Challenges of Moving From Construction Project To Operational Railway Organization





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MENA Rail projects planned



Future Saudi Railways



Haramain High Speed Railway

• Total project cost is US\$16bn for 440Km of line.



Challenges of Moving



Operational Railway Organization

Continuity with Construction

The International Standard BS ISO 22301: 2012. "Business continuity management systems are Specifies requirements for setting up and managing an effective Business Continuity Management System (BCMS), based on the 'Plan-Do-Check-Act' model that seeks to improve continually the effectiveness of the organization through proficient planning, implementation, supervision, review and maintenance".

Continuity with Construction



Congratulation! We have overcome challenge No. 1



Business Continuity Management

Construction Project Complexity Organization Structure





Operational Railway Organization



Competency Level



Designing Operational Railway Org. Corporate Status

State-owned Enterprise

Example: MOE, China

State-owned Company Example: SBB, Switzerland

Privately-owned Company Example: Mexican Railway

Source: Railway Reform: Toolkit for Improving Railway Sector Performance, The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development / The World Bank, 2011

Designing Operational Railway Org. Vertical Separation



"Vertical separation in railways is not desirable as an end in itself, but can be a valuable part of a wider package of structural reforms."

Source: European Railways at a Junction: The Commission Adopts Proposals for a Fourth Railway Package, 2013

Designing Operational Railway Org. Structure Model

- M-type (Hierarchical structure)
- Example: Shanghai and Beijing



 Into multiple, network operations using M-type structure is more suitable.

- U-type (Flat structure)
- Example: Shenzhen and Nanjing



- In single line operation conditions the Utype is more suitable.
- ✓ But with high ability and quality, more business outsourcing, bigger scope of management at this time use U-type.

Source: Comparative Study of Organizational Structure of Urban Rail Transit Operating Company, 2014

Designing Operational Railway Org. Structure Model

Comparison	U-type (Flat structure)	M-type (Hierarchical)
The resources use	Full use	Partial use
Organizational Flexibility	Flexible	bureaucratic processes
Management efficiency	High efficiency	Low efficiency
Communication	Effective communication	Lack of communication
Cost	Low	High

Source: Comparative Study of Organizational Structure of Urban Rail Transit Operating Company, 2014

Congratulation! We have overcome challenge No. 2



Business Continuity Management

Construction Project

Private/Holding/Flat organization



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Recruiting Operational Railway Org. Challenge

- Can we hires who are more productive and stay on the job longer (quality of hire)?
- Have we the Ability to meet peak demand of recruiting cycle or reduce costs and overhead during slower periods?
- Are Key recruiting metrics and reports readily available?

Recruiting Operational Railway Org. Challenge

Meeting Current and Future Needs

Bridging Competence Gap

Sustaining Dynamic Rail Workforce

Recruiting Operational Railway Org. Meeting the Needs

Structural delivery

- In-source
- Outsource
- Hybrid 🖌

Recruiting organizational

• Centralized



- Decentralized
- Hybrid

Project Manager Competency Development (PMCD) Framework, Third Edition, 2016

Recruiting Operational Railway Org. Meeting the Needs

- Domain Knowledge Engineering
- Domain Knowledge Engineering Sub-Discipline
 - 1. Track and Infrastructure Engineering
 - 2. Rolling Stock and Traction Engineering
 - 3. Communication and Rail Signal Engineering
 - 4. Engineering of Bridges and Structures
 - 5. Control Systems Engineering
- Commitment to Safety
- Project Management
- Personal Effectiveness
- Commitment to Standards
- Utilization of Engineering Tools and Support Systems

Source: Rail training 2020, Training needs and offers in the European railway area



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Recruiting Operational Railway Org. Sustaining Rail Workforce



Congratulation! We have overcome challenge No. 3 **Business Continuity** Management Operational Private/Holding/Flat Construction Railway organization Project Organization Sustaining Rail Workforce

Now, we can move to The Operational Railway Organization



• To acquire the know-how of the new technology and develop an efficient, well-trained organization to operate the System and manage its day Challenges of Moving to day affairs and be responsible for all technical matters in the future.

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