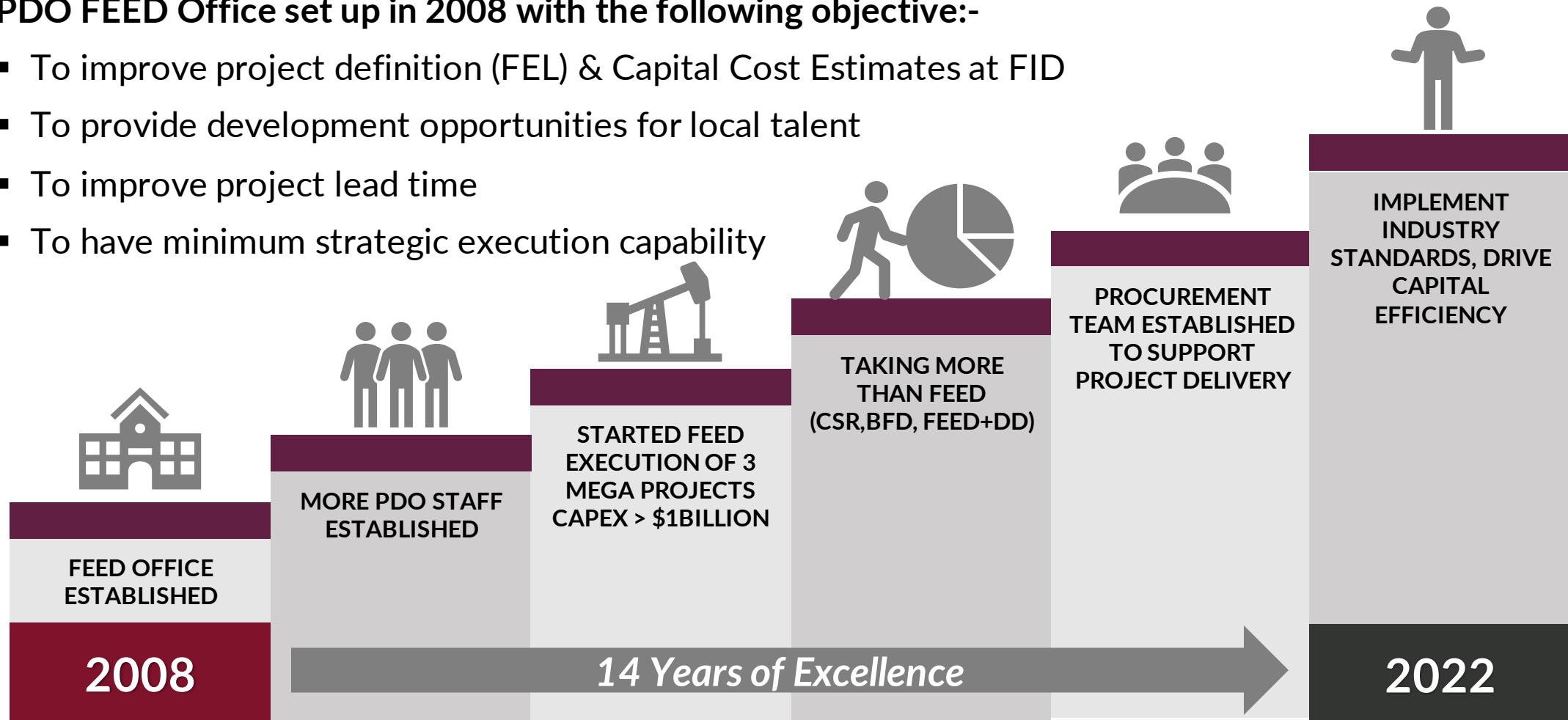


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# About FEED Office

PDO FEED Office set up in 2008 with the following objective:-

- To improve project definition (FEL) & Capital Cost Estimates at FID
- To provide development opportunities for local talent
- To improve project lead time
- To have minimum strategic execution capability



