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GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF INDUSTRIAL FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR CONSULTING FIRMS \*

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#### SCOPE OF CONTRACTING SERVICES

The consultant is expected to prepare the pre-feasibility (or feasibility) study in accordance with the UNIDO approach and methodology as embodied in the Manual for the Preparation of Industrial Feasibility Studies. These guidelines were written in order to explain the contents of such a study in more detail. Since UNIDO attempts to standardize its pre-investment work a complete computer programme is currently being developed in line with the Manual for the Preparation of Industrial Feasibility Studies. In order to ensure that the pre-feasibility (or feasibility) study is as comprehensive as possible, the consulting firm is requested to apply the schedules given in the Manual particularly those of Chapter X.

The Report will consist of 10 Chapters in line with Part two of the Manual, each providing in-depth analysis and information in the manner outlined below:

# Chapter I

#### 1. Executive Summary

The Executive summary should summarize all conclusions and recommendations covering all critical aspects of the study:

#### Project background and history (Chapter II)

#### State:

Name and address of project promoter Project orientation: market or raw material oriented Market orientation: domestic or export Economic and industrial policies supporting the project Project background

# Market and plant capacity (Chapter III)

List annual data on:

Demand Projected sales Production programme Plant capacity

# Materials and inputs (Chapter IV)

Describe general availability of: Raw materials Auxiliary materials Factory supplies Utilities

List annual supply requirements of material inputs

Location and site (Chapter V)

Describe location and state plant site

Project engineering (Chapter VI)

Describe layout and scope of the project State technology finally selected Summarize equipment selected Describe required civil engineering works

# Plant organization and overhead costs (Chapter VII)

Outline the organization

Manpower (Chapter VIII)

State selected type and size of labour force State selected type and size of staff

Implementation scheduling (Chapter IX)

Duration of plant erection and installation Duration of production start-up and running-in period

Financial and economic evaluation (Chapter X)

Total investment costs:

List major investment data in local and foreign exchange, as needed, for:

- Land and site preparation
- + civil engineering works
- + technology and equipment
- + pre-production capital costs
- + working capical
- = total investment costs

Project financing (assumed)

Sources of financing Impact of cost of financing and debt servicing on project proposals Public policy and regulations on financing Financing institutions Required financial statements Financial ratios

Total production or manufacturing costs (at feasible normal capacity) List annual data for

- Factory costs + administrative overheads + sales and distribution costs = operating costs + financial costs
- + depreciation
- = total production or manufacturing costs

Financial evaluation Net present value Internal rate of return Pay-back period Simple rate of return Break-even analysis Sensitivity analysis (detailed)

National economic evaluation Appraise the project proposal from the national economic point of view

# Conclusions

Major advantages of project Major drawbacks of project Chances of implementing the project

#### Chapter II

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#### 2. Project Bachground and History

The presentation of this chapter should be done in the following fashion:

Project background

Describe the project idea List the major project parameters that serviced as the guiding principles during the preparation of the study: product and product mix, plant capacity and location, market or raw material orientation of project, implementation schedule and others Outline the economic, industrial, financial, social, and other related policies Show different geographical levels, such as international, regional, national, areal and local Highlight the economic, sectoral and subsectoral project coverage

# Project promoter and/or initiator

Name(s) and address(es) Financial possibilities Role within the project Other relevant information

# Project history

Historical development of the project (dates of essential events in project histor;) Studies and investigations already performed (title, author, completion date, ordering pary) Conclusions arrived at, and decisions taken, from these former studies and investigations for further use within this study

#### Feasibility study

Author, title Ordering party

Cost of preparatory studies and

related investigations (provided that they

form part of the project's pre-production expenses, i.e. that they are to be borne by the project and not by third parties)

Pre-investment studies

Opportunity studies Pre-feasibility studies Feasibility study Partial studies Experts, consultant and engineering fees

Preparatory investigations, such as:

Land surveys Quantity surveys (Quanitification of building materials) Quality (laboratory) tests Other investigations and tests

Others

# Chapter III

#### Market and Plant Capcity

Before the project is formulated, the size and composition of the present effective market demand, by segment, should be determined in order to estimate the possible degree of market penetration by a particular product. Also, the income from sales should be projected taking into account technology, plant capacity, production programme and marketing strategy. The latter has to be set up during the feasibility study giving due consideration to product pricing, promotional measures, distribution systems and costs.

Once the sales projections are available, a detailed production programme should be made showing the various production activities and their timing. The final step at this stage of a feasibility study is to determine the plant capacity taking into account alternative levels of production, investment outlay and sales revenues.

#### Demand and market study

Data and alternative projection methods

List and describe data needed for the demand and market study List and describe possible alternative methods of data evaluation and determination of present and future demand Select a method of data evaluation and state reasons for selection Detail the methods of data evaluation and demand determination to be used for the project under consideration.

