

The Role of Time-Directed Resource Consumption Accounting Technology in Monitoring and Reducing Product Costs: An Applied Study

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ABSTRACT :The research aims to apply the time-oriented resource consumption accounting (TDRCA) technique in one of the factories of the Iraqi General Cement Company / Kufa Cement Factory, as it is one of the most important strategic cost management techniques in the field of administrative and cost accounting, and that the application of this technology would lead to efficient utilization of resources And achieve control over it and thus lead to a reduction in costs, and to achieve this goal, the two researchers conducted a case study of the research sample represented in the Kufa Cement Factory, relying on the data of the economic unit through personal interviews and field visits with the employees of the Kufa Cement Factory and field visits for the purpose of applying the technology, and it was reached To a set of conclusions, the most important of which is: that the application of time-oriented resource consumption accounting contributes to the optimal utilization of resources and achieving control over them, and this is reflected in the result in reducing costs. The advantages of (TDABC) technology and (GPK) technology in order to rationalize the resources of the economic unit, and to achieve control over them, as well as taking Strategic Decisions The results of the research concluded that the ability of this technology to identify and distribute costs in an easier and less complicated way and reduce effort and time, to achieve the best control over costs.

Keywords: Time-Oriented Resource Consumption Accounting (TDRCA), cost reduction.

I. INTRODUCTION

The research aims to achieve the following
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accounting technology in managing cost reduction and enhancing competitiveness. Demonstrate the role of applying time-oriented resource consumption accounting technology in Optimizing the use of available resources and identifying idle energy and its reflection as a result in cost management in the economic unit Research Sample. The importance of research stems from the extent to which economic units need Apply techniques within the scope of contemporary strategic cost management, including in particular, time-oriented resource consumption accounting technology that helps reduce costs and control the resources of economic units and exploitation. optimized for those resources. In a way that contributes to cost management. The problem of research is that developments in the business environment and challenges as a result of technological progress and intense competition and global openness For markets, traditional Cal vocal systems have been rendered incapable of Provide appropriate information that helps economic units reduce costs for the product and in particular meet new requirements that allow them to continue to The shadow of these developments in that environment, which negatively affected Its productivity and as a result its sales decrease as a result of not applying Modern cost management techniques. The research is based on the main hypothesis that: (The application of time oriented resource consumption accounting technique leads to To provide information that would contribute to reducing costs in the economic unit of the research sample and in a manner that suits the requirements of the contemporary business environment).

Table (1) Shows the definitions of resource consumption accounting\

| Researcher Name | Year: page | Definition |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (Datar & Rajan) | 2021:661 | A modern management accounting technique, which uses procedures similar to those used in the process of charging the cost to products, where the determination of fixed cost charging rates is based on the practical capacity while the determination of proportional cost charging rates (i.e. costs that vary according to the outputs of the resource pool) is based on the planned quantities. |
| Ali Page | 2021:42 | One of the contemporary cost accounting techniques that is characterized by comprehensiveness and its dynamic ability to manage costs in order to provide appropriate information that would help in employing the available resources and exploiting them efficiently and effectively, and as a result, addressing idle energy in a way that contributes to managing and rationalizing costs. |

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

The First topic: the cognitive foundations of accounting technique TDRCA resource consumption

First: The concept and definition of resource consumption accounting

The technique of accounting for resource consumption RCA is one of the contemporary techniques for cost management, which seeks to provide appropriate information on how to optimize the use of available resources and employ idle energy in a way that contributes to increasing productivity and reducing costs for the product or service and thus increasing the profits of the economic unit and strengthening its competitive position, and given the importance of resource consumption accounting technology, it has been addressed by many researchers and those interested in their research and studies, but they did not agree on A specific and comprehensive concept of this technology, and many definitions have been received about it, and in this regard some of them can be highlighted as follows:

Based on the above, the researchers can provide a definition of resource consumption accounting (RCA), which is an accounting technique that gives a future view of resource consumption in order to achieve the interests, desires and needs of customers according to the resource needs of activities, with a focus on the need for optimal use. for resources. To achieve effective and efficient energy management. Which provides appropriate information on how to efficiently and optimally use the available resources and use idle energy to help increase productivity and reduce product costs, thus increasing the profits of the

enterprise and supporting its competitive position through the following:

- a) Input allocates resources to products by calculating the cost and percentage of resources used.
- b) It aims to provide a future vision of how to optimize the use of the resources and activities of the facility.
- c) Technology as a control input on the elements of resource consumption accounting.

Second: Objectives of RCA

The main objective of adopting the technique of accounting for resource consumption is to improve the use of resources of the economic unit and to reduce production costs and meet the requirements of customers, and thus support the competitive position of the economic unit, and there is a set of important objectives mentioned in the accounting literature for resource consumption accounting technology represented in the following:

Providing financial and non-financial information through an operational model with a future dimension that contributes to the process of predicting the requirements of each other resource and identifying idle energy and not loading it on products that have never caused it to occur (Sorour,2019: 115).

1. Clarify how to use the flexible budget at the cost center level for planning and control purposes The technology also provides this information necessary to support the decision-making process and for all administrative levels (Mamouri,2020:396-397).
2. The aim is to achieve the best possible utilization of available resources in the economic unit, which leads to cost reduction, adds value for the customer, and supports the competitive position of

the economic unit. Additionally, it aims to provide fundamental information about the economic unit's resources, including identifying available resources, the relationship between different resources in the economic unit, the costs of available resources, and how to streamline the management of available resources in the economic unit (Al-Qassas,2020:185).

