# NOTE: THIS IS AN EXAMPLE. THIS PROCESS MUST BE TAILORED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A SPECIFIC COMPANY

# A Concurrent Development Process

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#### **A Concurrent Development Process**

- How can I better leverage new technologies?
- How can I have more control over projects?
- How do I determine what projects to do?
- How do I know when to drop a project?
- How can I broaden staff core competencies?



#### **A Concurrent Development Process**

- How can I decrease time-to-market?
- How can I increase product reliability?
- How can I increase product longevity?



#### **Project Terms**

- Project
  - The development of a new product, or a significant enhancement, change or addition to a released product
- Product planning steering committee (PPSC)
  - Department heads of sales/marketing, engineering, manufacturing, possibly others



#### **Project Terms**

- Resource
  - Person, place or thing
- Aggregate Resources
  - The collection of all resources utilized across all projects



## **The Goal of this Training**

- Introduce a comprehensive concurrent development process
- Emphasize that the correct level of effort at the front end of the process increases better the chances of performing on time and on budget



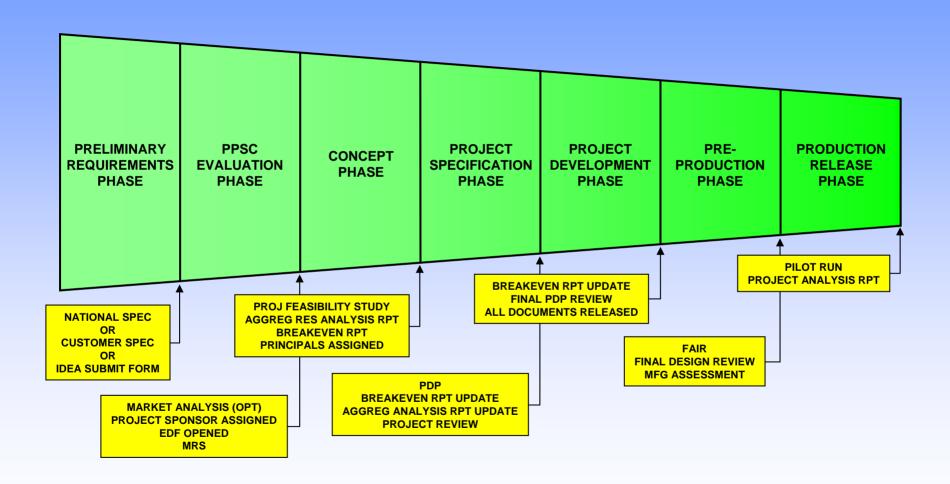
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**The Development Process** 

**The Development Phases** 

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- Preliminary Requirements Phase
  - Supports a submittal process for customer requirements and innovative ideas
- PPSC Evaluation Phase
  - Gives the PPSC an opportunity to evaluate submissions from the preliminary requirements phase



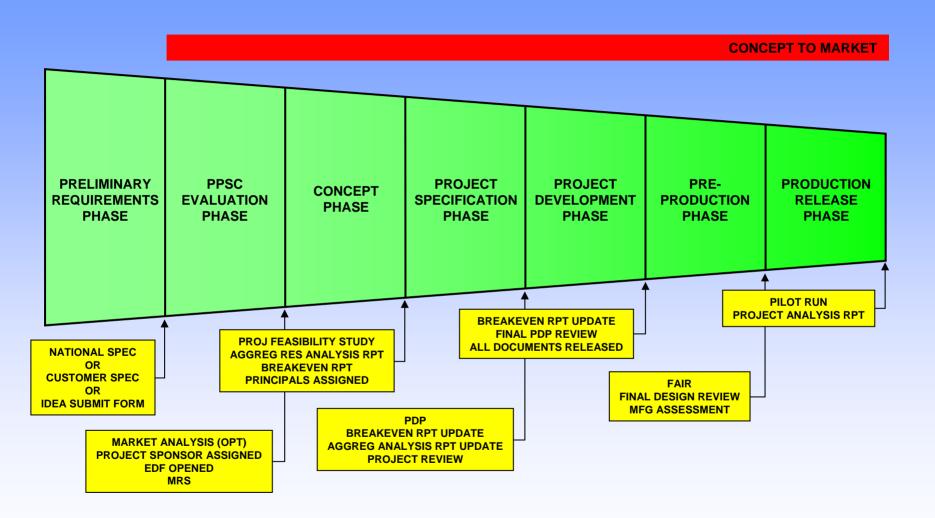
- Concept Phase
  - Expands on the project proposed in the PPSC evaluation phase
- Project Specification Phase
  - Creation of a project development plan (PDP)
- Project Development Phase
  - Execution of the PDP



