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MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PRODUCT ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

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Respondent names will remain confidential; i.e. will not be disclosed to INPUT's client.

For purposes of the interview, we will define a materials management system as one which minimally supports purchasing, material requisitioning, and inventory management.

We'll start out by getting a little information about the size of your firm and the level of IS expenditures, etc.

DEMOGRAPHICS

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|-----|-----------------|-------|--|
| 1.1 | Industry | _____ | By US Industrial major SIC Classification |
| 1.2 | Annual Revenues | _____ | In Millions of Dollars |
| 1.3 | IT Budget | _____ | Corporate (Estimated/Millions) Is S/W included ? Y/N |
| 1.4 | IT Budget | _____ | Divisional (Estimated/Millions) Is S/W included ? Y/N |
| 1.5 | Title | _____ | Of Respondent |

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PRESENT STATUS

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(If no, skip to section **FUTURE PLANS.**)

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PRESENT STATUS - Continued

| ID | FUNCTIONAL CAPABILITY/MODULE | EXISTS Y/N | INTEGRATED Y/N | PUR/CUS P/C |
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| 2.2 | Purchasing (Vendor Management) | | | |
| 2.3 | Material Requisitioning | | | |
| 2.4 | Inventory Control (Inventory Accounting) | | | |
| 2.5 | Cataloging (Of Item Characteristics & Compatible Units) | | | |
| 2.6 | Forecasting & Inventory Plng. | | | |
| 2.7 | Warehouse Management (Distributed and/or Sophisticated Capabilities) | | | |
| 2.7a | Accounts Payable | | | |
| 2.7b | General Ledger | | | |

- 2.8 *[If the respondent did not indicate that outside software was used, skip this questions.]* Please describe any current purchased software that you are utilizing in support of the materials management function. The name of the package and vendor and function, if possible.

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- 2.9 When was the last time you considered making a major upgrade to the systems used to support the materials management function? *[Year is adequate]*

- 3.0 When will you be re-examining this question? *[Year/No Plan]*



FUTURE PLANS

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| 4.0 | Purchasing, Vendor Management | | |
| 4.1 | Vendor Analysis | | |
| 4.2 | 3 Way Match (Invoice, Receipt, PO) | | |
| 4.3 | Word Processing for Extended Text | | |
| 4.4 | EDI | | |
| 4.5 | Material Requisitioning | | |
| 4.6 | Allocations/Reservations | | |
| 4.7 | Work Orders | | |
| 4.8 | Inter-store Transfer Orders | | |
| 4.8a | Other order types (patient orders, etc.) | | |
| 4.9 | Inventory Control | | |
| 5.0 | Time-phased Replenishment Policies | | |
| 5.1 | Cataloging | | |
| 5.2 | Bill of Material (equipment/spare parts, kiting, compatible units) | | |
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ARCHITECTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

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| 6.1 | Cooperative Processing Interface for User Workstations Using Windows Technology | |
| 6.2 | Complementary Capability to Run Applications in Dumb Terminal Mode | |
| 6.3 | Distributed Capability for Functions Such As Warehouse Management & Purchasing | |



6.4 If there are preferred alternatives for one or more of these architectural characteristics, please indicate the characteristic and the preferred alternative.