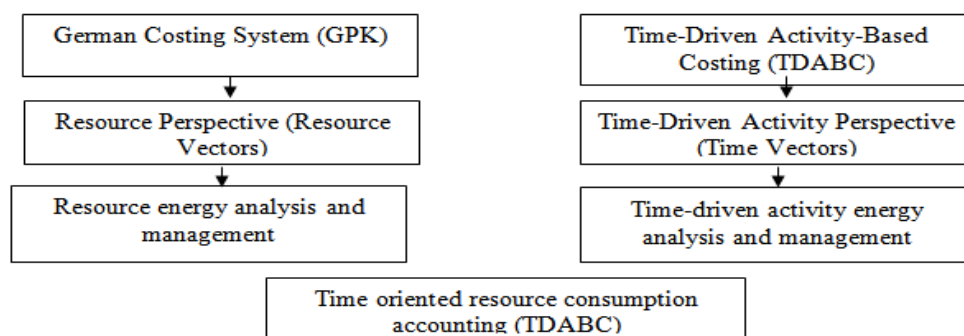
Thus, it can be said to the researchers that resource consumption accounting aims to achieve the best use of the resources available to the economic unit, which leads to reducing costs to achieve the best added value for the customer to support the competitive position of the economic unit, as it aims to provide basic information about the resources of the economic unit, which includes identifying the available resources, monitoring the use of resources by tracking the amount of materials used and unused, determining idle energy, restrictions and bottlenecks constantly to achieve the optimal use of available resources. By economic unit, this can also be achieved by focusing on the production expenses of each manageable team.

Third:Mechanisms for activating the technique of accounting for the consumption of time-directed resources.

(Aziz,2006:82) points out that the attempt to link accounting with time may be of great importance in an environment witnessing rapid developments, most notably intense competition and working according to customer requirements that require identifying the time used that leads to adding value, and excluding unused time; Time-Oriented Activity (TDABC) and GPK technology have led to the emergence of time-oriented resource consumption accounting (TDRCA) technology. (Yilmaz&Ceran 2017:139) pointed out that Time-Driven Resource Consumption Accounting (TDRCA), also known as RCA2, represents an updated and enhanced version of Resource Consumption Accounting (RCA), which

is considered the second generation of RCA. TDRCA focuses on activities by changing from multiple cost drivers to a single cost driver (time) as a measure of cost. TDRCA integrates Time-Driven Activity-Based Costing (TDABC) with the German Cost Accounting System (GPK) to overcome the limitations of RCA in addressing fixed costs and converting them into consumed and variable energy through the activities that contribute to generating these outputs. The aim is to create an artificial change in fixed costs by creating a link between resources and output through the creation of a synthetic change. Measuring costs based on a quantitative energy perspective makes it possible to separate idle energy, achieving a more accurate measurement. This technique deals directly with energy and resources to reduce costs by achieving optimal utilization of available resources. (Al-Hibari.2019) states that Time-Driven Resource Consumption Accounting (TDRCA) is a new development of RCA, which integrates the time-driven approach (based on TDABC) into the activity analysis methodology of RCA. This development enhances TDRCA's ability to manage and analyze resources through a dual view of resource consumption. Resources are consumed through a clear causal relationship between inputs and outputs in each resource pool. In the absence of such causality, the time-driven approach creates an indirect relationship between inputs and outputs by directing activities as consumers of fixed resources. Directing time-driven activities as a measure of capacity creates an artificial change in period costs, which are dealt with by root cause analysis as fixed costs. This, in turn, provides more accurate data on consumed resources and consumption drivers, and opens up a wide range of cost reduction opportunities based on consumed productivity using the capacity mechanism, as shown in the following figure :

Figure showing the combination of cost based on time-directed activity (TDRCA) and GPK technology



Source: Nyon, Haider Nehme Kazim, Hatem Karim Kazim, Ali Hilal and Nyon, 2020.

It can also be said to the researcher that the technique of accounting for the consumption of time-directed resources TDRCA is the latest development in the field of management accounting for control, control of available resources and exploitation of idle energy, as this system is based on the philosophy that the resources owned by the economic unit are the ones that cause time-directed costs and therefore should focus on calculating those resources and what is

consumed from it by focusing on the time of their consumption.

Fourth: Comparison between RCA and TDRCA (Nyon et al.2020: 158) suggest that a range of comparisons between the two technologies can be identified. RCA resource consumption accounting and TDRCA time directed resource consumption accounting and as Follows:-

Table (2) Shows the comparison between TDRCA and RCA

| TDRCA | RCA |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Resulting from TDABC and GPK integration). | Resulting from input integration (ABC) and GPK |
| Relies on flexible time guides | Depends on different and inflexible cost vectors |
| Be less complicated and expensive | Be more complicated and expensive |
| Measuring the idle energy of resources and activities together | Measure idle energy of resources only |

Source: Prepared by the researchers

It can be said to the researchers that the technique of accounting for the consumption of time-directed resources TDRCA represents a new approach capable of allocating costs based on activities, identifying idle resources and determining them according to activity levels based on the volume of outputs and at the level of each resource or group of homogeneous resources.