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# Opportunity Realisation



Identify the Opportunity



Concept Selection and Basis of Design



Detail Design, Procurement & Construction



Assess the Opportunity



Front-End Engineering Design



Operations



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# Opportunity Realisation



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FEED Office Scope



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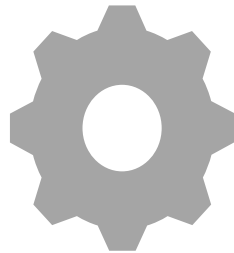
# Project Controls Function

Below are the key functions of Project Controls functions followed within FEED Office



## Initiate

- Establish Scope & WBS
- Initiate CTR Development
- Prepare PAF and seek budget approval



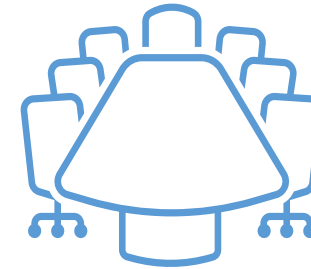
## Project Set up

- Schedule Development & Set Baseline
- Setup Progress Measurement Sheet
- Setup Reporting systems



## Monitoring & Reporting

- Monitor, Measure and Report actual progress
- Update Schedules and Re-forecast on Monthly Basis



## Change Management

- Maintain Change Control Register
- Conduct impact assessment
- Schedule Re-baselining and Revise Progress Measurement System
- Update Cost Reporting



## Project Closeout

- Capture Lesson Learn
- Ensure close-out of all actions
- Support in Project Close Out



# Introduction to Risk Based Control

- With an influx of executing projects of different types, sizes and complexity, there was a need to establish a mechanism that will ensure the correct scalability and level of effort required by Project Controls Engineer within FEED Office (FO).
- In the span of last 14 years, FEED Office has proved its capability by successfully executing CSR, BfD, FEED, FEED+DD, DD and many miscellaneous projects.

