

# Visual Management Missions Rooms for major Projects

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# **Overview of the session**

• Visual management principles

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- Examples from other sectors
- Application to major construction projects
- Discussion

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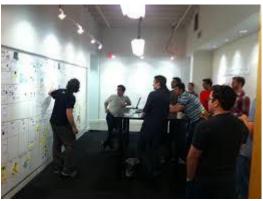




# **Principles**

- Visual management
- A picture paints a 1000 words
- Clear, simple, concise
- Communication and alignment
- Stand-up
- Show achievement and issues
- Provoke the right reaction
- Rapid response





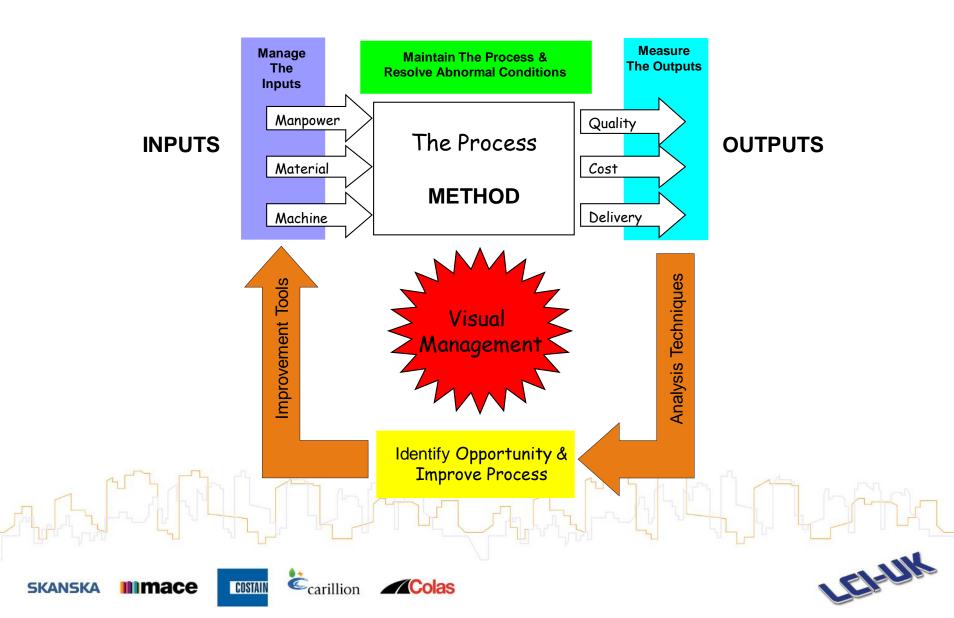






## **The Process View**





# **Visual Factory**



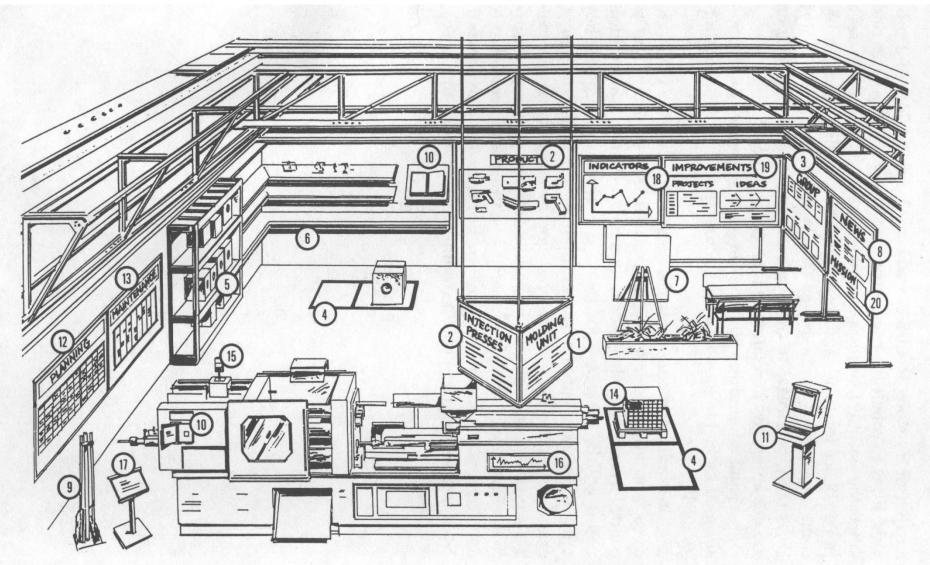


Illustration from "The Visual Factory" - Grief



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**Visual Management** 

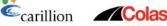
# **Examples from other sectors**

- Automotive
- Aerospace
- Chemical / Processing
- Manufacturing
- Health

#### **Characteristics**

- Aligned to defined goals
- Common format
- Stand-up
- Efficient and to-the-point
  Attended by all relevant persons