Fifth: Advantages of applying the technique of accounting for the consumption of time-directed resources (TD-RCA) (Nyon et al.2020:158) point out that time-oriented resource consumption accounting technology is characterized by:

1. Provide more accurate cost information because the level of detail of this cost information depends on the diversity of final cost objectives such as products or services, especially in light of the intense competition of business organizations, and the cost approach used to provide information affects the accuracy and reliability of cost information and leads to the proposal of waste disposal initiatives and make the product or service at a lower cost.
2. The technique of accounting for the consumption of time-directed resources (TDRCA) (to the theory of constraints (TOC) represented as an administrative approach to specific constraints and the search for ways to solve them by reducing waiting times resulting from constraints by identifying and scheduling scarce resources for activities and removing all bottlenecks of the production process in the economic unit.

3. Time-directed resource consumption accounting technology helps in preparing reports for all administrative levels by providing detailed information at the operational and strategic level that represents real information about the time of completion that this entry provides information on product costs more objectively compared to other cost entrances by excluding idle resources from product costs and working on preparing reports on exploited energy and idle energy. It can also be said to the researcher that the technique of accounting for the consumption of time-directed resources (TDRCA) has many advantages that distinguish it over other cost inputs by excluding idle energy, improving production efficiency, reducing costs, addressing fixed and proportional costs, using flexible cost guides (time guide), and overcoming the complexity that accompanies the application of resource consumption accounting technology (RCA).

Sixth: Requirements for the application of Time-Directed Resource Consumption Accounting (TDRCA) technology

He points out (Wunion et al., 2020: 255) In order to be able to apply the technique of accounting for the consumption of time-directed resources (TD-RCA), some important requirements must be available in order to successfully apply it, and the economic units that apply it help achieve the goals for which it was set, the most important of these requirements are:

1. Inventory and identification of the resources of the economic unit that are spent, such as salaries, wages, materials, etc.
2. Determine resource cost complexes in homogeneous aggregates such as work cost aggregator and material cost aggregator.
3. Use the available practical energy in determining time-oriented cost rates.

It can be said to the researchers that the technique of accounting for the consumption of time-directed resources faces many challenges to apply heavily on resources and neglects to address the various causes of bottlenecks and system constraints.

III. PRACTICAL FRAMEWORK

Application of Time-Oriented Resource Consumption Accounting in Lab Research Sample

This part of the research includes an application of the practical steps of the technique of accounting for the consumption of time-directed resources in the Kufa cement plant (research sample).

Thirdly. Steps to apply time-oriented resource consumption accounting technology

This section will shed light on the procedures for applying the consumption accounting technique TDRCA time directed resources to determine the cost of resistant cement in the Kufa cement plant as a research sample and what Its application plays a role in the optimal utilization of resources and thus reduces costs According to the steps below:

Step One: Inventory and identify the resources needed to carry out activities related to a cement product The first step in the process of inventorying the resources necessary to carry out activities related to a cement product is to apply the time-directed resource consumption accounting technique (TDRCA) Inventory and identification of the pools of resources consumed in the production process during the research period for the year (2021), according to the data obtained from the Cost and Pricing Accounts Division in the company for the time limits of the research, which is (2021) and the following table shows the size of the costs spent in the Kufa cement plant as shown Next table:

Table (3) Resources required to carry out activities related to the 2021 resistant cement product

| Account Number | Account Name | Amount 100% (ID) | Clinker cost | Cost of grinding clinker | Cost of cement (per ton) |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | | (Ton per) | (Ton per) | |
| 31 | Salaries and wages | 25,126,998,893 | 35,753 | 3,823 | 39,576 |
| 321 | Raw materials and raw materials | 6,600,763,888 | 9,914 | 502 | 10,416 |
| 322 | Fuels & Oils | 15,720,263,017 | 23,860 | 957 | 24,816 |
| 323 | Backup tools | 5,837,565,747 | 8,306 | 888 | 9,194 |
| 324 | Packaging Materials | 2,793,166,587 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 325 | Miscellaneous | 265,749,806 | 378 | 40 | 419 |
| 326 | Staff Equipment | 80,973,137 | 115 | 12 | 128 |
| 327 | Water & Electricity | 5,754,553,320 | 4,094 | 4,815 | 8,909 |
| 331 | Maintenance Services | 619,345,500 | 881 | 94 | 975 |
| 333 | Advertising, printing and hospitality | 24,070,000 | 34 | 4 | 38 |
| 334 | Transfer, dispatches and contacts | 1,259,402,175 | 1,792 | 192 | 1,984 |
| 335 | Lease of fixed assets | 1,229,848,408 | 1,750 | 187 | 1,937 |
| 336 | Miscellaneous | 593,745,791 | 845 | 90 | 935 |

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | service expenses | | | | |
| 37 | Extinctions | 4,310,312,092 | 6,133 | 656 | 6,789 |
| 38 | Transfer expenses | 12,409,575 | 18 | 2 | 20 |
| 39 | Other expenses | 137,417 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Costs | | 70,229,305,352 | 93,875 | 12,262 | 106,137 |

Source: Authors using Costing Division reports

The previous table (3) shows that the total expenditure of resource costs related to a product of resistant cement and fil during the year 2021 is (70,229,305,352) dinars, and companies always seek to use these resources efficiently to achieve the desired outputs, so focusing on resources and their consumption in the time-directed resource consumption accounting technique (TDRCA) It helps to provide information related to idle

energy, which helps senior management to improve the development of its capabilities and control of resources, and thus develop planning and decision-making processes for these resources. In the same vein, Table (4) details the quantities of raw materials and raw materials and the direct costs spent to manufacture the resistant cement product.