- Pre-Production Phase
  - Provides an opportunity to identify and correct issues that may adversely affect manufacturing
- Production Release Phase
  - Pilot run and closure of the development stage of the project



#### **Concept To Market**





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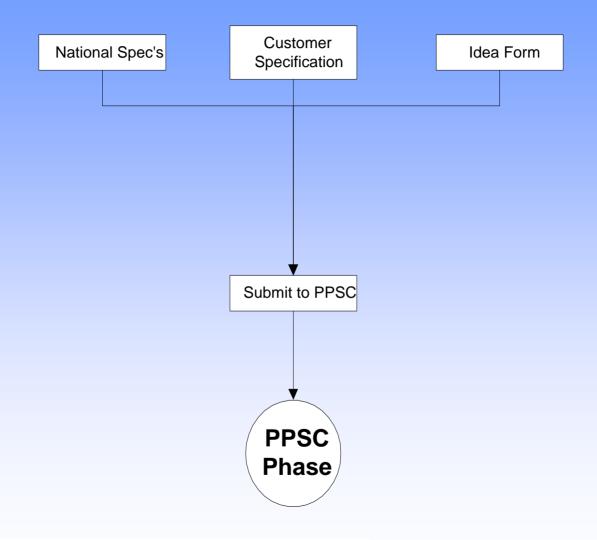
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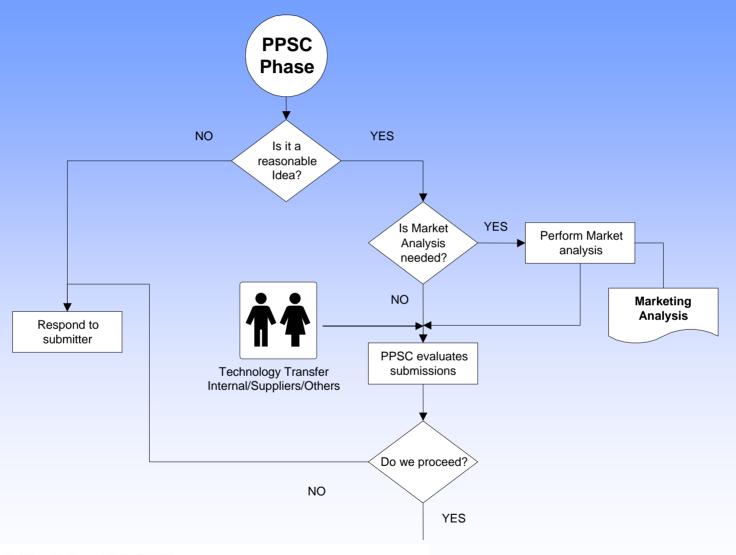


#### **Preliminary Requirements Phase**



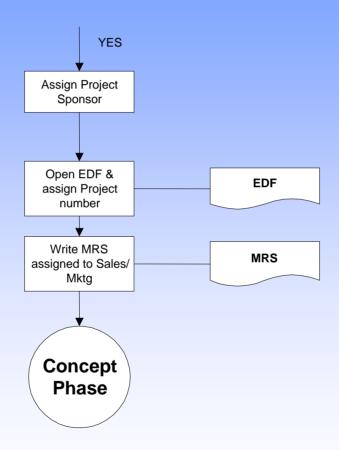


#### **PPSC Evaluation Phase**





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## **Market Analysis**

- Only performed if the PPSC determines it is necessary
- May be generated by any department
- Purpose is to provide information so that the PPSC can determine if an idea is worthy of moving to the next phase



## **Market Analysis**

#### Contents:

- Competitive Analysis
- Market Potential Analysis
- Market Share Analysis
- Customer Analysis
- Pricing Analysis
- Marketing Research



## **Engineering Design File (EDF)**

- A repository for key project documentation
- Required for all design projects
- Initiated by the project sponsor using a design control checklist form
- Once a project engineer/manager is assigned, he/she takes over responsibility for the EDF



#### **Marketing Requirements Specification (MRS)**

- Required for all design projects
- Generated by Sales & Marketing department
- Contents:
  - Project/Product Name
  - Project/Product Purpose
  - Target Market Price
  - Target Margin (cont.)