Determination of demand and market size for products (by-products)

Evaluate data and present final results showing:

The size and composition of present effective demand (total and by segment) The demand projections for the market (total and by segment) for the lifetime of the project The estimated market penetration by products

### Sales forecast and marketing of

products and by - products

Data and alternatives

Desribe data required in addition to the results of the demand and market study Describe possible alternative sales and marketing programmes

Selection of sales programmes and marketing strategy State reasons for selection of sales programme

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- Detail the sales programme
- Presentation of the programme (descriptively, using tables, graphs and maps as appropriate to show development throughout the life of the project)

State reasons for selecting of marketing strategy

- Detail the marketing strategy
- Presentation of marketing strategy

Product pricing

Promotional efforts during the pre-production and production stages

Organizational set-up of distribution and sales

Commissions or discounts on sales

After-sales facilities and services

Estimate of sales revenues

Estimate annual sales revenues based on the sales programme and the marketing strategy

Estimate of sales and distribution costs

Estimate of sales costs Estimate of distribution costs

# Production programme

Data and alternatives

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Describe the data required to set up a production programme Desribe possible alternative production programmes When preparing the production programme, keep in mind among other things:

- Anticipated sales
- Minimum storage requirements
- Expected wastage
- Parameters of plant capacity
- After-sales requirements
- Reserves due to operational reasons

Selection of production programme

State reasons for selection Describe in detail the production programme For each product (and by-product):

> Quality specifications Quantities produced annually Time schedule of production (start-up, trial runs, full capacity production)

For emissions such as:

Wastes and effluent: (to be treated or not), dust, fumes, noises etc. Quality of emissions Quantities of emissions Time schedule Means of treatment

Estimate costs of emissions disposal

Treatment (as far as not covered under equipment and civil works) Disposal in dumps and/or sewage system Compensation payments to neighbours for damage caused by emissions

Plant capacity

Data and alternatives

Describe data for the determination of plant capacity (feasible normal as opposed to nominal maximum capacity) List possible alternatives on plant capacity

Determination of feasible normal plant capacity

Select and describe in detail the feasible normal plant capacity State reasons for selection Describe nominal maximum capacity

The selection of the feasible normal plant capacity should be based on:

- Paramters of the production programme

 Parameters of minimum economic equipment size Plant capacity should be determined as feasible normal capacity for:

- The entire plant
- The main departments (semi-finished products)

#### Chapter IV

#### Materials and Inputs

There is a close relationship between the definition of input requirenents and other project formulation stages, such as definition of plant capacity, location and selection of technology and equipment, as these inevitably interact with one another. The main basis for the selection of materials and inputs is the usuand analysis and the production programme and plant capacity derived therefrom.

The following issues relating to material and input requirements should be covered in the feasibility study.

Characteristics of materials and inputs

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Materials and inputs should be classified into:

Raw materials (unprocessed and semi-processed) Processed industrial materials (intermediates) Manufactures (sub-assemblies) Auxiliary materials Factory supplies Utilities

Data and alternative

Describe data for the selection of materials and inputs List all required materials and inputs and show alternatives

Selection and description of materials and inputs

Select and describe in detail the chosen materials and inputs State reasons for selection Describe materials and inputs, stating

> Qualitative properites Quantities available Sources, supplies Availability (schedule) Unit costs

#### Supply programme

#### Fundamental data and alternatives

Describe fundamental data for the preparation of the supply programme Prepare supply programme, show alternatives When satting up the supply programme, consider the:

> Production programme Availability of supplies Characteristics of supplies Technology and equipment Losses of raw material inputs due to transport and storage Losses of semi-finished and finished products due to processing, distribution and storage Replacements due to warranty services Local conditions

Selection of the supply programme

Select and describe in detail the optimum supply programme State reasons for selection Describe supply programme, stating for each input:

> Quantitative supply programme Sources of supply Time delivery (schedule) Storage measures and capacities (if necessary)

Cost estimate

Estimate annual costs of materials and inputs:

Raw materials Processed industrial materials Manufactures Auxiliary materials Factory supplies Utilities

#### Chapter V

#### Lucation and Site

A feasibility study has to define the location and site suitable for the industrial project under consideration. The choice of location should be made from a fairly wide geographical area within which several alternative sites may have to be considered. Once the site has been selected, the impact on the environment of erecting and operating the industrial plant has to be studied.