Table (4) Direct raw materials and raw materials used in production for the year 2021

| Article | Employees | Qty/Ton | Amount/ Thousands of dinars |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Wet incoming stone | 299 | 986,100 | 11,453,250,235 |
| Putty produced (imported) | 191 | 1,126,930 | 13,965,165,845 |
| Ovens | 268 | 632,506 | 27,756,009,921 |
| Cement mills | 259 | 657,310 | 9968188434 |
| Packaging | 169 | 657310 | 7086690916 |
| Total | | | 70,229,305,352 |

Source: Authors using Costing Division reports

The company's research sample resources are divided into seven resource complexes, which are as follows:

1. Working resource complex.
2. Complex material supplier.
3. Compound Maintenance Supplier:
4. Fixed Asset Resource Pool.

5. Equipment and tools supplier: includes personnel and miscellaneous equipment
6. Motive power supplier: includes fuel, oil, water and electricity.
7. Service supplies supplier: includes advertising, printing, hospitality, transportation, increases, communications and asset leasing Fixed and miscellaneous service expenses.

Table (5) Resource complexes and their mentors in the Kufa Cement Plant during 2021

| Vendor | Resource complexes cost amount/ID | Practical Energy For each complex Resource/min | Average unit cost time / ID per minute |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Work Resource | 25,126,998,893 | 42811114 | 586.927 |
| Material Supplier | 15,231,496,222 | 67762700 | 224.777 |
| Equipment & Tools Supplier | 346,722,943 | 1362021 | 254.565 |
| Motive Power Supplier | 21,474,816,337 | 248321187 | 86.48 |
| Maintenance Supplier | 619,345,500 | 183364036 | 33.726 |
| Service Supplies Supplier | 3,107,066,374 | 209766835 | 14.812 |
| Fixed Asset Extinction Resource | 4,322,721,667 | 65790844 | 65.704 |
| Overhead Resource | 137,417 | 3829.44 | 35.362 |

| | | | |
|-------|----------------|--|--|
| Total | 70,229,305,352 | | |
|-------|----------------|--|--|

It is clear from the above table (5) all the resources that were spent in the plant during the year (2021), and these resources are the main and main source of costs in all economic units, whether these units are industrial or service, and they are considered as the main starting point in any cost technology, that the economic units always seek to optimize the use of those resources in an optimal manner for time, In order to reach the desired amount of these outputs on time, so focusing on resources and their consumption according to the time-directed resource consumption accounting technique (TDRCA), helps them to provide information about idle energy, which helps senior management to improve their predictive capabilities, whether in the short term or in the long term.

Step Two: - Identify Homogeneous Resource Pools

In the second step, the resources of the Kufa cement plant (research sample) are grouped in homogeneous complexes, provided that each of these resource complexes consists of homogeneous sources with each other, the time-oriented resource consumption accounting technique (TDRCA) should, above all, determine the cost complexes of resources by grouping homogeneous resources in each complex with similar characteristics in special complexes, Thus, the researcher collected the costs of these resources, which were identified in the first phase in complexes commensurate with the nature of their work in each complex of homogeneous resources, as these complexes will work by distributing costs through the adoption of cost allocations on the amounts of resources consumed by cost objectives, and accordingly the resources consumed in the production process were divided into twelve complexes commensurate with the nature of the resource and the purpose of its consumption .

Third Step: - Separation of costs for resource pools to fixed and proportional In the third step, a distinction is made between fixed costs and proportional costs, as the time-directed resource consumption accounting technique (TDRCA) works by distinguishing between them, that the consumption relationship related to any resource is fixed when the amount of resources (inputs) consumed does not change with the change in the level of outputs of the cost target consumed, and the proportional consumption relationship occurs when the amount of resources (inputs) consumed changes with the level of outputs of the cost target consumed for each resource complex, and it assumes that the resources are consumed In the form of fixed costs or proportional costs, and the fixed cost rate is

Table (6): Fixed and prorated costs in the personnel resource pool

determined on the basis of theoretical energy and proportional cost rate on the basis of practical energy during a certain period, and the time-directed resource consumption accounting technique (TDRCA) depends on quantifying the outputs of resource complexes, such as working hours for the work resource complex, quantities in tons for the material resource complex, maintenance hours for the maintenance resource complex, and others, the use of design or theoretical energy instead of available energy contribute significantly to the stability of fixed cost loading rates on products as they do not change from one period to another as a result of the different conditions experienced by the product in a cement plant, and after studying the nature of the elements and costs and with the help of workers in the cost division in the company surveyed and using (calculation analysis method) the researcher can divide the cost elements in the different resource complexes to fixed and proportional and as follows :

A. Personnel Resource Complex:

| Resources | Fixed costs | Proportional costs | Total |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Salaries, wages and benefits in kind | 22,682,735,493 | 2,444,263,400 | 25,126,998,893 |
| Staff Transportation | 899,045,791 | 104,654,384 | 1,003,700,175 |
| Dispatch of employees | 1,329,350 | | 1,329,350 |
| Retirement and Social Security | 351775798 | 32129652 | 383,905,450 |
| Research & Experiments | 0 | 360000 | 360,000 |
| Travel & Dispatch | 0 | 27566000 | 27,566,000 |
| Other Expenses and Charges | 503603825 | 44149766 | 547,753,591 |

| | | | |
|-------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Total | 24,438,716,907 | 2,652,896,552 | 27,091,613,459 |
|-------|----------------|---------------|----------------|

Source: Researcher preparation using Cost Division reports

It should be noted that the number of employees in the factory is (1284) employees on the permanent staff and (723) on the temporary staff, according to the statistics of the Planning Department for the year (2021) distributed over the different production stages in the laboratory, so under the time-directed resource consumption accounting technique (TDRCA), The salaries of workers involved in the product manufacturing

process are classified as proportional salaries, i.e. directly, as they are directly related to production, while the salaries of employees who are not directly involved in the manufacturing process, which number (821), are fixed salary costs, in addition to the fact that the dispatch and transfer of workers are fixed or proportional costs according to their relationship to the production process and as shown in the table above.