#### **Marketing Requirements Specification (MRS)**

- Contents (cont.):
  - Expected Volume
  - Delivery Time Frame
  - Product Life Cycle
  - Referenced Documents
  - Affect on other Sales and Products
  - Affect on Market Place (cont.)

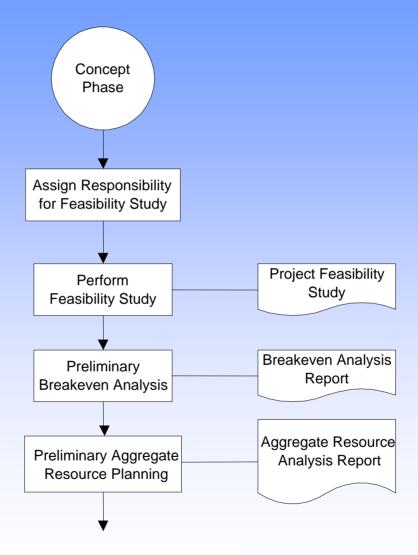


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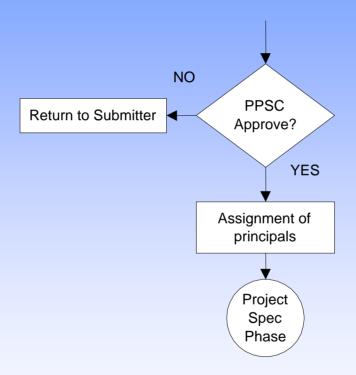
- Contents (cont.):
  - Detailed Requirements
    - o Inputs
    - o Outputs
    - o Functions
    - o **Performance**
    - Manufacturing Costs
    - Power Type and Consumption
    - Physical Size and Weight
    - o **Design Priorities**



#### **Concept Phase**



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## **Project Feasibility Study**

- Required for every project
- Contents:
  - High-Level Technical Feasibility
  - Technology/Supply Analysis
  - Manufacturing Cost Estimate
  - Development Cost Estimate
  - Preliminary Development Schedule (cont.)



## **Project Feasibility Study**

- Required for every project
- Contents (cont.):
  - Estimate to Prepare the PDP
  - Estimated Product Costs
  - Predicted Product Life Expectancy
  - Statements Identifying In-house,
     Contract, or Outsourced Work



## **Breakeven Analysis Report**

- Required for every project
- A form generated by the finance department
- Contains the data to readily determine the estimated time and number of units to be sold to get a return on investment
- Revised for design reviews as necessary



#### **Aggregate Resource Analysis Report**

- Required for every project
- Generated by the aggregate project administrator
- Provides aggregate resource and schedule information for all current and proposed projects



#### **Aggregate Resource Analysis Report**

- Treats sustaining engineering and engineering services as projects
- Includes training time and TQM teams



#### **Aggregate Resource Analysis Report**

#### Contents:

- The current aggregate schedule of ongoing projects
- Proposed aggregate schedule of containing the project under consideration
- Identifies all resources required for each project
- May contain critical path, suggestions for schedule improvement and other points of interest



#### **Aggregate Project Administrator (APA)**

- Generates the aggregate project report
- All company resources must be accounted for in a Microsoft Project database
- Project engineers/managers submit their projects to the APA using strict Microsoft project guidelines and formats



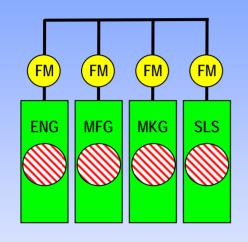
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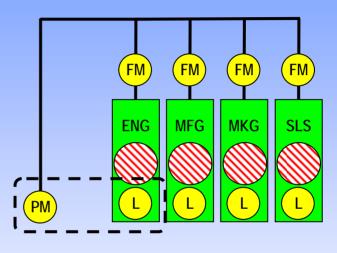
- Need to give margin for unplanned events
- The APA is an administrative role to support the PPSC - not a project management role