**Start Up**  
**2008-2010**  
• Multiple Medium Size Project

**Mega Project**  
**2011-2014**  
• Medium size project (40K Man-hours)  
• 3 Mega Projects (300K Man-hours)

**Medium and Small**  
**2015 Onwards**  
• Project from 10K to 70K Man-hours



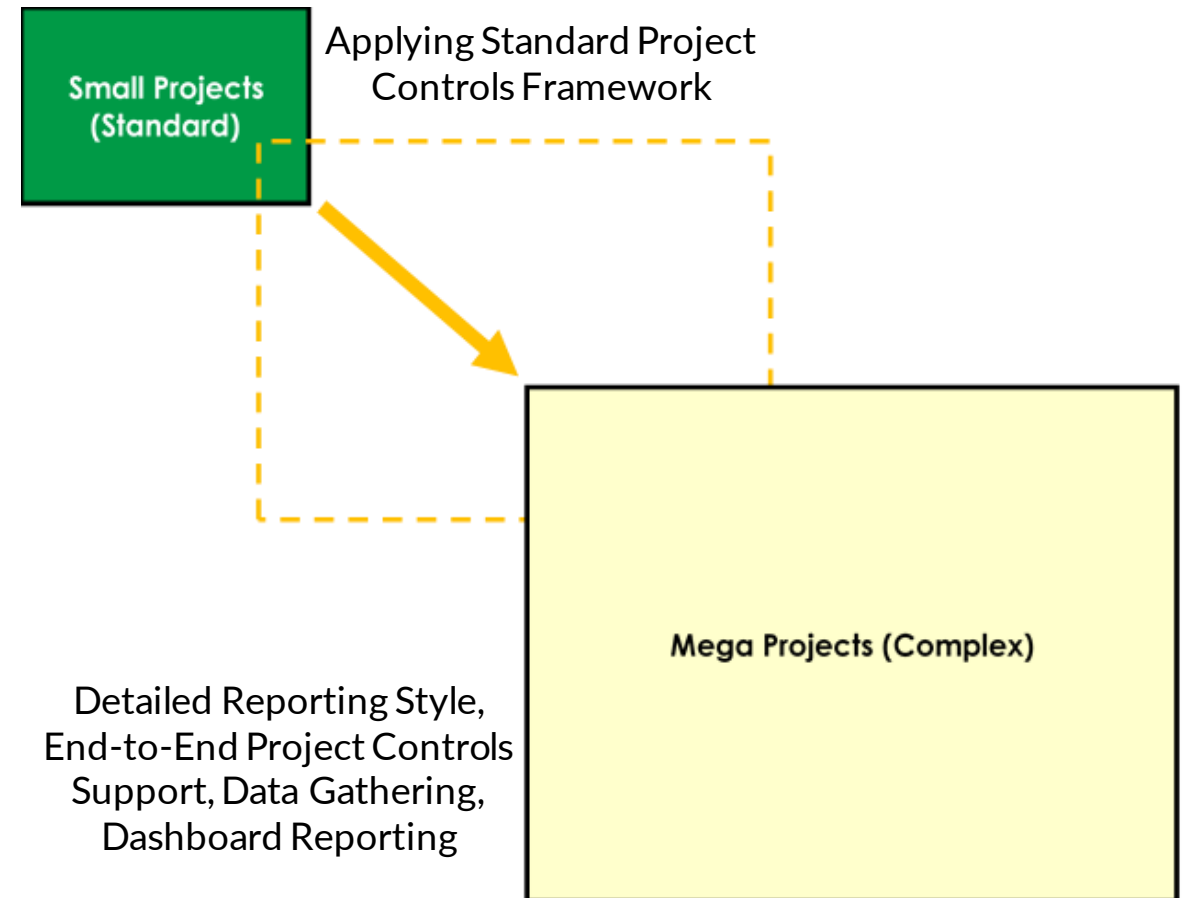
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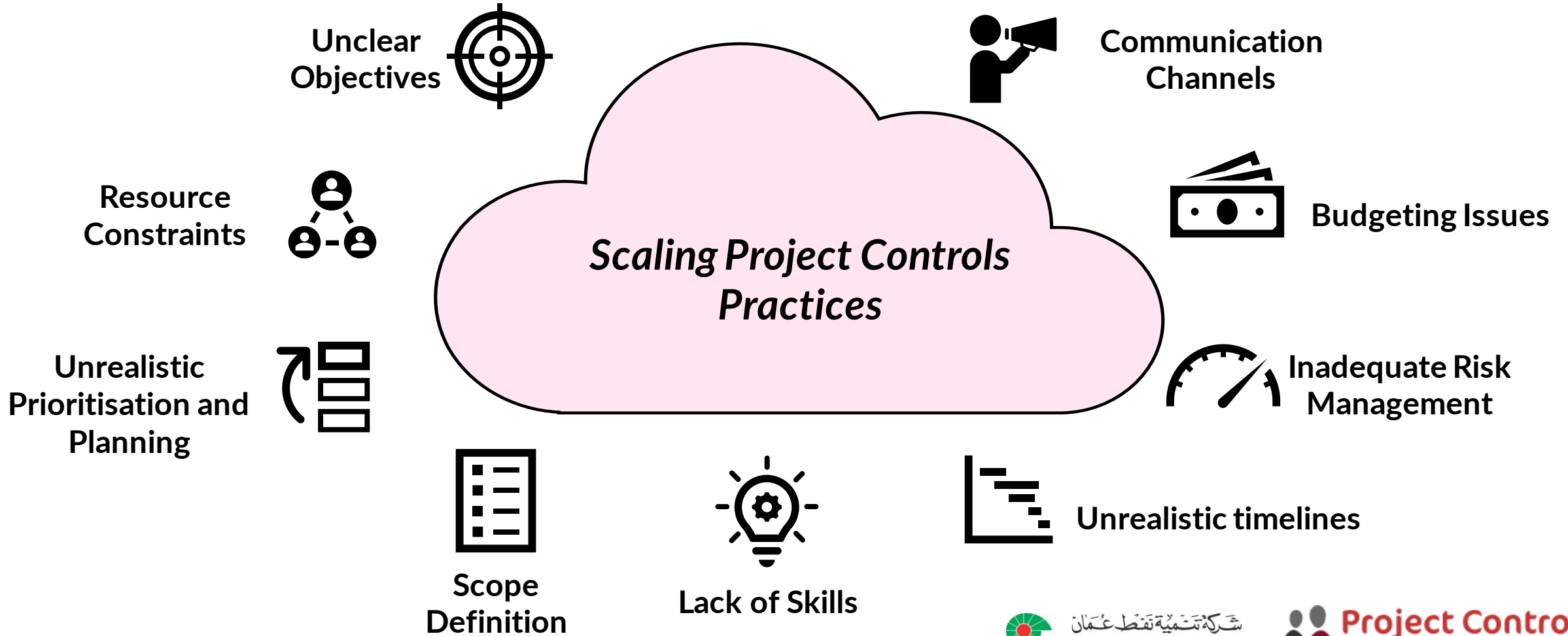
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# Objectives