B. Consumables Supplier Complex:

Table (7): Fixed and prorated costs in the consumables resource pool

| Resources | Fixed costs | Proportional costs | Total |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Raw materials and raw materials | 5,913,209,073 | 6,875,548,145 | 12,788,757,218 |
| Black Oil | 13,096,756,572 | 1,010,001,646 | 14,106,758,218 |
| Oils | 1,320,943,606 | 292,561,190 | 1,613,504,796 |
| Stationery | 29,780,520 | 5,822,662 | 35,603,182 |
| Supplies & Errands | 201,535,690 | 28,510,932 | 230,046,622 |
| Packaging Materials | 2,590,898,735 | 202,267,851 | 2,793,166,586 |
| Staff Equipment | 72,094,898 | 8,878,239 | 80,973,137 |
| Other materials | 2,275,650,169 | 1,176,508,000 | 3,452,158,169 |
| Total | 25,500,869,263 | 9,600,098,665 | 35,100,967,928 |

Source: Researcher preparation using Cost Division reports

C. Maintenance and Motive Power Resource Complex:

Table (8) Fixed and prorated costs in the maintenance resource complex and motive forces

| Resources | Fixed costs | Proportional costs | Total |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Building Maintenance | 1,785,205,000 | 226,424,149 | 2,011,629,149 |
| Maintenance of machinery and equipment | 1,342,303,000 | 43,420,000 | 1,385,723,000 |
| Transportation Maintenance | 158,527,000 | 6,015,000 | 164,542,000 |
| Maintenance of furniture and office equipment | 148,187,725 | 16,330,000 | 164,517,725 |
| Total | 3,434,222,725 | 292,189,149 | 3,726,411,874 |

Source: Researcher preparation using Cost Division reports.

It is clear from the above table (8) that the complex of maintenance resource and motive forces costs related to spare tools have been considered as prorated costs because they relate to the

maintenance of machinery in the plant, while the costs of maintenance of machinery and equipment and electricity costs are either fixed or proportional.

d. Resource pool of assets used in the production process:

Table (9): Fixed and prorated costs in the pool of the resource of assets used in the production process

| Resources | Fixed costs | Proportional costs | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Extinction of buildings | 0 | 83,831,813 | 83,831,813 |
| Extinction of machinery and equipment | 0 | 3,877,449,701 | 3,877,449,701 |
| Disappearance of means of | 0 | 172,599,078 | 172,599,078 |

| Resources | Fixed costs | Proportional costs | Total |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|
| transport | | | |
| Furniture and office equipment disappear | 0 | 176,431,499 | 176,431,499 |
| Total | | 4,310,312,091 | 4,310,312,091 |

Source: Researcher preparation using Cost Division reports.

It is clear from the above table (9) that the asset resource complexes used in the production process and the costs of the extinction of assets of all kinds described, which have been classified as fixed costs, and it is clear from the above that there are fixed unexploited costs that directly affect the management decisions of the senior management of the company and related to product pricing due to the cost of idle energy, which has a significant impact on inflating the size of production costs and

thus inflating the cost of one unit, Which is reflected in the overpricing of products and thus the loss of market share. After the researcher has identified resource pools and separated fixed costs from proportional costs in them, appropriate resource vectors must be identified for each resource pool from the complexes, on the basis of which fixed and variable cost rates are extracted and can be illustrated through the following table:

Table (10) Cost drivers of resource pools

| Resource pools | Causes of costs |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Indirect Action Resource Pool | working hours |
| Indirect Material Resource Pool | Quantity of material (tons) |
| Dynamics Resources Complex | Machine Operating Hours |
| Reserve Tools Resource Pool | Number of maintenance hours |
| Equipment Resource Complex | Number of equipment |
| Maintenance Services Resources Complex | Number of maintenance hours |
| Administrative and marketing expenses resources complex | Number of units sold (planned) |

Source: Prepared by the author.

It is clear from the above table (10) that in this step the researcher distributed the costs to the appropriate pools of resources, and these costs have been classified in each of these resources as fixed costs and variable costs, as this step is the main pillar in the mechanism of employing time-directed resource consumption accounting technology (TDRCA), and helps in extracting fixed rates of costs through theoretical energy and variable cost rates are extracted through practical energy. Thus, it helps in identifying idle energy by isolating unused fixed costs that do not add value to the main activities in the plant and keeping them in resource pools, as these are considered period costs and these activities are charged to variable costs only as shown in the following steps.

Step Four: Determine the theoretical and practical capacities and fixed and proportional cost ratios After the appropriate complexes for the various resources have been identified and the resource costs are classified into fixed costs and proportional costs, as well as determining the appropriate causes

of these resources (quantitative outputs of resources) for each of those complexes such as (working hours for the personnel resource, maintenance hours for the machinery and equipment maintenance resource, and the quantity in (tons) for raw materials, and others), then the theoretical energy and practical energy of the resource complexes are determined as shown in the equations below, Which will be the basis for calculating the different loading rates, whether fixed rates or proportional rates according to the following two equations, provided that fixed costs are linked to theoretical energy, and as for proportional costs, they are related to practical energy :

Proportional cost rate of resource pool = prorated costs of resource pool / practical energy

According to the normal standards by which the production lines of the factory operate by three working meals per day, each meal consists of (8) hours covering (24) hours during the day, and

the production lines of the laboratory research sample is not covered by holidays or official occasions, as the worker can get certain rest days specified by the production department concerned, taking into account the natural lost time during the day if the worker works (8 hours X Three meals a day for (365) days a month) the theoretical capacity of the 1284 workers (only non-workers in the production process) workers will be 11,247,840 working hours per year.

