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ABSTRACT

Konica Minolta Sdn Bhd (M) is one of the manufacturing company located at Ayer Keroh, Melaka. This company is focusing on manufacture thirteen parts of printer then produce a full set of printers. The aim of this study is to apply the concepts of Value Stream Mapping (VSM) with the approaches of DMAIC tools then propose a Future State VSM in order to reduce the hidden waste occurs in a production line and to increase the productivity for the company. Furthermore, the problem statement indicated where the need to find out the hidden wastes that occurs in the manufacturing system and effect the productivity of the selected product. Next, the method used to solve the problem is by using VSM where it was the main tool used to identify the hidden waste occurs in the production line such as waiting waste, over-production waste, excessive inventory and motion waste in order to increase the productivity and output for the production line. An overview of this thesis is drafted by title selection, literature review, research methodology and did the company visit. First step before start with the VSM is to select product family, define the CVSM and developed the FVSM. Moreover, the results from this study clearly shows that the VSM brings out the positive impacts on the imbalance stage process even the result slightly improved from the CVSM. Moreover, lean tools and techniques such as Just-in-Time (JIT), Kaizen, and pull system helps to identify the waste and reduced it. As for the result, according to CVSM the value-added activities are 39.3% and the non-value-added activities is 60.65% and mostly cause by waste of waiting, over-production, excessive inventory and unnecessary motion from the operator in a process. The outcome for this study is the labour-hour productivity improved into 60% and the partial productivity increased to 67%. The new FVSM shows the new techniques proposed to the production line as the improvement that the waste has been reduced.

ABSTRAK

Konica Minolta Sdn Bhd (M) merupakan salah sebuah syarikat pembuatan yang terletak di Ayer Keroh, Melaka. Syarikat ini menumpukan untuk menghasilkan tiga belas bahagian yang terdapat pada mesin pencetak dan seterusnya menghasilkan sebuah mesin pencetak yang siap. Tujuan untuk melakukan kajian ini ialah untuk menggunakan konsep “Value Stream mapping (VSM)” dengan pendekatan alat yang lain iaitu “DMAIC” dan mencadangkan Future State VSM sebagai cara untuk meningkatkan produktiviti syarikat ini. Selain tu, kenyataan masalah menunjukkan keperluan untuk mengetahui sisa-sisa tersembunyi yang berlaku dalam sistem perkilangan dan kesan produktiviti untuk produk terpilih. Seterusnya, kaedah yang digunakan untuk menyelesaikan masalah ini adalah dengan menggunakan VSM di mana ia adalah alat utama yang digunakan untuk mengenal pasti sisa tersembunyi yang berlaku dalam barisan pengeluaran seperti sisa menunggu, sisa pengeluaran yang berlebihan, inventori yang dan sisa pergerakan untuk meningkatkan produktiviti dan pengeluaran dalam barisan pengeluaran. Secara keseluruhan, tesis ini telah disusun yang bermula daripada pemilihan tajuk, kajian kesusasteraan, kaedah penyelidikan, dan lawatan ke syarikat tersebut. Langkah pertama sebelum memulakan VSM adalah memilih keluarga produk, menentukan CVSM dan membina FVSM. Selain itu, hasil dari kajian ini jelas menunjukkan bahawa VSM membawa kesan positif ke atas proses ketidakseimbangan walaupun hasilnya sedikit lebih baik berbanding daripada CVSM yang dibina pada awalnya. Dengan menggunakan teknik dan alat yang lebih dikenali dengan “Lean tool and techniques” yang dapat membantu mengenalpasti sisa seperti “Just-in-Time (JIT)”, Kaizen dan sistem tarik atau lebih dikenali “pull system”. Menurut CVSM yang telah dilukiskan, “Value-added activities” adalah 39.3% dan “Non-Value-Added activities” adalah 60.65% dan sebahagian besarnya disebabkan oleh sisa menunggu, pengeluaran yang berlebihan, inventori dan pergerakan yang tidak diperlukan dari operator dalam proses. Hasil kajian ini adalah produktiviti jam kerja meningkat menjadi 60% dan produktiviti separa meningkat kepada 67%. FVSM yang baru menunjukkan teknik baru yang dicadangkan kepada barisan pengeluaran sebagai penambahbaikan yang telah berkurang.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

C/O	Changeover
CT	Cycle Time
CVSM	Current Value Stream Map
DMAIC	Define, Measure, Analyse, Improve, Control
FVSM	Future Value Stream Map
FYP	Final Year Project
NVA	Non-Value-Added
STD	Standard Time
TPS	Toyota Production System
UP	Up Time
VA	Value Added
VSM	Value Stream Mapping

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Chapter 1 will brief about the background of the study, the problem statement, the objectives, the scope of study, the project framework and the outline of the report.

1.1 Background

Company selected is Konica Minolta, located at Ayer Keroh, Melaka. Konica Minolta Business Solutions (M) Sdn Bhd has come a long way since the incorporation of City Marketing Sdn Bhd (CMSB) in 1981 as the trading arm of Konica Minolta Business Solutions (S) Pte Ltd or known as Minolta Singapore. CMSB was originally set up to take over control of Minolta Camera business in Malaysia. In August 1988, CMSB decide to change the name into Minolta Marketing (M) Sdn Bhd.

Moreover, there is 13 parts that being produce in this company, which is Helios PH, Zeus PH, Citrine PH, toner holder, DR housing and other with different name and then directly produce a printer machine. Next, for this company they only produce 3 type of models bizhub C759/C659, bizhub C658/C558/C458 and bizhub C368/C308/C258.

