LEADING IMPROVEMENT ACROSS A COMPLEX AEROSPACE ENTERPRISE

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# **Presentation Contents**

Key components which drive enterprise improvement

- Essential tools for business improvement
- Typical business improvement metrics
- Improvement as a process rather than an end state

# **Rolls-Royce Corporation**

- Founded in 1915 by James Allison
- Produced over 110,000 engines powering P38, P-51, A7, OH-6, OH-58, C-130, C-2, P-3, E-2, ERJ145, V-22
- First true multi-application engine, the AE Family: Fan, Propeller, and Shaft Driven
- Over 50 regional airline systems and hundreds of corporate operators in five continents
- Approximately 30,000 engines currently in service for civil, military, helicopter, energy, and naval applications
- Acquired by Rolls-Royce plc in 1995

Rolls-Royce Corporation Key Statistics - 2004

**4 Business Sectors** 

(Civil Aerospace, Defense, Energy, Marine)

3 Major Product Families (AE, T56/501, 250)

2 Engines/day

\$1M Spares/day

4,400 People, including 1950 UAW members

3,000,000 Sq. Ft. Active Floor Space

2,700 Active Machine Tools

7,000 Active Part Numbers

\$1.5B Annual Sales

**\$250M Rolls-Royce Plant Improvement** 

**4 Years Into Lean Journey** 

# **Rolls-Royce Stakeholders**

- 1000's of users and maintainers
- 100's of buying customers
- 10's of partners
- 4400 employees
- 300 suppliers
- Federal, state, and local governments
- 1000's of shareholders
- Rolls-Royce plc leadership
- United Autoworkers Union
- Community neighbors

#### Improvement That Flows to the Bottom Line Requires

- Vision
- Focus on Customers and Employees
- Active Leadership Involvement and Alignment with Workforce
- Willingness to Break Established Paradigms
- Hierarchy of Trained, Empowered, and Incentivized Employees
- Constancy of Improvement Activity
- Celebrate and Reward Success

#### **Rolls-Royce Corporation Vision**

- Trusted to Deliver Excellence
  - As determined by customer satisfaction
  - And measured by a few understandable metrics
  - Supported by a workforce trained and empowered to deliver improvement
  - Across the entire business

# Leadership From the Top

- Motorola John Galvin
- GE Jack Welsh
- Allied-Signal Larry Bossidy
- Rockwell Collins Clay Jones
- Southwest Airlines Herb Kelleher
- Nucor Steel Ken Iverson

#### Knowledge is Required to Deliver

• Capable, world-class processes

and

• Streamlined, value-adding activity

### Hierarchy of Knowledge

- Team and Leadership Skills
- Knowledge-based "Belts" Yellow, Green, Black – in lean and six sigma
- Certified Mastery ASQ
- Sensei e.g. Mr. Ito at Pratt & Whitney



#### • Define

- High level process map
- Stakeholder values
- Problem definition
- Improvement goals
- Metrics
- Measure
  - Process analysis
  - Probability and statistics
  - Data collection and analysis
  - Measurement systems
  - Process capability

- Analyze
  - Data analysis
  - Hypothesis testing
  - Lean concepts and tools
  - Quality function deployment
  - Fault tolerant design
  - Failure mode and effects analysis
  - Design for X
- Improve
  - Non-value added elimination
  - Kaizen
  - Design of Experiments
  - Taguchi methods

#### Control

- Statistical process control
- Poka-yoke
- **5S**
- Visual factory
- Andon
- Kanban
- Muda
- Total productive maintenance

#### Rolls-Royce Metrics Focus on Stakeholder Issues

- On-time delivery
- Delivered product quality
- First pass test yields
- Past due receivables
- Return on Invested Capital

Lean Initiatives at Rolls-Royce

Initial Factory Kaizen Activities **PIF & PIL Training Supplier Quality Initiatives** Single Process Initiatives Flow Line Cash Collection Team Supply Chain Restructuring Systematic incremental Activity

# **First Year Actions**

- Mobilized leadership team
- Agreed on vision
- Set priorities
- Established metrics
- Reassigned key leaders
- Streamlined process flows
- Focused on attributes data
- Invested to remove bottlenecks

