

# Enginuity 2013 Competition

## Review of the Performance of "Scholar Tycoons"

### The Task

A fledgling UK-based construction company, with headquarters in London, had been trading for just one year. A new management team was needed to run the company for the foreseeable future, making decisions related to the key functions of the business for each period/quarter.

The first task facing the new management team was to form a business strategy to satisfy the high demands of the company's shareholders, who were keen to see a quick return on their investment.

Although based in the UK, and subject to UK tax laws and interest rates, the decision to expand into overseas markets, and different continents, would depend upon the prevailing economic climate in the UK, and worldwide, and the direction the new management team wanted to go in.



Working in different countries would present some particular risks and challenges to overcome, such as client restrictions, global competitors and environmental problems (extreme weather conditions, civil unrest, local labour problems etc). However, the potential rewards and opportunities of operating globally (worldwide client base, niche markets, lucrative large-scale contracts), may outweigh the risks.

### **Timeframe**

The company had already been operating for periods 1 to 4, known as the History year, before the new management team took control.

The new management team were in charge for two different stages.

### The Early Years (periods 5-12)

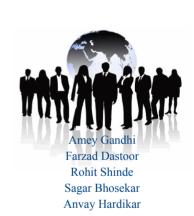
During the Early Years the competition during the procurement process came from simulated companies, based in particular countries, who could tender for work in their own country only, or worldwide.

Each rival company had their own unique profile and tendering history, which had to be carefully assessed in order to formulate an effective procurement strategy for competing against them.

### The Later Years (periods 13-18)

During the Later Years the competition during the procurement process came from the other 'human' teams in the competition. There was also competition for the services of project managers.

This created an even more uncertain and pressurised environment in which the skills and team dynamics formed in the early years were really put to the test.



### **Key Performance Indicators**

Performance indicators were used to measure the progress of the company in a number of key areas.

The indicators were weighted at the start of the early years to reflect their variability, initially to a 1,000 points

### Overall company performance improved from 1,000 to 3,335 points

		Gross	Operating								
		Profit	Profit								
		То	To	Company	Capital	Contract	Forward	Forward	Share	Client	Total
<b>Period</b>	Turnover	Turnover	<u>Turnover</u>	Value	<b>Employed</b>	Complete	Workload	Margin	Price	Satisfact	Rating
4	40	130	130	170	120	100	70	100	70	70	1,000
5	49	156	173	184	125	135	66	104	81	99	1,172
6	53	154	168	190	134	155	104	153	84	123	1,318
7	60	185	219	218	141	165	104	152	95	163	1,502
8	68	192	232	241	146	190	102	136	104	201	1,612
9	71	205	249	263	149	240	121	191	124	229	1,842
10	76	226	280	302	151	245	104	173	144	279	1,980
11	83	250	313	351	154	290	115	196	179	317	2,248
12	86	261	327	382	156	325	132	252	216	366	2,503
13	89	274	351	428	155	355	92	142	231	410	2,527
14	91	286	365	459	156	380	151	156	251	444	2,739
15	94	286	366	481	155	410	116	135	259	491	2,793
16	97	289	370	509	157	435	173	171	294	520	3,015
17	100	289	372	536	158	485	176	172	322	565	3,175
18	101	290	373	541	159	500	214	214	341	602	3,335

# Overall KPI Trend 3500 2500 1500 1000 500 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

**Turnover:** An indication of how much work the company has done

Gross Profit to Turnover: A measure of how profitable the company's jobs have been

**Operating Profit to Turnover:** A measure of how profitable the company is after considering all operating factors

Company Value: A measure of the asset value of the company

**Capital Employed:** A measure of how well the company's infrastructure is being utilised **Contract Completion:** An indication of how successful the company is in completing contracts

Forward Workload: The remaining turnover (value) of jobs still in progress

Forward Margin: The remaining profit of jobs still in progress

**Share Price:** A measure of the strength of the company's share price

Client Satisfaction: An indication of the strength of the relationship build up with the company's clients

### **Performance Summary**

	History	Since	Change	Basis	
Number of periods:	4	14			
Financial Management					
Company value:	5,058,013	16,104,730	218 %	E	
Share price:	1.11	5.41	387 %	E	
Capital employed:	88 %	94 %		A	
Turnover:	14,935,390	22,221,710	49 %	A	
Job profit:	4.3 %	10.7 %		D	% of job cost
Overhead costs:	1.8 %	2.0 %		D	% of job cost
Operating profit:	1.9 %	6.2 %		D	% of job cost; net, after tax and interest
Dividend paid:	1.4 %	2.1 %		D	% of job cost
Overhead Management					
Market share:	12 %	37 %		D	% of the overall new work in the market identified
Market share split (UK):	59 %	44 %		D	% of the market share in the UK
Market share split (OV):	41 %	56 %		D	% of market share Overseas (outside the UK)
Head office staffing level:	100 %	219 %		D	The benchmark was 100%; the optimum level was 200%
QHSE staffing level:	100 %	219 %		D	The benchmark was 100%; the optimum level was 200%.
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Procurement					
Number of jobs bid for:	18	77		D	
Number of jobs won:	7	39		D	
Bidding success rate:	39 %	51 %		D	Jobs won as a % of jobs bid for
Job Progression					
Reduction in job costs:	0.00 %	1.98 %		D	% due to targeted investments (build cost reductions)
Reduction in job costs:	0.00 %	0.45 %		D	% due to targeted investments (risk cost reductions)
Risk cost incurred:	18 %	34 %		D	As a % of the contingency in the bid
Project manager weighting:	7.6	9.3		D	Out of 10
Jobs finished early:	2	22		D	
Jobs finished on time:	0	13		D	
Jobs finished late:	0	0		D	
Job completion efficiency:	0.98	0.94		D	0 to 1 where 1 the optimum level
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Forward workload:	24,933,920	76,209,070		Е	
Forward margin:	883,296	1,891,816		E	

### Colour coding

Green background indicates exceptional performance in this area Red background indicates a weakness in this area

### Basis

The basis for setting each measure was :-

- **E** (At the end of the timeframe)
- **A** (An average for each period of the timeframe)
- **D** (The value during the whole timerame)