- The main objective of Risk Based Controls (RBC) is to apply comprehensive and fit for purpose project controls requirement on various type and size of projects
- Assist top management to adhere with the preferred practices which is to an acceptable level
- To keep a clear visibility and control for any given type of project



# Key Challenges



# Generic Attributes - Earlier Classification

- Earlier classification of key Project Controls requirement was generic and applicable to all type of projects

SI No	Document Required	Mega Projects	Major Projects	Minor Projects	Ad-Hoc Projects
1	Project Approval Form	√	√	√	
2	Cost Time Resource Catalogue (CTR)	√	√	√	
3	Schedule (Primavera)	√	√	√	
4	Project Reports (Weekly, Monthly, Cost)	√	√	√	
5	Project Control Plan	√	√		
6	Customer Feedback	√	√		

Note: - (√) Applicable



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# Risk Based Control - New Classification

- Risk based Controls is not a standardised activity and it cannot be replicated from one organization to another organization. It is based on organizational experience, type of projects executed in the past.

Key Requirements	Mega	Major	Minor	Small	Adhoc	Unit of Measurement
	>60k Manhours	20k - 60k Manhours	10k - 20k Manhours	5k - 10k Manhours	<5k Manhours	
CTR in Database / Excel	√	√	√	√	○	Per Project
TPS Estimate in Excel	√	√	√	√	○	Per Project
Project Approval Form	√	√	√	√	○	Per Project
Project Control Plan	√	○	N/A	N/A	N/A	Per Project
High Level Project Plan	√	√	○	○	N/A	Per Project
Project Schedule in P6 (Resource Loaded)	√	√	○	N/A	N/A	Per Project
Project Schedule in Excel	N/A	N/A	○	√	N/A	Per Project
Weekly Progress Report	√	√	√	√	N/A	Per Week
Monthly Progress Report	√	○	N/A	N/A	N/A	Per Month
Monthly Update of P6 / Excel Schedule	√	○	N/A	N/A	N/A	Per Month
Monthly Cost Report	√	√	○	○	N/A	Per Month
TPS Control & Tracker	√	√	√	√	○	Per Month
Final (As-Built) Schedule	√	√	√	N/A	N/A	Per Project
Final Cost Report	√	√	√	○	N/A	Per Project

Note: - (NA) Not Applicable, (√) Applicable & (O) Optional



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# Tools & Systems - Optimization