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| 4.5 4.6 4.7 4.8 | Material Requisitioning Allocations/Reservations Work Orders/Customer Orders Inter-store Transfer Orders | | |
| 4.9 5.0 | Inventory Control Time-phased Replenishment Policies | | |
| 5.1 | Cataloging | | |
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| 2.3 | Material Requisitioning | | | |
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| 2.5 | Cataloging <i>(Of Item Characteristics & Compatible Units)</i> | | | |
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| 4.6 | Allocations/Reservations | | |
| 4.7 | Work Orders/Customer Orders | | |
| 4.8 | Inter-store Transfer Orders | | |
| 4.9 | <i>Order review, updates (parties, orders, etc)</i> Inventory Control | | |
| 5.0 | Time-phased Replenishment Policies | | |
| 5.1 | Cataloging | | |
| 5.2 | Bill of Material <i>(equipment / components, kitting, completed sub units)</i> | | |
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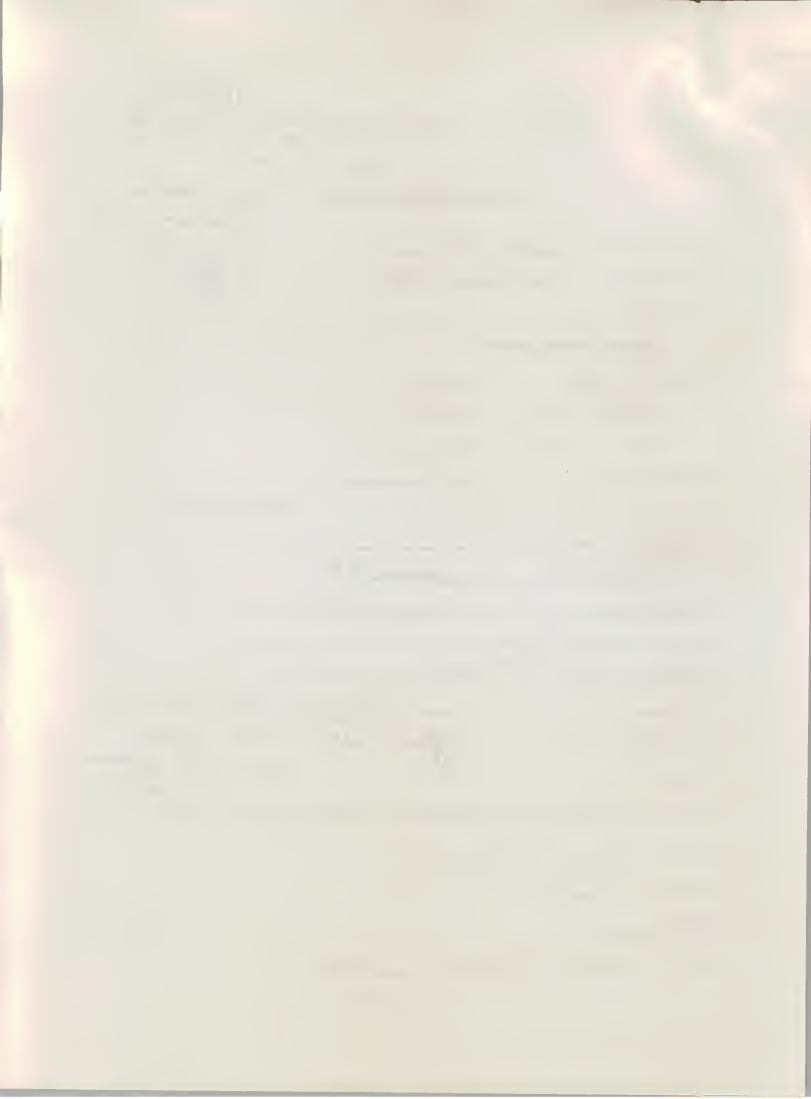
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MEMORANDUM

DATE September 21, 1990
TO: Joanne
FROM: Denny Wayson
SUBJECT: ATTACHED QUESTIONNAIRE

Here is the preliminary questionnaire for the interviews for next week. I'm reviewing the questionnaire with Andersen Consulting here at the office this morning. Will give you sample information and any revisions this afternoon. I'll call after the meeting with Andersen.



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- to do what?*
- The system has the capability. (Y/N)
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

On [Date], [Name] was interviewed regarding [Topic]. The interview was conducted by [Name]. The following information was obtained:

[Name] stated that [Description of Information]. [Name] further stated that [Additional Information].

[Name] advised that [Description of Information]. [Name] also stated that [Additional Information].

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| 2.5 | CORE - Inventory Control | | | |
| 2.6 | SECONDARY - Forecasting & Inventory Plng. | | | |
| 2.7 | SECONDARY - Inter-Store Transfer Control | | | |
| 2.8 | SECONDARY - Vendor Management | | | |
| 2.9 | SECONDARY - Management Reporting | | | |
| 3.0 | SECONDARY - Inventory Accounting | | | |
| 3.1 | RELATED - Stores Inventory | | | |
| 3.2 | RELATED - Warehouse Management | | | |

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3.4 When was the last time you considered making a major upgrade to the systems used to support the materials management function? [Year is adequate]

3.5 When will you be re-examining this question? [Year/No Plan]

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

2. The second part covers the process of reconciling bank statements with the company's internal records. It highlights the need to identify and investigate any discrepancies between the two sets of records. Regular reconciliation helps in detecting errors or potential fraud early on.

3. The third section addresses the issue of budgeting and cost control. It suggests that setting a clear budget at the beginning of the fiscal year can help in monitoring expenses and staying within the allocated funds. This is crucial for the financial health of the organization.

4. The final part of the document discusses the importance of timely reporting and analysis. It states that regular financial reports provide valuable insights into the company's performance and help in making informed decisions. It also mentions the need to keep the accounting system updated with the latest regulations and standards.