Daily working hours 24 daily hours

Number of weekly working hours 24 X 7 = 168 hours / week

Number of theoretical working hours per worker per year = 2920 hours / year

The theoretical energy of the plant workers is 1284 x 2920 = 3,749,280 hours

As for the calculation of practical energy, it is calculated on the basis of the actual days during the year (the practical energy is determined on the basis of 80% per day of the theoretical energy in order to take into account the cases of stops for maintenance, repair and other purposes

for a period of (365) days per year multiplied by the number of workers 1284 noting that the results of interviews with the laboratory engineers show that the laboratory sample research did not reach this percentage in its work, Therefore, the above ratio is part of the laboratory procedures if the transformation is made to what the laboratory should be, as well as the capabilities available in the laboratory confirm the ability of the laboratory to reach the above energy level if modern techniques are applied to cost management, the most important of which is the techniques posed by this research, provided that the launch of the application of these techniques starts from determining the customer's requirements of the resistant cement product

Theoretical energy = 1284 X 2920 = 3,749,280 hours = 2920 / factor

Practical energy = 3,749,280 X 80% = 2,999,424 h/worker

Table (11) deals with theoretical energy, practical energy, fixed and proportional cost charge rates for resource pools, as shown in the following table:

Table (11) Theoretical and practical energy and resource pool rates for 2021

| vendor Work Resource | Theoretical energy | Practical Energy | Fixed cost rate | Proportional cost rate |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Salaries, wages and benefits in kind | 3749280 | 2999424 | 6049.89 | 814.91093 |
| Staff Transportation | 2007 | 1284 | 447955 | 81506.53 |
| Training & Qualification | 3749280 | 0 | 0.35456 | 0 |
| Retirement and Social Security | 3749280 | 2999424 | 93.8249 | 10.711941 |
| Research & Experiments | 16 | 10 | 0 | 36000 |
| Travel & Dispatch | 78 | 42 | 0 | 656333.33 |
| Other Expenses and Charges | 3749280 | 2999424 | 134.32 | 14.719415 |
| Material Supplier | | | | |
| Raw materials and raw materials | | 632,506 | | 10870.329 |
| Black Oil | | 82748172 | | 12.205728 |
| Oils | 250000 | 175000 | 5283.77 | 1671.7782 |
| Stationery | 6070 | 0 | 4906.18 | |
| Supplies & Errands | 13000 | 0 | 15502.7 | |
| Packaging Materials | 0 | 32400300 | | 6.2427771 |
| Staff Equipment | 4800 | 3750 | 15019.8 | 2367.5304 |
| Other materials | 700000 | 648005 | 3250.93 | 1815.5848 |
| Maintenance Supplier | | | | 0 |
| Building Maintenance | 8760 | 0 | 203791 | 0 |
| Maintenance of machinery and equipment | 7700 | 6800 | 174325 | 6385.2941 |
| Transportation Maintenance | 700 | 0 | 226467 | 0 |
| Maintenance of furniture and office equipment | 600 | 0 | 246980 | 0 |
| Supplier of used assets | | | | |
| Extinction of buildings | 43800 | 0 | 1913.97 | |
| Extinction of machinery and | 43800 | 0 | 88526.2 | |

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|------------------------------------------|-------|---|---------|--|
| equipment | | | | |
| Disappearance of means of transport | 43800 | 0 | 3940.62 | |
| Furniture and office equipment disappear | 43800 | 0 | 4028.12 | |

Source: Prepared by the researcher based on the previous table

Step Five: Distribute the costs of activities to the producer and separate idle energy costs. In the fifth step, the costs of the activities are distributed to the final products and the idle energy costs are separated in preparation for calculating the cost of the product in the necessary time, and according to the time-directed resource consumption accounting technique (TDRCA), and the resource pools consumed by the activities are determined because the consumption of resources is not directly by the final product unit, but the resources consumed by the activities in the final products,

and the activities consumed by the resource pools in the economic unit have been determined as a sample Search as follows:

1. Crushing and grinding activity;
2. Heating and heat activity;
3. Maintenance and maintenance activity;
4. Inspection activity;
5. Activity of motive forces;
6. Transportation and storage activity;
7. Marketing activity;
8. Administrative activity;

Table (12) Activities and their directions for the year 2021

| Activity | Activity Wave | Resistant cement |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Crushing and grinding | Number of tons produced | 986,100 |
| Heating and heat | Number of tons produced | 1,126,930 |
| Maintenance & Maintenance | Maintenance Orders | |
| Examination | Number of tons examined | 632,506 |
| Driving forces | Machine Operating Hours | 8760 |
| Transportation and storage | Number of tons stored | 657,310 |
| Catalog | Number of tons sold | 648,006 |
| Administrative | Number of Employees | 100 |

Source: Prepared by the researcher using the technical department

The table above shows the activities and their directions and from the above activity triggers, the activity load rate will be calculated using the following equation:

$$\text{Charge rate} = \text{Total Activity Cost} / \text{Trigger}$$

The following table (13) shows the results of applying the above equation to the activities related to the products of the laboratory of the research sample, in terms of the total cost of the activity and the reason for the activity.