# Visual Management Examples from other sectors



#### Facility/business unit board

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CAT Production System

PEOPLE

QUALITY

VELOCITY

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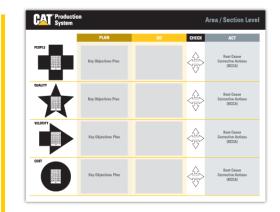
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#### Area/section level board\*

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#### 2 Value stream and area level board and communication tower

#### 4 Cell level board\*





# Application to major projects Project / Mission Control Room

- Project / Mission Control Room
   Typical set-up
- Example Projects
  - Birmingham Gateway

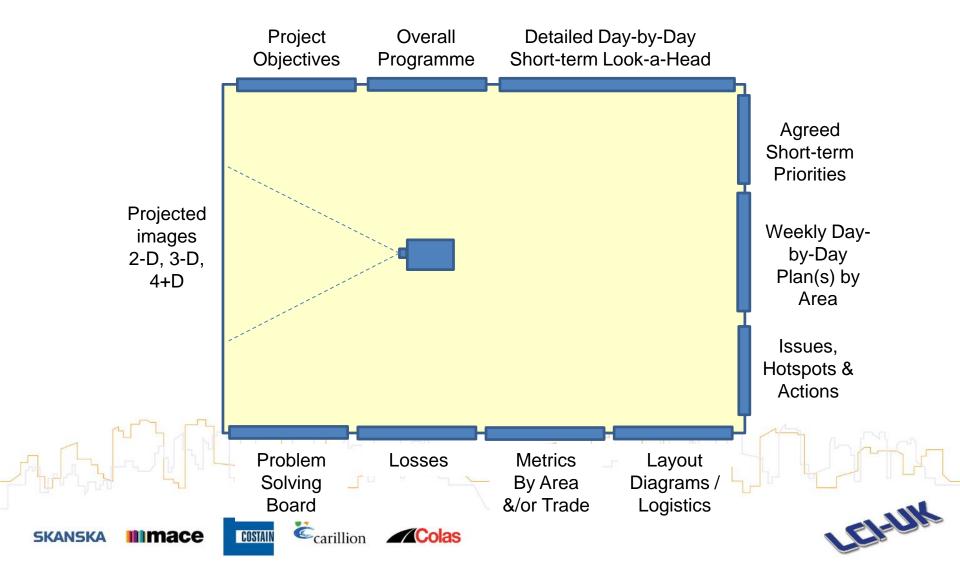
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- Power station, South Africa

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## Application to major projects **Project Control Room – Typical Elements**



# Project Control Room Examples Birmingham Gateway

- Complex project
- £600m
- Live public environment
- Number of challenges (e.g. mixture of old & new)
- Coordination of all areas of work and interfaces vital to success
- Dynamic / changing project situation
- Central planning & control is critical

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• Hub & spoke

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- Now focused on countdown to handover
- Daily review of project execution versus the plan
- The central hub for ensuring:

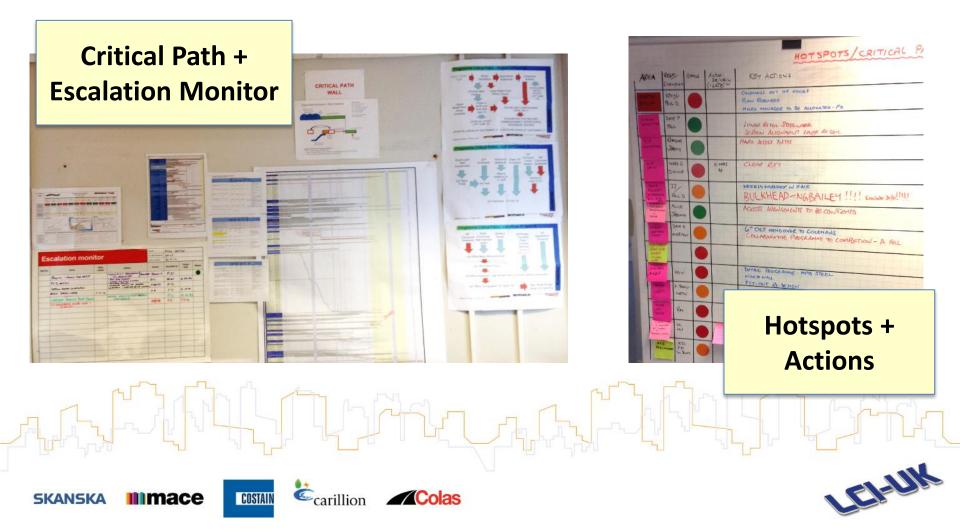
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- Confirmation of the plan
- Monitoring achievement
- Identifying issues and agreeing how to resolve

