

Improvement Audit Report

Action ID: **1.11** *Investigate new markets & products*

| Question # | Question |
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| 1 | <p><i>Does the action add value?</i></p> <p>Answer</p> <p>The credibility of the Marketing Plan and the inherent forecasts depend on this Action. It is impossible to justify any marketing or revenue forecasts without this intelligence. </p> |
| 2 | <p><i>What values does it add?</i></p> <p>Answer</p> <p>(a) Competitive differentiation of products and services. (b) Improvement in our Net Profit by new product introduction. </p> |
| 3 | <p><i>What could go wrong?</i></p> <p>Answer</p> <p>Better knowledge of our competitor's strategies so that we can be assured that we are investigating markets that will retain our competitiveness.</p> |
| 4 | <p><i>How likely is that?</i></p> <p>Answer</p> <p>Difficult to quantify in \$ terms before completing the investigation, so the real value will be determined by the forecasts that evolve from market analysis. Unless the incremental profit forecast is greater than \$100k per year then entry into this market would not be justified. </p> |
| 5 | <p><i>What could be done to mitigate that risk?</i></p> <p>Answer</p> <p>(a) Retain external specialist researches. (b) Expand our marketing staff. (c) Recruit a researcher from our competition.</p> |
| 6 | <p><i>Are there procedures to follow? What?</i></p> <p>Answer</p> <p>Staff must define the scope of the investigation and determine all desired outcomes so that the resources employed are utilised productively.</p> |
| 7 | <p><i>Are there forms to be filled in? What?</i></p> <p>Answer</p> <p>No standard method currently exists within the Company, however there are New Market Research guidelines provided by the Direct Marketing Association and these should be used to develop the scope of this Action. </p> |

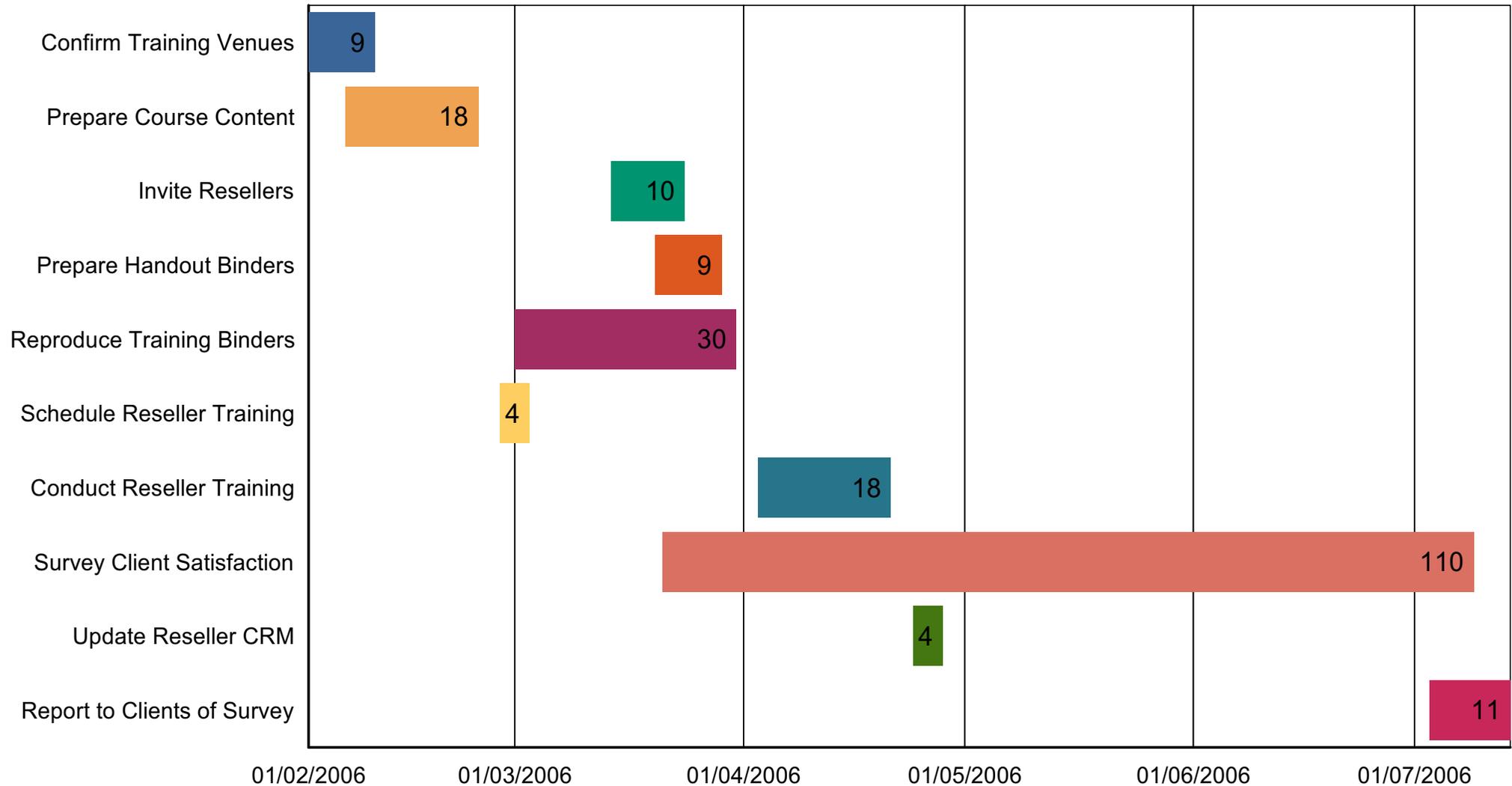
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| 8 | <i>Is there information the operator should know?</i> | We need to know more about existing products in the target market segment. |
| 9 | <i>How is the performance to be measured?</i> | Performance should be measured in terms of approved new products and projected incremental net profit improvements. |
| 10 | <i>What is the target measure?</i> | Incremental net profit forecast >\$100K |
| 11 | <i>What is the current performance like?</i> | Unacceptable. No new market research has been carried out by the company since formation. |
| 12 | <i>How could it be improved?</i> | A higher level of focus by senior management of the importance of market research is critical to the on-going success of this Action. |
| 13 | <i>What does the action cost?</i> | This will depend on the scope defined but an Internal Rate of Return of 20% must be achieved in 12 months. |
| 14 | <i>How long does it take to do?</i> | The final report must be available within 3 months from approved commencement of the project. |
| 15 | <i>What are the recommendations?</i> | Define the scope of a special research product and assign a recommended budget for approval. |