#### FUNCTIONAL TEAM STRUCTURE

#### LIGHTWEIGHT TEAM STRUCTURE

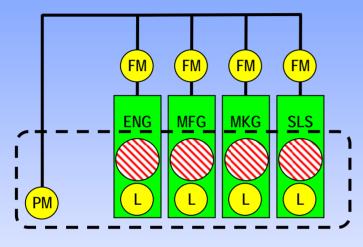




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#### HEAVYWEIGHT TEAM STRUCTURE AUTONOMOUS TEAM STRUCTURE



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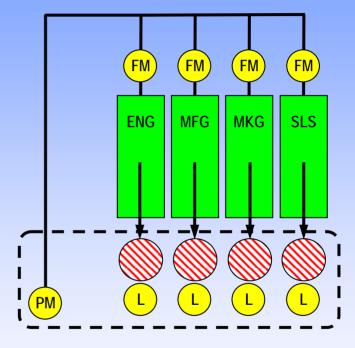
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**PROJECT MANAGER** 



**WORKING PROJECT TEAM** 



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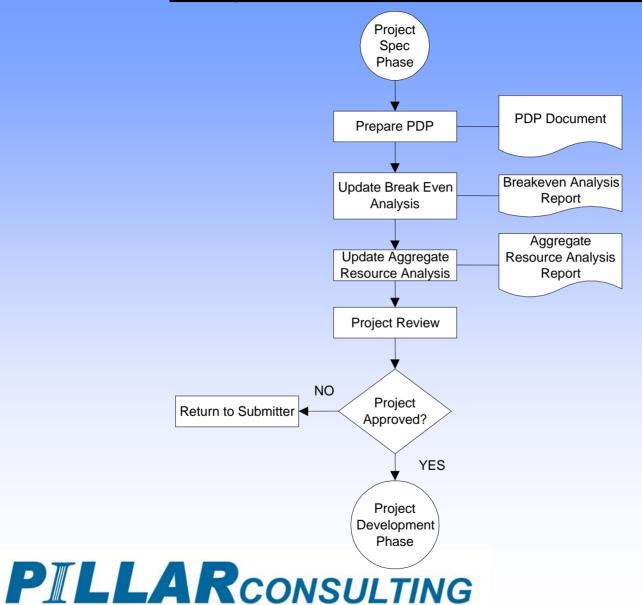
- Functional Team Structure
  - Work completed in the function and coordinated by functional managers
- Lightweight Team Structure
  - A coordinator works through liaison representatives but has little influence over the functions



- Heavyweight Team Structure
  - Strong leader exerts direct, integrating influence across all functions
- Autonomous Structure
  - Heavyweight team is removed from the function, dedicated to a single project and co-located



### **Project Specification Phase**



# **Product Development Plan**

- Addresses all of the remaining design activities using guidelines from the project sponsor and preceding development documents
- Contents (direct ISO requirements in red):
  - Approvals
  - Design specifications and requirements (may reference outside documents)
  - Organizational and technical interfaces (cont.)



## **Product Development Plan**

- Contents (cont.):
  - Task description and schedule
    - Each development activity identified and scheduled
    - Resource responsibilities identified
    - Special resource requirements and how they will be obtained
    - o Design review meetings
    - o **Design verification**
    - o **Design validation**

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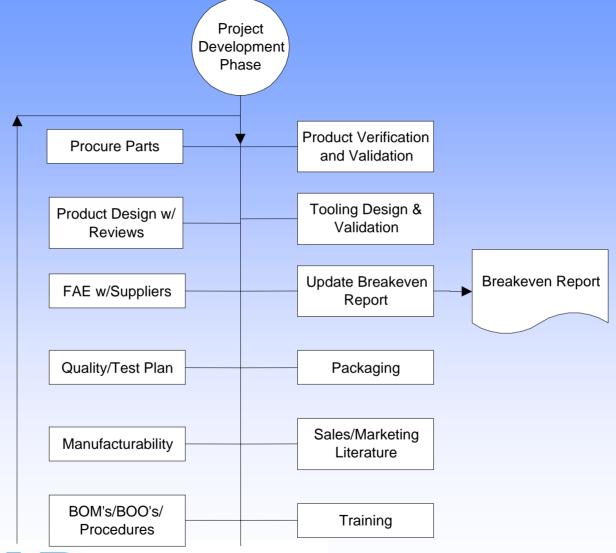


## **Product Development Plan**

- Contents (cont.):
  - Project cost estimates
  - Product cost estimates
  - Design output