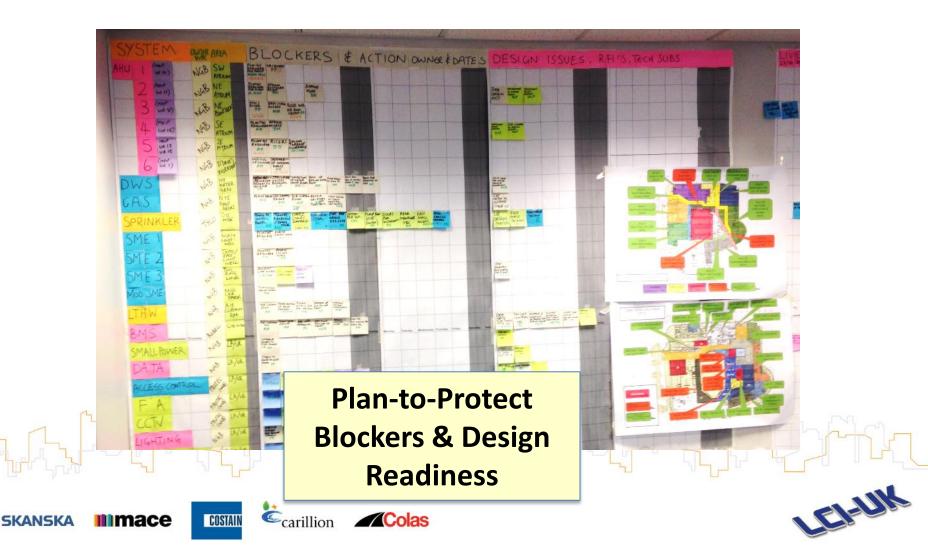
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- Agreeing changing priorities for the Project not just individual areas
- RAG status
- Communication











#### Birmingham Gateway Central Goal Command Room Area - Standard Visual Management





- Weekly review and planning meeting = 1 hour
  - Progress, planning, design, logistics
  - Performance on PPC and 6 week look-a-heads
  - Driven by Deputy Project Director
- Daily reviews = 20 minutes
- Planners meetings driven by senior planner
- Stand-up, no tables or chairs

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• Attended by 'all' relevant parties

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- Area manager to up-date of info before the meeting
- Senior team use room for regular meetings





team to draw-on the location and movement of resources and helps:

Planning and communication

The identification of any potential areas of interface clashes, etc.

individual areas of work





#### Visual Management To Plan & Control Design Delivery



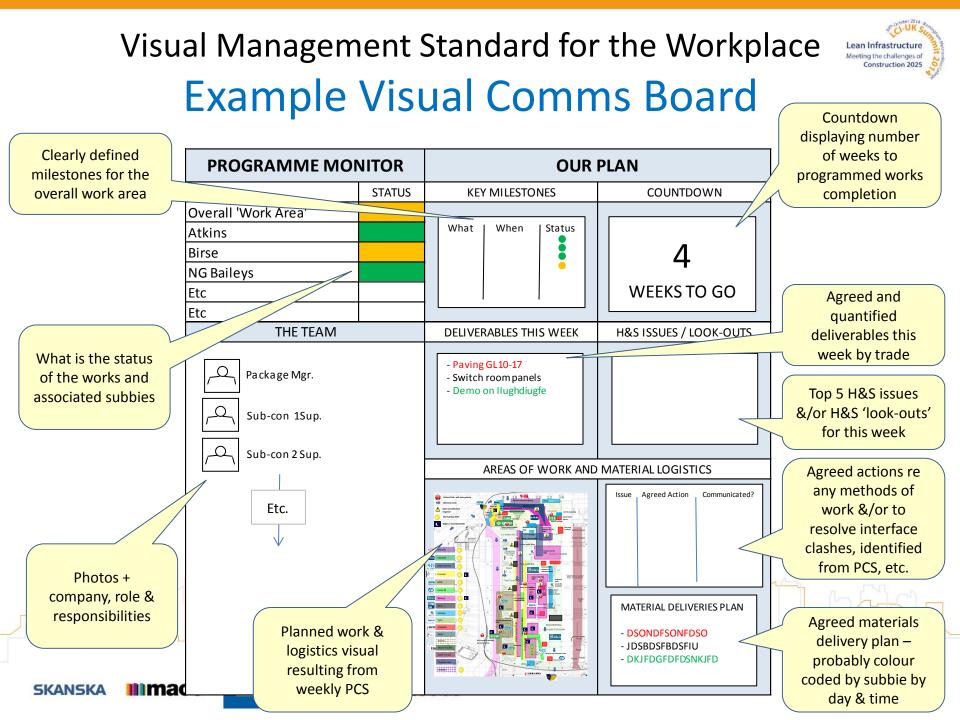
Central Design Planning & Control Hub Visual T Card process for planning & progressing Design tasks