- New Tools & System established to ensure the adherence to Risk Based Controls is rightly followed across FEED Office
- The optimization within the Project Controls framework helped in organize specific templates
- Expected Inputs or Outputs that project personnel use for the different categories of project (Adhoc, Small, Minor, Medium & Major)
- Helps to drive consistency in how project personnel apply the preferred project control practices for a given project

**CTR Estimation**

**Schedule Preparation**



Discipline	Original Budget	Approved Changes	Current Budget	Planned
PROJECT MANAGEMENT				
FEED				
PROCESS				
MECHANICAL ROTATING				
MECHANICAL STATIC				
PLANT PIPING				
PRELIMES				
DESIGN SYSTEM ADMIN				
MATERIAL CORROSION				
INSTRUMENTAL				
CONTROL & AUTOMATION				
TELECOMMUNICATION				
CIVIL / STRUCTURAL				
VO Handovers				
VO 3rd Party services				

**Optimized Cost Reporting**



# CTR Estimation

In this new methodology, certain category of projects was identified qualifying for top-down estimate by using high level scope parameter based on Project CAPEX, Equipment count and Project Complexity, type of project etc.

## Objectives-

- To reduce the level of efforts, especially for small projects like BfD, Inhouse CTR estimation tool was developed for FEED Office PDO.
- From 2 weeks of CTR preparation time, the time duration was dropped to 4 days. With that, the level of effort was reduced by 63%.

PROJECT - XXXX									
Project Type	On Plot <input type="checkbox"/>	Off Plot <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Total / Unique Eq. Count	3	Complexity	90.0%	Capex (10-500M)	141	
Discipline	Select/Unselect All	%	Hours	Adequacy Check	Factor			Project Duration (Weeks)	
P Process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	37.6%	5,210	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OLGA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<5 No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	≥5 No <input type="checkbox"/>	TLNet <input type="checkbox"/>	24
K C&A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3.2%	445	<input type="checkbox"/>	OHL Scope			Reviews and Workshops	UOM
E Electrical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.0%	554	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sour			Hazid	/Project 4
H HSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.0%	555	<input type="checkbox"/>	No of Equip. Check			Layout Review	/Project 4
R Rotating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.4%	328	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rt. Dominated			Risk Workshop	/Project 8
S Static	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.8%	254	<input type="checkbox"/>				HFE	/Project 4
L Piping	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5.2%	727	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pipeline in KM			Design Class	/Project 8
W Pipeline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22.0%	3,046	<input type="checkbox"/>	190	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning		Leasson Learnt	/Project 8
U Material & Corosion	<input type="checkbox"/>	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>				Alarp	/Project 8
C Civil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.6%	365	<input type="checkbox"/>				DEMI/DEM2	/Project 6
J Project Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6.0%	830	<input type="checkbox"/>				Weekly Meeting	/Week 1.5
Z PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8.3%	1,152	<input type="checkbox"/>				Peer Review	/Project 16
Q QAQC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.9%	402	<input type="checkbox"/>				BFD One Go	/Project 16
G Procurement	<input type="checkbox"/>	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>				PFS One Go	/Project 8
D PDMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	-	-	<input type="checkbox"/>					
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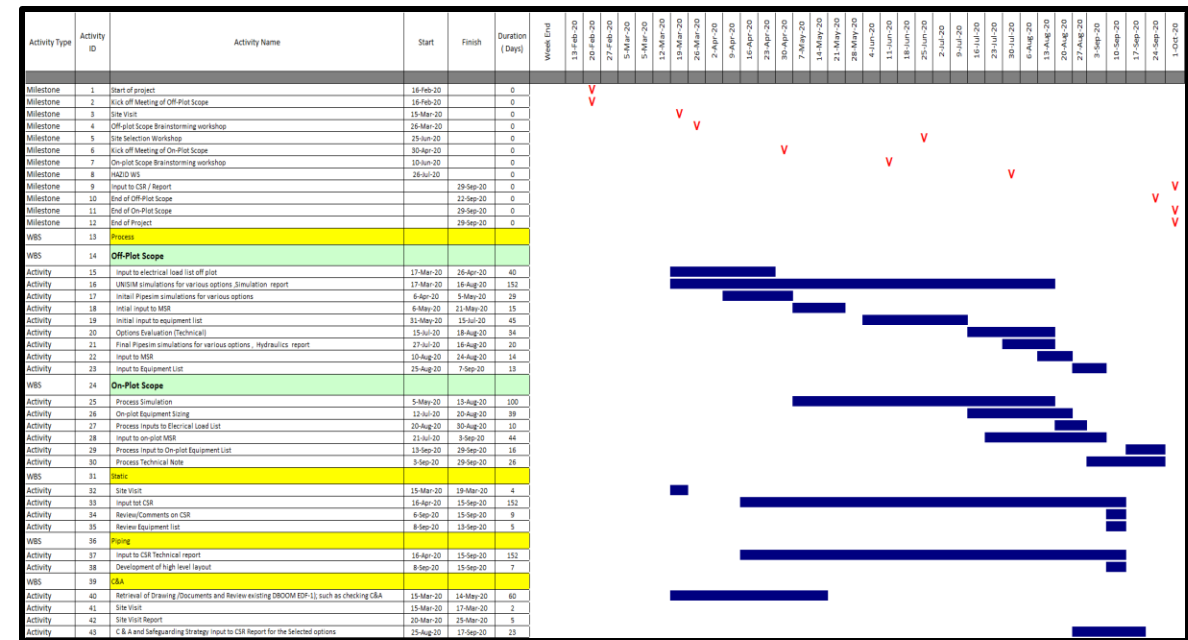
CTR Estimation Tool for Minor Projects