# Location

Data and alternatives

Describe the fundamental data and requirements on the locations for plant operation

List possible locations, describe and show them on maps of appropriate scale

Choice of location

Select and describe in detail the chosen optimum location State reasons for selection Describe location, state:

> Country Geographical location District Town

For the choice of location, the following aspects, among others, should be taken into consideration:

Public policies Material versus market orientation Local conditions: infrastructure and socioeconomic environment

# Site

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Date and alternatives

Describe fundamental data and requirements on site for plant erection and operation List possible site alternatives, describe and show them on maps of appropriate scale

Site selection

Select and describe in detail the chosen optimum site State reasons for selection Describe site, state:

Location (town, street, number etc.) Geographical and geodetical conditions Use maps of appropriate scale, showing: Orientation Boundaries Neighbours Contour lines Roads and other traffic connections Utility connections, next point of tie-in Existing obstacles and structures Underground conditions Existing rights of way, easements, etc. For selection of the plant site, the following aspects, among others, should be taken into consideration: Cost of land Local conditions: infrastructure and socio-economic anvironment Public policies versus private interests Site preparation and development Site properties and conditions Cost estimate Investment cost, such as: Land Taxes Legal expenses Payments to neighbours Rights of way (one time payments) Production cost, such as annual payments for: Right. of way Easements Rents Local conditions List ani describe local conditions Climate Site and terrain Transport facilities Water supply Power supply Waste disposal Manpover Fiscal and legal regulations Construction, erection and maintenance facilities Living conditions

### Eavironmental impacts

Describe environmental impacts to be expected because of erection and operation of plant on

> Population (increase of employment etc.) Infrastructure (development of traffic network, public utilities etc.) Ecology (water, air, soil, plants, animals etc.) Landscape

#### Chapter VI

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#### Project Engineering

The scope of the project should not only cover the plant site but all other activities required to supply inputs, deliver outputs and provide ancillary infrastructure investments. This comprehensive approach should help to determine which investments have to be undertaken by the investor or any third party.Functional and physical layouts serve as a basis for defining the scope of the project and the subsequent engineering work.

Once the entire extension of the project is understood, the appropriate technological processes to be employed, the type and extent of machinery end equipment required, and the cost of technology and equipment involved should be determined on the basis of the identified plant capacity.

Next, the various structures and civil works, such as factory buildings, auxiliary structures and plant infrastructure facilities, have to be defined and the relevant cost estimates be prepared.

# Project layouts

Data and alternatives

State the data required for the preparation of project layouts, such as:

Production programme Supply programme Technology Equipment Civil works Local conditions

Prepare and describe alternative project layouts if deemed necessary

Selection of layouts

Select and describe in detail optimum layouts, state the reasons for

the selection. show the selectru layouts by appropriate drawings

#### Scope of project

Data and alternatives

State the data required to define the scope of the project Prepare and describe alternatives

Selection of the scope of the project

Select and describe in detail the optimum scope of the project State reasons for the selection Use physical layout drawings to show the scope of the project and project components Number and list the project components required to serve as bases for further engineering and cost estimates

# Technology (ies)

Data and alternatives

State the data required for the technologies to be used Describe alternative technologies

Selection of technology

Select and describe in detail the optimum technologies When selecting the technologies the following aspects should be considered:

> The nature of the technologies required (e.g. labour versus capital intensity, non-obsolescence) Sources Means of acquisition: licensing; purchase, joint venture Cost

State the reasons for the selection Describe the relected technology, stating the type, source, specification

Cost estimate

Investment costs Lump sum payments

Production cost

Royalties Fixed annual payments

# Equipment

Equipment should be classified into production, auxiliary, service equipment, spare parts and tools.

Data and alternatives

State the data for equipment engineering List the necessary equipment and alternative

Selection of equipment

Select and describe in detail optimum equipment State reasons for the selection Describe selected equipment, stating number, type, specification, capacity, source

Cost estimate

Estimate the cost of equipment Investment Production Auxiliary Service Primary stock of spare parts, that and tear parts and tools.

# Civil engineering works

Civil engineering works should be classified into site preparation, and development, buildings and special civil works, and outdoor works (auxiliary and service facilities).

Data and alternatives

Describe data for civil engineering List civil engineering works and possible alternatives Physical plant layout Availability and quality of construction material, plant and manpower Technical requirements of plant operation Local collisions Cost

Selection of civil engineering works

Select and describe in detail optimum civil works State reasons for selection Describe selected civil works, stating number, type, specification (if applicable

Cost estimate

Estimate the cost of civil engineering works:

Investment costs Site preparation and development Buildings and special civil works Outdoor works

#### Chapter VII

#### P. ant Organization and Overhead Costs

Project engineering and organizational planning are closely related and should therefore be undertaken jointly in a series of feedback operations. Organizational planning will enable the calculation of overhead costs which in some projects can be decisive to their profitability. A feasible division of the plant into components (production, service and administrative cost centres) is imperative for a realistic assessment of overhead costs.