Table (13) Activities and Total Activity Mentor

| Activity | Total Activity Wave | Activity Wave |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Crushing and grinding | 16,662,785,671 | |
| Heating and heat | 17,243,356,233 | |
| Maintenance & Maintenance | 12,937,939,791 | |
| Examination | 9,219,653,519 | |
| Driving forces | 7,515,410,504 | |
| Transportation and storage | 1,610,120,793 | |
| Catalog | 830,474,457 | |
| Administrative | 880,915,312 | |
| Total | 66,900,656,281 | |

Source: Prepared by the researcher using the technical department

Table (13) shows the results of applying the above equation to the activities related to the products of the laboratory of the research sample, in terms of the total cost of the activity and the reason for the activity. As for determining the costs of idle energy, it is done by comparing

allocated costs according to Time-Directed Resource Consumption Accounting (TDRCA) technology with Costs realized for the company and for each supplier of Resources of the economic unit research sample as shown in the following table (14).

Table (14) Allocation of costs according to an accounting technique Consumption of time-oriented resources for 2021

| Resources | Realized costs | Custom costs According to TDRCA | Idle Energy | Ratio of idle energy per resource |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Work Resource | | | | |
| Salaries, wages and benefits in kind | 25,126,998,893 | 22,187,287,111 | 2,939,711,782 | 44.67 |
| Staff Transportation | 1,003,700,175 | 1,003,329,699 | 370,476 | 0.01 |
| Training & Qualification | 1,329,350 | 649,569 | 679,781 | 0.01 |
| Retirement and Social Security | 383,905,450 | 381,772,283 | 2,133,167 | 0.03 |
| Research & Experiments | 360,000 | 288,000 | 72,000 | 0 |
| Travel & Dispatch | 27,566,000 | 26,253,333 | 1,312,667 | 0.02 |
| Other Expenses and Charges | 547,753,591 | 511,509,127 | 36,244,464 | 0.55 |
| Material Supplier | | - | - | |
| Raw materials and raw materials | 12,788,757,218 | 12,763,939,997 | 24,817,221 | 0.38 |
| Black Oil | 14,106,758,218 | 14,001,318,279 | 105,439,939 | 1.6 |
| Oils | 1,613,504,796 | 1,530,221,584 | 83,283,212 | 1.27 |
| Stationery | 35,603,182 | 34,588,578 | 1,014,604 | 0.02 |
| Supplies & Errands | 230,046,622 | 35,811,342 | 194,235,280 | 2.95 |
| Packaging Materials | 2,793,166,586 | 4,045,357 | 2,789,121,229 | 42.38 |
| Staff Equipment | 80,973,137 | 38,252,062 | 42,721,075 | 0.65 |
| Other materials | 3,452,158,169 | 3,293,233,820 | 158,924,349 | 2.41 |
| Maintenance Supplier | | - | - | |
| Building Maintenance | 2,011,629,149 | 2,003,260,862 | 8,368,287 | 0.13 |
| Maintenance of machinery and equipment | 1,385,723,000 | 1,325,510,484 | 60,212,516 | 0.91 |
| Transportation Maintenance | 164,542,000 | 161,924,007 | 2,617,993 | 0.04 |
| Maintenance of furniture and office equipment | 164,517,725 | 162,512,538 | 2,005,187 | 0.03 |
| Supplier of used assets | | - | - | |
| Extinction of buildings | 83,831,813 | 83,081,537 | 750,276 | 0.01 |
| Extinction of machinery and equipment | 3,877,449,701 | 3,755,283,478 | 122,166,223 | 1.86 |
| Disappearance of means of transport | 172,599,078 | 170,069,201 | 2,529,877 | 0.04 |
| Furniture and office equipment disappear | 176,431,499 | 174,216,035 | 2,215,464 | 0.03 |
| Total | 70,229,305,352 | 63,648,358,282 | 6,580,947,070 | 100 |

Source: Prepared by the researcher using the technical department

It is clear from the above table (14), that the amount of idle energy costs amounted to (6,580,947,070) dinars calculated according to the time-directed resource consumption accounting technique (TDRCA), as the total costs charged to the products are ID (63,648,358,282) instead of JD (70,229,305,352) Because the remaining cost was not consumed by the products and therefore is not charged on these products and this is what distinguishes the resource consumption accounting technology (TDRCA) from the rest of the other technologies.

Step Six: Distribute costs for resource pools on activities The practical capacity of each group of resource pools is determined, as this step includes determining the practical capacity, which is the daily working hours or the time required to complete the production processes related to a cement product at each stage of the production stages that the product passes through, as shown in the table below (15).

Where the time to perform the operation per worker per year = $8 \times 24 \times 60 \times 12 = 80\% \times 110.592$

Table (15) Annual Practical Energy for Operations with Relationship to the cement product for 2021

| Operation | Employees | Working energy per worker per year per minute 2 | Practical energy per operation |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | $1 \times 2 \times 80\% = 3$ |
| Initialization and cracking | 193 | 110.592 | 21,344,256 |
| Rubber conveyor of raw materials into the factory | 106 | 110.592 | 11,722,752 |
| Grinding of guardian materials | 191 | 110.592 | 21,123,072 |
| Furnaces for heating and burning materials | 268 | 110.592 | 29,638,656 |
| Cement grinding | 259 | 110.592 | 28,643,328 |
| Packaging | 169 | 110.592 | 18,690,048 |
| Total | 1186 | 663.552 | 131,162,112 |

Source: Prepared by the author.