1.2 Background of the Study

This study explores the application of current state Value Stream Mapping (VSM), DMAIC and propose a future state VSM. It also identifies the lean tools and techniques that are used in the manufacturing company in the process of VSM and DMAIC implementation. The VSM is a famous lean tools and technique which can investigate and design the flow

sequences of materials and information that is needed for customer to receive the product or services. DMAIC is a strategic tool to enhance processes and is an integral part of the company's Six Sigma Quality Initiative.

The VSM technique originated from Toyota Production System (TPS) as part of their Lean Management tool. VSM is usually used to detect waste in the production line. The function is to document, analyze and improve the flow of materials or information needed to produce a product or service. Next, Mikel Harry and Bill Smith, Motorola develop DMAIC. Motorola was among the first recipients of the Malcolm Baldrige Award (Saleeshya & Bhadrans, 2015). Next, in DMAIC it presents of five phases to solve the problem where it is a define the problem, measure process performance, analyze the process that root causes, improve the process by eliminate or reduce and control plan that required to do so all activities that may occurs are still in control.

Every production line normally will produce a waste which is from value added (VA) activity or non-value-added activity. Firstly, the waste must be reduced or eliminate in order to improve the productivity and do the continuous improvement so that it will keep the product in a good way until reach to customer. Next, the goal is to satisfy the customer with the real product, best quality, quantity required and the reasonable price in a very short time. Ultimately, each line must consist of effective and efficient processes implemented by the company in order to achieve the goal.

1.3 Problem Statement

Konica Minolta Business Solutions (M) Sdn Bhd (KMBS) is one of manufacturing company that operating in Ayer Keroh, Melaka. It is committed to continually improve their productivity as in the technology solutions that work for all, they are shaping new standards, find the way to manage the production better every day, seeking ways of creating and

implementing effective and efficient processes in each production line in an ever-changing workplace environment. In this manufacturing company they are usually produce an office printing, production printing, industrial printing, innovative technologies and as the supplier.

Based on the company visit, the problem indicated where they need to find out the hidden wastes that occurs in the production line and effect the productivity of the selected product. Thus, coordination and in-process materials are common sources of significant loss in this company.

This study focusing on to propose the future state of VSM and recognizing the lean tools and techniques used in this manufacturing company in the implementation of VSM. Next, in the implementation of VSM, the company can refer and consider another concept. The decision was made to visualize and analyze the process flow on production line and then propose improvement model using lean manufacturing methodology, particularly mapping tools that have proven to be powerful tool for identifying waste, improving and standardizing the workflow.

1.4 Objective of Project

The objective of this study is:

- i. To develop the current state VSM in the Konica Minolta Sdn Bhd.
- ii. To analyse a current State VSM and identify the hidden waste in the production line.
- iii. To propose improvements opportunities using suitable lean tools and techniques and develop Future State VSM.

1.5 Scope

The scopes of this study are to identify and to reduce or eliminate the hidden wastes found in the production line of the manufacturing company. The processes involve in this study is to define the current state and develop the future state in a visual mapping with the help of the DMAIC project management tool as a systematic approach in conducting this study. Moreover, the proposal can be applied in this manufacturing company in order to increase their production goals by using the suitable Lean Manufacturing tools and availability too. Furthermore, the main purpose is to define the hidden waste and suggest improvement opportunity to fulfil the time given by customer to finish the product and reduce the production lead time.

1.6 Study Limitation

To solve the problems in this study, the scope of the research needs to be defined so that this study is on the right track, more focus and not too wide.

The limitation of this study is:

- i. The value stream map is proposed to help identify areas of improvement that are limited to one selected product family based on the criteria of the value stream mapping product group.
- ii. This study only has limited focus on the manufacturing process and production scheduling activity but does not discuss about the financial aspect.
- iii. The researcher only can propose but the improvement is subject to agreement by the manufacturing company.

1.7 Thesis Framework

This study is conducted to fulfil the requirement of final year project (FYP). To demonstrate the flow of the report and the summary of the chapter available in the study.

Refer to the table 1.1 below.

Table 1.1: Thesis Frame for Final Year Project (FYP 1)

CHAPTER	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
Chapter 1	Background of the study	Explain overall background in this study.
	Problem statement	The problem that face and need to solve it by using the suitable tools and techniques.
	Objective of the project	Describing the main purpose of this study.
	Scope	Define the tools and techniques apply to this study.
	Study limitation	Explain about the restriction face from this study.
Chapter 2	Literature review	To review from previous study and get a new idea from the readings.
Chapter 3	Methodology	Discuss the methodology in a correct flow sequence.
Chapter 4	Results and Discussion	Prepare the data results based on company visit. Discuss the type of waste occurs and state the way to reduce or eliminate.
Chapter 5	Conclusion and Recommendation	Conclude overall based on the case study and propose a suitable recommendation of applying VSM.

1.8 Summary

In summary, this study explains the use of Six Sigma DMAIC project management methodology in the development of the Current state (VSM) to identify the wastes. Next, this chapter also explains the use of suitable Lean tools and techniques to eventually propose a Future State (VSM) with the aim to achieve an improvement in the manufacturing performances such as the product delivery and cycle time. Therefore, proper problem statement and clear objectives are necessary to be defined in this chapter. Further, the scope of work explains the tools and techniques used in order to avoid being out of track. Lastly, the outline of the report is explained in order to guide the reader throughout this report.