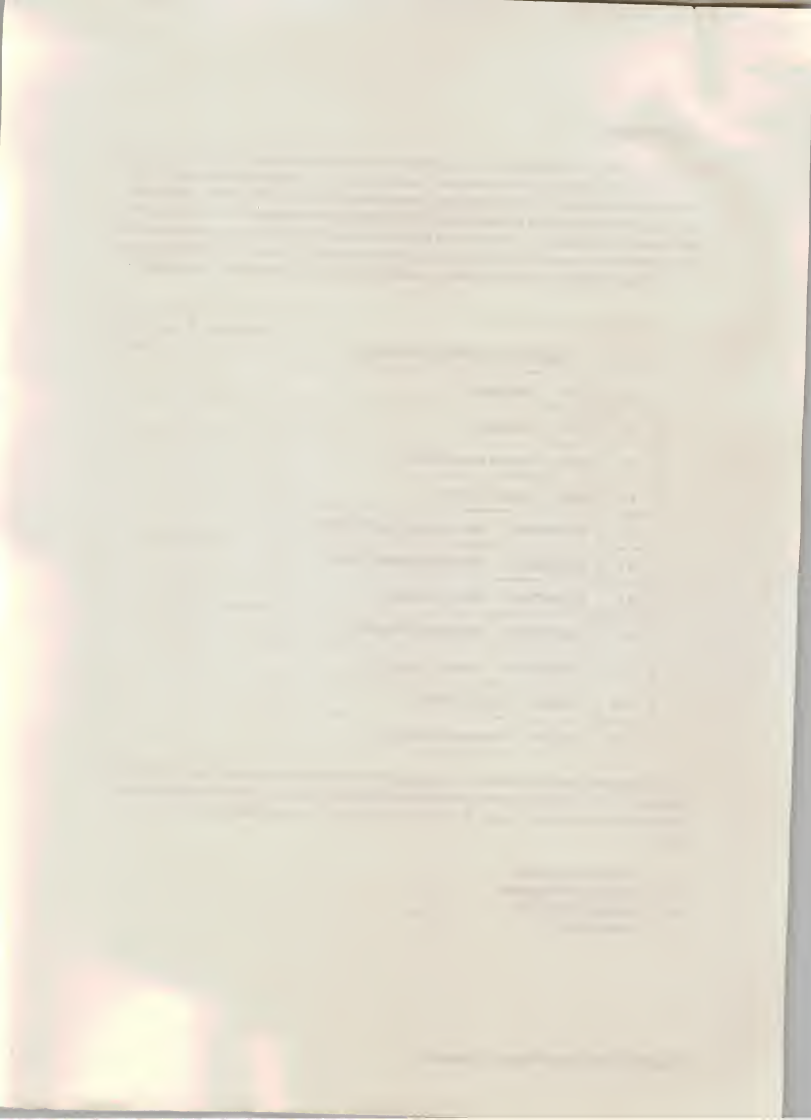
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If your company were to consider a new systems for the materials management area, to what degree would each of the following functions/managers participate. Please indicate their degree of influence on the decision by rating on a scale of 1 to 5, with one being the lowest influence and 5 being the highest.

- 5.1 Materials Management _____
- 5.2 Purchasing Management _____
- 5.3 Financial Management _____
- 5.4 IS Management _____



Please rank ~~the~~ ~~from~~ the criteria by which the decision would be evaluated. [Highest rank should be rated 1. [A blank space has been supplied for respondents to supply criteria that have not been included in the list.]

- 5.6. Functional Capabilities _____
- 5.6. Cost _____
- 5.7. Ease of Fit With Existing Systems _____
- 5.8. EDI and Messaging Capabilities _____
- 5.8. Compliance With Corporate Standards _____
- 5.9. _____ _____

ARCHITECTURAL CONSIDERATIONS

Applications systems such as the one under discussion can be implemented across a wide variety of hardware and software platforms. As the final portion of this interview we would like to get your views on the preferred architecture for the materials management system under discussion. For each of the alternatives listed below please indicate your preference by rating the alternative on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest rating and 5 being the highest.

| ID | ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTERISTIC | 1 - 5 |
|-----|--|-------|
| 6.0 | Mainframe Processing for Primary Systems | |
| 6.1 | Cooperative Processing Interface for User Workstations Using Windows Technology | |
| 6.2 | Complementary Capability to Run Applications in Dumb Terminal Mode | |
| 6.3 | Distributed Capability for Functions Such As Stores Inventory and Warehouse Management | |

If there are preferred alternatives for one or more of these architectural characteristics, please indicate the characteristic and the preferred alternative.

That ends our interview, we want to thank you for the time and consideration that you have given us. If there are other people you think that we should talk to in your company, please let us know who they are, and we'll follow up:

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