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Project Summary Report

Project Name: Marketing Improvement Project



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Project-ID: **BIP01**

Project Summary Report

Project Name: Marketing Improvement Project

| Item Order | Project Action | Who to do | Start Date | End Date | Status |
|------------|-----------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 002.01 | Confirm Training Venues | Mary Guest | 2/1/2006 | 2/10/2006 | Complete |
| 002.10 | Prepare Course Content | Richard Burley | 2/6/2006 | 2/24/2006 | Complete |
| 002.15 | Invite Resellers | Blake Wilson | 3/14/2006 | 3/24/2006 | Complete |
| 002.20 | Prepare Handout Binders | Richard Burley | 3/20/2006 | 3/29/2006 | In Progress |
| 002.25 | Reproduce Training Binders | Richard Burley | 3/1/2006 | 3/31/2006 | In Progress |
| 002.30 | Schedule Reseller Training | John Troughton | 2/27/2006 | 3/3/2006 | Complete |
| 003.00 | Conduct Reseller Training | John Troughton | 4/3/2006 | 4/21/2006 | Scheduled |
| 003.50 | Survey Client Satisfaction | Richard Burley | 3/21/2006 | 7/9/2006 | In Progress |
| 004.00 | Update Reseller CRM | Andrew Leap | 4/24/2006 | 4/28/2006 | To Be Scheduled |
| 005.00 | Report to Clients of Survey | Andrew Leap | 7/3/2006 | 7/14/2006 | To Be Scheduled |



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Project Overdue Actions Report

Project Name: Marketing Improvement Project

| Item Order | Project Action | Who to do | Start Date | End Date | Status |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------|-----------|----------------|
| 002.20 | Prepare Handout Binders | Richard Burley | 3/20/2006 | 3/29/2006 | In Progress |
| 002.25 | Reproduce Training Binders | Richard Burley | 3/1/2006 | 3/31/2006 | In Progress |
| 003.00 | Conduct Reseller Training | John Troughton | 4/3/2006 | 4/21/2006 | Scheduled |
| 004.00 | Update Reseller CRM | Andrew Leap | 4/24/2006 | 4/28/2006 | To Be Schedule |



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All Projects Overdue Actions Report

| Item # | Overdue Project Action | Who to do | Start Date | Date Due | Status |
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Project Name: New Test Project 6