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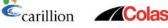


## Project Control Rooms Application to major projects

- Who should drive?
- Who should attend
  - A 'Lean' view 'all' focused on supporting VALUE creation
    - Contractor manager(s)
    - Production Supervision
    - Planning
    - Design
    - Stores / Logistics
    - Procurement
  - Location
    - Central 'hub'
    - + Area plan & control 'spokes' + Coal face comms cells









## Project Control Rooms Application to major projects

Benefits:

- Awareness Common view and understanding
- Agreement Overall programme and critical path
- Alignment Focus on the 'project' not own areas
- Achievement Easy to see progress & blockers
- Issues Agreed priorities and actions
- Programme predictability (PPC) increases

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### Project Control Room Examples Construction of a Coal Fired Power Station

- South Africa
- £100 million
- 5 year programme
- 10+ trades
- As many nationalities
- 22,340 meals prepared daily
- Concrete in excess of 600, 000 cubic metres
- Steelwork 120000 tonnes (more than the worlds tallest building)
- Coal conveyor 6km long

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• Will consume 14 million tonnes of coal per annum

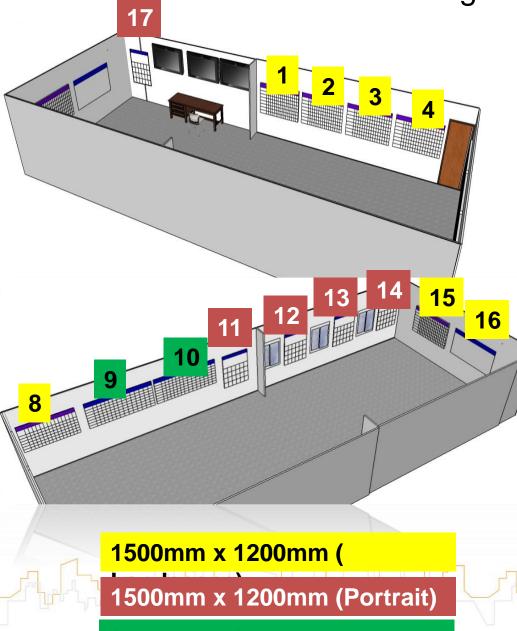
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#### **MPIC Visual Management Room Layout**



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- 1. BP Construction Status
- 2. BP Construction 2 Week Look Ahead
- 3. Turbine Construction Status
- 4. Turbine Construction 2 Week Look Ahea
- 5. Milestone Status Board
- 6. Boiler Construction Status
- 7. Boiler Construction 2 Week Look Ahead
- 8. Boiler Status Board
- 9. Labour Board 1
- 10. Labour Board 2
- 11. Safety Board
- 12. Boiler Welds Board
- 13. C&I Board
- 14. Electrical Cable Board
- 15. Commissioning Board
- 16. Unit 6 Construction Plan
- 17. Improvement / Suggestion Board



#### Project Control Room Examples

# **Construction of a Coal Fired Power Station**

- Stand-up meetings, daily 20-30 minutes
- Structured feedback, 2-5 mins per area
- The plan, achievements, issues & actions recorded on boards
- RAG status
- Focus on ambers and reds
- Resolutions sought prior to meetings

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Adjustments & priorities agreed

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## Project Control Rooms Application to major projects

Some challenges:

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- Transient nature of construction / projects
- Each project different parties, with different drivers, motives, perspectives
- Project delivery success largely influenced by the project management style, processes and ability to create 'oneteam' approach
- Visual project control rooms can quickly help establish culture, behaviours and collaborative approach



## Project Control Rooms Application to major projects

Some thoughts for success:

- Invest vs ROI
- Establish central project planning & control hub + spokes right from the outset
- Common approach breeds familiarity and ease & consistency of use

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- Transparency is key if problems arise, let's see them, we'll resolve them together
- Disciplined usage
- Requires proper buy-in and support by all relevant parties