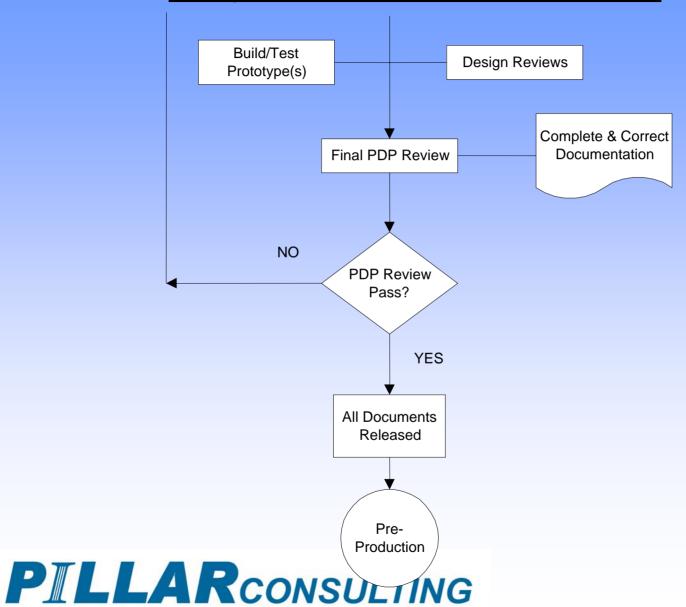


### **Project Development Phase**





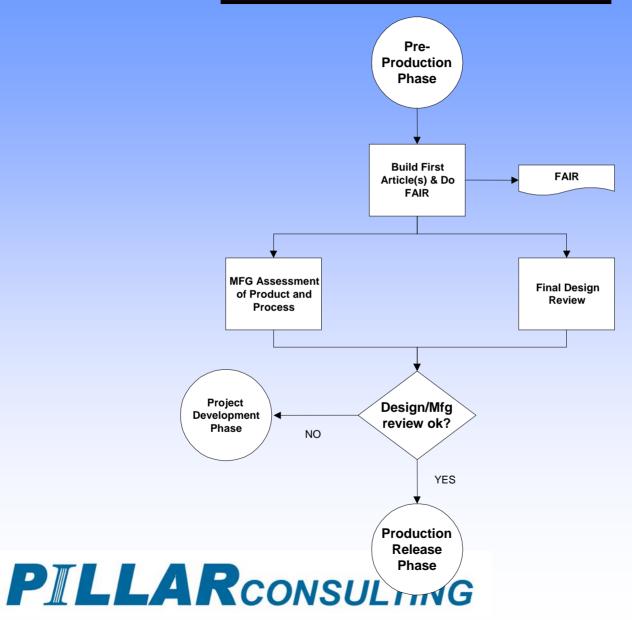
### **Project Development Phase**



# **Engineering Procurement**

- Must react quickly to engineering needs
- Can read schematics and formulate BOMs
- Cost items and buy in small quantities
- Has technical expertise to cross over components
- Tied into the goals, restrictions and directions of the purchasing department to avoid downstream surprises PILLARCONSULTING

#### **Pre-Production Phase**

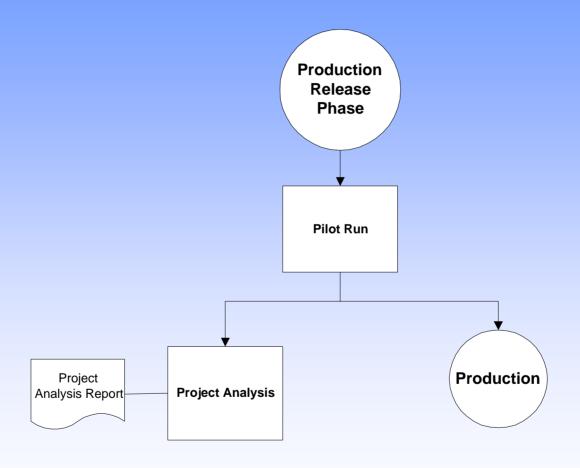


## First Article Inspection Report (FAIR)

- First article inspection and report is completed
- Manufacturing assessment of product and process is performed



## **Production Release Phase**





# **Project Analysis Report**

- Provides feedback to the development process at the conclusion of a project
- Contains an overall assessment of the project
- Lists positive and negative aspects of the project
- Suggests modifications or enhancements to the development process



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