

"What is the Risk of Integrating Too Far?"

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Agenda

- What do we mean by "System Integration"?
 - Safety, Environment, Health, Social, Quality, Production, Finance
- Why do it? What are the opportunities?
 - Efficiency, consistency, streamlining
- Why think twice? What are the threats?
 - Lack of focus, 'one-size-fits-all'







What do we mean by "System Integration"?



System Integration – What do we mean and what are companies doing?

- An integrated management system (IMS) is a management system which integrates different components of a business into one coherent system
- At highest level we are talking management system frameworks (Plan-Do-Check-Act)
- Examples:

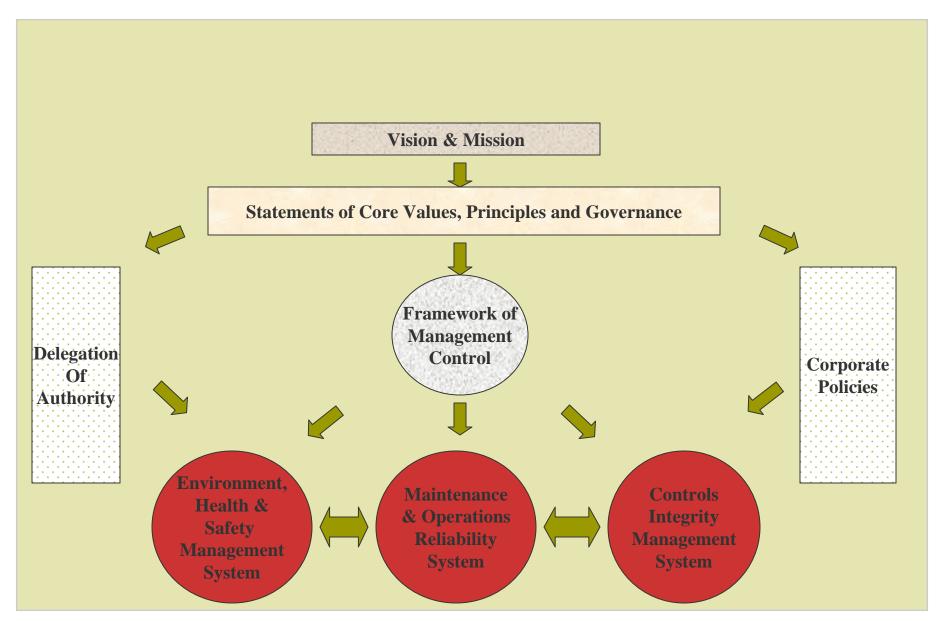












Management Systems to operationalize control objectives



Case Study: Alcan - AIMS



Alcan AIMS TO BE THE BEST – today and tomorrow, in everything we do.

Alcan Integrated Management System (AIMS)

- VALUE-BASED MANAGEMENT
- EHS FIRST
- CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

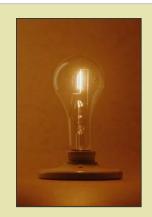
"By aligning these elements into an integrated business management system, we have targeted our efforts in pursuit of a common goal – our governing objective of Maximizing Value."



What is not a "System Integration"?

- Putting the financial, the quality and the environmental system into one book of policies and procedures
- Creating one national standard for management standards
- Buying a software package which handles quality, safety and environmental documentation
- Merging disciplines (e.g. quality, environmental, safety managers) into one department





Why do it? What are the opportunities?



Why do it?

 adopt ONE management system that aims to meet ALL management obligations.

 most effective way to discharge an organisation's obligations to its employees, customers and the wider community.



What are the Opportunities?

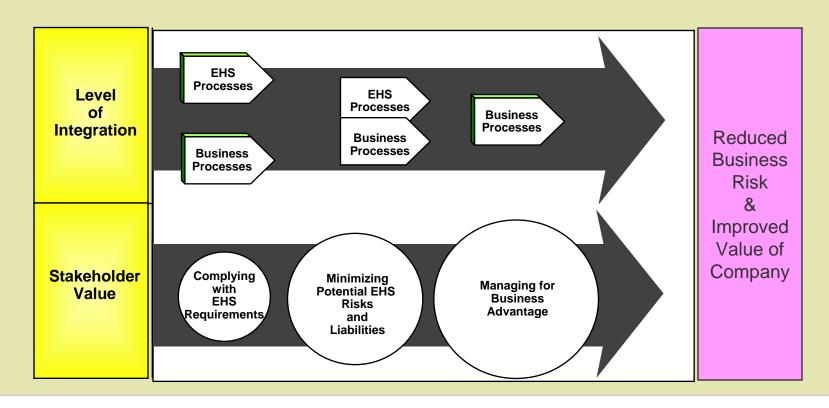
Opportunities

- reduce duplication and therefore costs
- balance conflicting objectives
- turn the focus onto business goals
- formalize informal systems
- create consistency
- improve communication





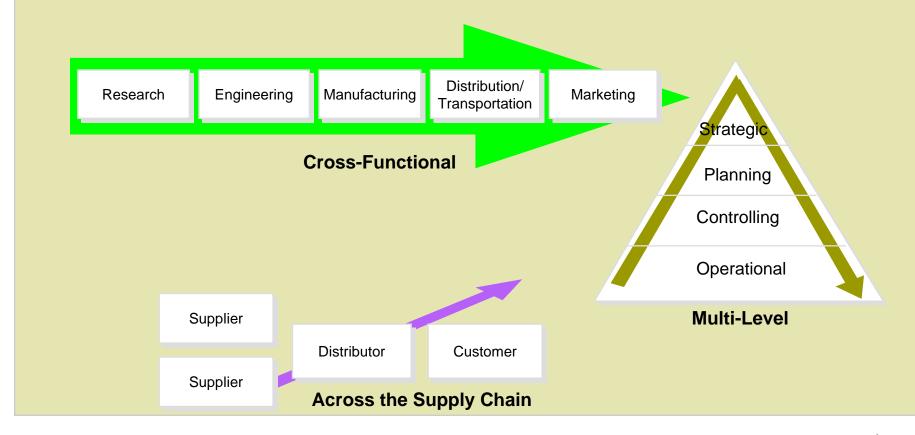
What does this mean to the more typical EHS function?





Strengthening Critical Business Processes

EHS management processes cross many functional and organizational lines.







Why think twice? What are the threats?



Possible Concerns

Internal Concerns

- Lack of vision, support and participation from senior management and the Board
- The time and effort to coordinate with all internal stakeholders may slow down the implementation process
- Hidden costs associated with integration
- Resistance from departments
- Priority and importance of normal business operation supersede the implementation process
- Risk of neglecting concerns pertaining to a department while focusing only on the corporate wide issues



Possible Concerns

External Concerns

 Complying with various standards (e.g. ISO series, BSI – H&S, CCPA, CACD, HACCP, etc.) on top of the corporate standards and procedures may pose additional costs for the company



 Lack of experienced external auditors to conduct integrated audits



Questions?