It is clear from the above table (15) that the cost of the unit time is determined for each resource group related to the product operations, this step includes determining the cost of time according to the time-directed resource consumption accounting technique (TDRCA) so each process related to cement production in the

sections where the product passes in the laboratory research sample and as shown in Table (16) by dividing the total direct and indirect costs) Operational costs (by the practical capacity represented by the working hours in each process of the cement product In the laboratory research sample.

Table (16) Determine the cost of the unit time per minute for operations related to cement product for the lab Research Sample for 2021

| Operation | Operating cost in dinars | Annual Practical Energy Per minute | Unit Time Cost JD/min |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | (1÷2) |
| Initialization and cracking | 9,037,000,000 | 21,344,256 | 423.39 |
| Material Rubber Conveyor | 2,578,000,000 | 11,722,752 | 219.91 |
| Grinding of guardian materials | 12,392,000,000 | 21,123,072 | 586.66 |
| Ovens for heating | 43,883,000,000 | 29,638,656 | 1480.6 |

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------|
| Cement grinding | 15,165,000,000 | 28,643,328 | 529.44 |
| Packaging | 6,626,000,000 | 18,690,048 | 354.52 |
| Total | 89,681,000,000 | 131,162,112 | 683.74 |

Source: Prepared by the researcher.

Based on cost records Lab Research Sample.

It is clear from the above table (16) that the activities related to the product operations and the time of performance of their events have been identified and grouped through the field experience of the researcher and the research of the reality of

cement production and interviews with some engineers in the research sample laboratory, and the activities related to the product operations are determined according to the time-directed resource consumption accounting technique (TDRCA).

Table (17) Determine the Total Cost of related operations for cement product in Kufa cement factory

| Operation | Operating cost | Cost of materials | Cost of manufacture | costs Administrative and marketing 10% | Total cost |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 1+2=3 | 4 | 4+3 |
| Initialization and cracking | 3471.82 | 1.632 | 3473.45 | 347.3452 | 3820.8 |
| Material Rubber Conveyor | 21.99 | 0 | 21.99 | 2.199 | 24.19 |
| Grinding of guardian materials | 1583.97 | 62,455.39 | 64039.36 | 6403.9362 | 70443.3 |
| Ovens for heating | 7403 | 2741.76 | 10144.76 | 1014.476 | 11159.24 |
| Cement grinding | 1270.66 | 812.832 | 2083.49 | 208.3492 | 2291.84 |
| Packaging | 592.05 | 56.928 | 648.98 | 64.8978 | 713.88 |
| Total | 11808.22 | 66,068.54 | 77876.76 | 7787.6764 | 85,664.44 |

Source: Prepared by the researcher based on the previous table.

It is noted from the table above that the cost is low Total For the raw cement product in a cement factory Kufa

It has become (85664.44 ID / ton) according to the time-directed resource consumption accounting technique (TDRCA), while the reality of the cost applied in the plant reflects that the total cost per ton is (105,860 JOD / ton (the cost of fil cement and the total cost per ton of resistance 113,047)) and this means a reduction in the cost per ton by (20,196) for the fil and (27,383) for the resistor, and therefore it is clear the important role that the application of time-directed resource consumption accounting technique (TDRCA) constitutes in improving the value of the product by improving its quality and reducing Cost Thus, the research hypothesis that the use of time-directed resource consumption accounting (TDRCA) technology would lead to the provision of appropriate information in improving product value.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

1. The failure of traditional cost systems to meet the requirements and objectives of management, as

they are no longer able to provide accurate data that help management in making decisions as a result of changes and developments that occur in the business environment, most notably the intense competition that resulted from the emergence of modern technologies in the field of cost management capable of keeping pace with these changes and developments, the most important of which is the time-oriented resource consumption accounting technique (TDRCA).

2. Time-Oriented Resource Consumption Accounting (TDRCA) technology is a time-oriented activity-based cost integration (TDABC) with the German Cost System (GPK) to overcome the disadvantages of Resource Consumption Accounting (RCA) in addressing fixed costs by converting them into consumed and variable energy through activities that contribute to the generation of these outputs and try to create resources and outputs that combine the resource by creating an artificial change in fixed costs.

3. The technique of accounting for the consumption of time-directed resources (TDRCA) highlights idle energy, excluding idle energy, not charging these costs on products and excluding non-value-adding

activities, it contributes to determining product costs objectively and activating the role of effective control over fixed and proportional cost elements and providing financial and non-financial information for planning and control purposes, Decision-making and continuous improvement in the short and long term, relying on resources and forward-looking activities, as well as providing appropriate cost information based on scientific and objective foundations for the allocation of indirect costs compared to traditional cost methods.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The researcher recommends, the economic unit should use time-oriented resource consumption accounting technology, as it combines the advantages of (TDABC) technology and (GPK) technology, so the economic unit must provide the necessary information to make long and short-term decisions, that is, make strategic decisions to support competitive advantage.
2. The researcher recommends the need for the economic unit to pay attention to the resources available to it for the purpose of optimal exploitation by determining the energies of each resource and the amount of consumption of the unit of its energies to determine its idle energies.
3. The researcher recommends that the economic unit should search for new ways to distribute indirect costs, as the traditional method of determining the cost of the product does not meet the new requirements because of its weaknesses, or that the accrual percentage is very small compared to other departments.

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