# Cost centres

Data and alternatives

State data to set up cost centres, such as

Engineering layouts Production programme and capacity Types of cost centres (production, services, administrative)

Prepare alternatives

Selection of cost centres

Select and describe in detail the composition of cost centres State reasons for selection Show selected cost centres

Overhead costs

Data and alternatives

State data list of cost items and differentiation between factory and administrative overheads, depreciation and financial costs List alternative arrangements

Selection of cost items and their grouping as overheads

Select and describe in detail composition of overhead cost items State reasons for selection

#### Chapter VIII

#### Manpower

Personnel required for the project under consideration at various

levels of management; production and other related activities should be assessed together with the requirements of training at various levels and during different stages of the project.

#### Labour

Data and alternatives

Describe data required for the determination of labour inputs Prepare alternative manning table, considering the:

> Organizational layout Strategies and objectives of management for operating the factory Skill requirements and level of training of labour Availability of labour, local/foreign

Selection of labour

Select and describe in detail the manning table for labour State reasons for selection Describe in detail the selected alternative

> Show the structure (organization) Prepare detailed manning table considering the subdivision into production labour and nonproduction labour (e.g. administration)

#### Cost estimate

Estimate annual labour cost at nominal feasible capacity, subdivided into

Cost of production labour (variable) Cost of non-production labour (fixed)

# Staff

Data and alternatives

Describe data required for the determination of staff inputs Prepare alternative manning table, considering:

> Organizational layout Strategies and objectives of management for administering and operating the factory, marketing the products etc. Skill requirements and level of training of staff Availability of staff, local/foreign

#### Selection of staff

Select and describe in detail the manning table for staff State reasons for selection Describe in detail the selected alternative

> Show structure (organization) Prepare detailed manning table

Cost estimate

Estimate annual cost of local and foreign staff

#### Chapter IX

#### Implementation Scheduling (Capital expenditure planning for financing)

The project implementation phase embraces the period from the decision to invest to the start of commercial production. It includes a number of stages, including negotiation and contracting, project design, construction and startup. If not planned properly, this phase may extend over enough time to endanger the potential profitability of the project. The primary objective of implementation planning is therefore to determine the financial implications of the implementation phase with a view to securing sufficient finance to float the project until and beyond the start of production. The choice of financing (equity or loan), as well as the financial implications of investment delays should receive particular attention.

During the implementation phase a series of simultaneous and interacting investment activities take place with different financial implications. To measure them, an optimum implementation programme and time schedule should be prepared and shown in the feasibility study.

#### Data and activities

State fundamental data for project implementation Elaborate implementation programme and time schedule and show alternatives, considering:

Establishment of project implementation managment Arrangements for technology supply Detailed enginnering of equipment, tendering, evaluation of bids, awards of contracts Detailed planning of civil works, tendering, evaluation of bids, awards of contracts Arrangements for financing Construction period:

Purchase of land Supervision, co-ordination, testing and take over of equipment and civil works

Build-up of administration, recruitment and training of staff and labour Arrangements for supplies Arrangements for marketing Establishment of contacts with public authorities for timely approval of licences, contracts etc. Preliminiary and capital issue expenses

# Selection of project implementation

#### programme and time schedule

Select and describe in detail the optimum implementation programme and time schedule, list activities and show their sequence in bar diagrams and/or networks State reasons for selection

# Cost estimate of project implementation

Investment (land, technology, civil works, plant and equipment) and production costs (material and labour inputs and overhead costs) are explained and estimated in the preceding chapters. All cost components are collected in the following chapter with the objective of determining their timing; this will be based on the implementation schedule decided upon in the present chapter. For activities that occur during the investment phase up to the moment when the project becomes operational, cost estimates have to be made for the activities mentioned under "Data and activities" above.

#### Chapter X

#### Financial Evaluation

Preparation of feasibility study should be geared towards the requirements of financial and economic evaluation. Once all the elements of a feasibility study are prepared in accordance with the approach outlined in the previous chapters the next step is to compute the total investment costs and annual production costs. Taking the above mentioned into consideration, this chapter should be prepared in the following manner:

# Total investment costs

Calculate the total investment costs by summarizing all investment components as described in chapters II, III, IV, V, VI and IX.

# Project financing

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Describe and justify assumed or actual sources of finance Prepare cash-flow table for financial planning Estimate annual financial costs

# Total production costs

Calculate total production costs by summarizing all cost items as described in chapters III - IX. Use data from chapter VII to collect all overhead costs and incorporate them into separate schedule to summarize total production costs. Estimate the production costs on an annual basis in accordance with the assumed capacity utilization during the initial years of operations. Estimate unit costs.

### Financial evaluation

Compute commercial profitability criteria

Pay-back period Simple rate of return Net present value Internal rate of return Break-even analysis (expressed in terms of sales revenues, physical units produced and capacity utilization) Sensitivity analysis (impact of changes in the unit sales price, variable and fixed production costs on the break-even point)