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|--------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| 001.00 | Project Action #1 | John Troughton | 3/21/2006 | 3/26/2006 | Scheduled |
| 002.00 | Project Action #2 | Richard Burley | 3/26/2006 | 4/5/2006 | Scheduled |
| 003.00 | Project Action #3 | Richard Burley | 3/31/2006 | 4/5/2006 | To Be Schedule |
| 004.00 | Project Action #4 | John Smith | 4/5/2006 | 4/20/2006 | To Be Schedule |
| 005.00 | Project Action #5 | Richard Burley | 4/10/2006 | 4/20/2006 | Scheduled |

Project Name: Sample Project - ET1

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|--------|-------|----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 001.00 | Task1 | Richard Burley | 4/3/2006 | 4/13/2006 | Scheduled |
| 002.00 | Task2 | Eric Tjoeng | 4/3/2006 | 4/23/2006 | Scheduled |

Project Name: Test Project 7

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| 001.00 | PA-1 | Clair Leap | 3/22/2006 | 4/21/2006 | Scheduled |
| 002.00 | Project Action #2 | Clair Leap | 3/27/2006 | 4/11/2006 | To Be Schedule |

Project Name: Test Project-1

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| 003.05 | Item3 | Richard Burley | 3/7/2006 | 4/2/2006 | In Progress |
| 004.00 | Project Action #4 | John Smith | 3/17/2006 | 3/24/2006 | To Be Schedule |

Project Name: Test-3

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| 002.00 | Confirm Resources | Richard Burley | 3/16/2006 | 3/24/2006 | Scheduled |
| 003.00 | Brief Project Resources | Richard Burley | 3/24/2006 | 3/27/2006 | Scheduled |

Incidents Overdue Report

Incident Category:

| Date Raised | Incident Overdue | ID | Person to Resolve | DateDue | Initiated by | Status |
|-----------------|-------------------------|------|-------------------|-----------|----------------|--------|
| Customer | | | | | | |
| 5/5/2006 | Goods returned faulty | 1.11 | Richard Burley | 5/9/2006 | Richard Burley | Active |
| 6/1/2006 | Unhappy with product qt | 1.12 | Richard Burley | 6/6/2006 | Richard Burley | Active |
| 1/13/2006 | Late delivery | 1.13 | John Troughton | 1/16/2006 | Richard Burley | New |
| 5/12/2006 | Delayed deliver | 4.44 | Richard Burley | 5/22/2006 | Richard Burley | Active |
| OH&S | | | | | | |
| 4/3/2006 | Personal Injury | 1.25 | Eric Tjoeng | 4/7/2006 | Eric Tjoeng | Active |
| 1/14/2006 | RSI Complaint | 1.31 | Blake Wilson | 1/22/2006 | Richard Burley | Active |
| 6/9/2006 | No Danger sign | 2.54 | Richard Burley | 6/14/2006 | Richard Burley | New |
| 1/13/2006 | Wet floor | 5.51 | Richard Burley | 1/17/2006 | Mary Guest | New |
| Retail | | | | | | |
| 1/13/2006 | Newspaper article | 1.11 | Richard Burley | 6/24/2006 | John Troughton | Active |
| Supplier | | | | | | |
| 3/22/2006 | Faulty paper delivered | 1.45 | Richard Burley | 3/22/2006 | John Smith | New |

AMS improves what all businesses “do”



Define Strategies (1/1/RB.1/EN/202.124.092.116)

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BusinessName

Business Purpose

Business Summary

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Business DNA

| 1. Grow New Business and Departments | 2. Develop Cool Software | 3. Personalise Client Support | 4. Improve our Business Processes | 5. Grow Our Company & People |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 1. 1 Develop Marketing Strategy | 2. 1 Research Rapid Development Methods | 3. 1 Strive for Product Knowledge Excellence | 4. 1 Develop Operational Procedures | 5. 1 Activate Strategic Plans |
| 1. 2 Reach our Buyers | 2. 2 Design Intuitive Applications | 3. 2 Build Close Client Relationships | 4. 2 Create and Manage Staff Expectations | 5. 2 Reward & Recognition |
| 1. 3 Feed the CRM | 2. 3 Build Innovative Re-usable Solutions | 3. 3 Access to Tools & Resources | 4. 3 Manage and Schedule Projects | 5. 3 Obtain Funding for Growth |
| 1. 4 Progress New Client Tactics | 2. 4 Practical User Implementation | 3. 4 Own all Client Issues | 4. 4 Manage Company Financials | 5. 4 Engage all Stakeholders |
| 1. 5 Measure Results from Client Base | 2. 5 Maintain High Software Standards | 3. 5 Provide Training & Implementation | 4. 5 Maintain & Update AMS | 5. 5 Balance Office Fun & Work |

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