## High level Estimate (Deliverables & Activities)

Project Name- XXXX		
Discipline	CTR	Manhours
<b>Process</b>		
P001	Project Management	
P01A	Workshops and Reviews	
P003	Philosophies and design basis	
P004	Narratives/ Reports/Lists	
P005	Design Calculations & Data Sheets	
P007	Discipline Drawings	
P01B	Discipline Project Management	
<b>Process - Total</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>C&amp;A</b>		
K001	Project Management	
K01A	Workshops and Reviews	
K002	Workscope Definition	
K004	Design Documents	
K010	Discipline Drawings	
K01B	Discipline Project Management	
<b>C&amp;A - Total</b>		<b>0</b>

# Schedule Preparation

- A Standardisation was established based on FEED Office previous experience on small type of projects. It reduced the cycle time of schedule preparation by 50%.
- This was established to minimize the schedule preparation time for small projects where time span is not more than 6 months. From 2 weeks scheduled preparation time, the time duration was dropped to 4 days. With that, the level of effort was reduced by 60%



Simplified Project Schedule (Small Projects)



# Optimized Cost Report

- A template for Optimized Cost report with adequate information is developed which provides all necessary information necessary for specific type of project. It reduces the level of efforts i.e., cost, and time.
- With this effort, cost report preparation time of 2 days duration was dropped to 2.5 hour. Helping in significantly reducing the level of effort by 75%

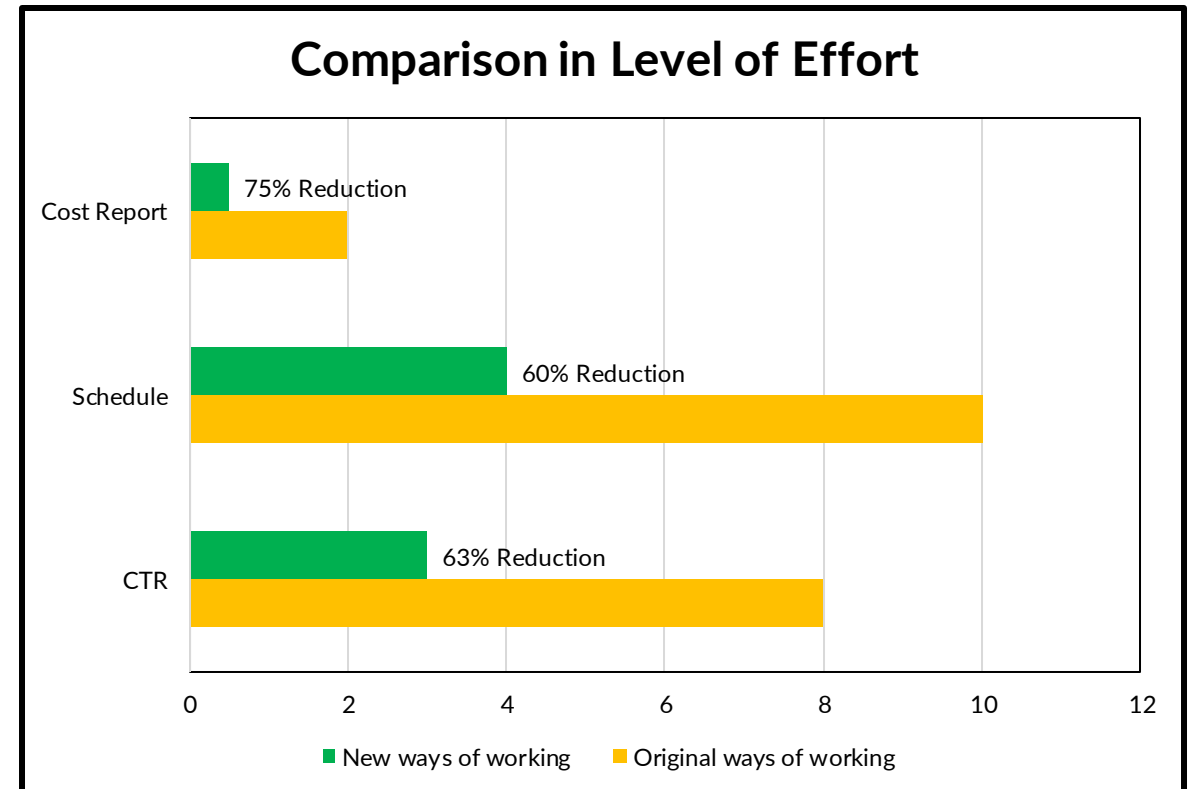
Discipline	Project- XXXX					
	Original Budget	Approved Changes	Current Budget	Planned	Earned	VOWD
PROJECT MANAGEMENT						
HSSE						
PROCESS						
MECHANICAL ROTATING						
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DESIGN SYSTEM ADMIN						
MATERIAL/CORROSION						
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CIVIL / STRUCTURAL						
<b>FO Manhours</b>						
<b>FO 3rd Party services</b>						
<b>CONTINGENCY</b>						
<b>Overall Project Status</b>						

Optimized One Pager Cost Report



# Benefits & Quick Wins

- With the roll-out of Risk Based Controls across FEED Office, it was clearly visible to actualize the significant man-hour reduction in some of the key deliverables produced by Project Controls.
- Reduction in Level of Effort across three key deliverables produced by Project Controls team is reflected in Graph Below,



## Pre & Post RBC Implementation

# Benefits



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# Conclusion

- Risk Based Controls helped in define / introduce the key tools to deliver CTR, Schedule and Cost Reports within an agreed timeframe.
- Introduction of Risk Based Controls helped the Project Controls team fulfill the optimal Project Controls Functional support / requirement for various type of projects (with complexity factor, type and/or size) in a faster and effective manner.
- Assisted the team comprehend the client's expectations on the Reporting and Monitoring aspect in line with the in-housed developed Risk Based Controls framework.
- Significant reduction actualized in terms of man-hour / level of effort reduction and timely delivery of key / fit-for-purpose Project Controls deliverables.



# Thank You



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