## First Year Results

- Significantly improved on-time delivery
- Step improvement in delivered product quality
- Increased 1<sup>st</sup> pass test yields by 4%
- Reduced cost of nonconformance by 3%
- Eliminated 500 obsolete machine tools
- Halved overage government contracts
- Eliminated 25% of chart of accounts
- Contributed significant profit and cash to Rolls-Royce plc
- Earned significant incentive compensation for all employees

#### **Second Year Actions**

- Reaffirmed prior year priorities
- Initiated cash collection team
- Began assembly flow line
- Hired third party parts supplier
- Began training workforce in lean, continuous improvement
- Increased working with suppliers

#### Second Year Results

- On-time delivery approached acceptable levels
- A second stepwise improvement in delivered product quality
- Reduced cost of non-conformance by 10%
- Eliminated overage government contracts
- Reduced delinquent receivables by 50%
- Initiated formal customer satisfaction measurement across business
- Delivered record profit and cash to Rolls-Royce plc
- Earned incentive compensation for all employees

## **Third Year Actions**

- Fine tuned priorities
- Multi-skill training for 50% of shop floor employees
- Completed assembly flow line
- Razed 800,000 sq ft of obsolete facilities
- Began third party logistics efforts
- Trained transactional (office) black belts

# Third Year Results

- Significant volume reduction post 9/11
- On-time delivery and delivered product quality stalled
- Cost of non-quality reduced by 18%
- Customer satisfaction index improved by 2%
- Halved engine assembly cycle time
- Achieved world class cash collection results
- Delivered significant profit and cash to Rolls-Royce plc
- Earned significant incentive compensation for all employees

#### Rolls-Royce Accounts Receivable 2000-2002



## Fourth Year Actions

- Increased emphasis on quality
- Completed shop floor multi-skill training
- Began third party logistics implementation
- Completed majority of factory renovation
- Changed COO but not vision

# Fourth Year Results

- On-time deliveries improved
- Delivered product quality and cost of nonquality static
- Customer satisfaction improved
- Profit and cash generation ahead of targets
- Earned significant incentive compensation for all employees

## Fifth Year Actions

- Negotiated breakthrough contract with UAW
  - But this distracted leadership from many components of enterprise business improvement
- Leadership team changes planned and unplanned
  - Loss of momentum in key areas of
    Operations, Manufacturing and Quality

# Fifth Year Results

- Implemented new labor contract which increases competitiveness within aerospace industry
- Sustained improvements in business metrics and customer satisfaction with new leadership team
- Awarded multi-billion contract for Joint Strike Fighter
- Earned incentive compensation for all employees

#### **Other Beneficial Results**

- Active Charge Numbers from 22,930 to 6,593
- Monthly Aircraft on Ground Claims from 701 to 153
- Open Material Review Board Folders from 390 to 195
- Monthly Financial Report Pages from 630 to 120
- SAP Exception Messages from 18,000 to <6,000
- Part Numbers in SAP from 42,087 to 25,390
- Cost centers from 544 to 442
- Eliminated over 500 procedures by adopting Rolls-Royce Quality Management System
- Reduced accounts payable transactions from 80,000 to 50,000 per year

#### More Beneficial Results – A 5-year Journey

#### Inputs

- Annual employee training increased 10%
- Transitioned to a multiskilled hourly workforce
- Modernized over 50% of facility
- Employees
  empowered to earn
  significant incentive
  compensation

Outputs

- Cycle times reduced by >2/3
- Inventory turns improved 40%
- Cost of non-quality halved
- On-time deliveries
  reach benchmark
  levels
- Customer satisfaction improved 50%

# **Benefits to Rolls-Royce**

- Eliminated chronic customer dissatisfaction
- Reversed pattern of mediocre financial performance and generated record cash and profit
- Secured future lines of business
- Contributed several "best practices" which have been deployed world-wide

# **Barriers to Change**

- Underground resistance
- Skepticism
- "Just another initiative"
- "It will pass"
- Upsets the status quo
- Takes people out of their comfort zone

# **Breaking Down the Barriers**

- Define the "burning platform"
- Work to obtain buy-in from key stakeholders
- Communicate, communicate, communicate
- Dispatch the resistance
- Reward results

#### Robust Repeatable Processes Are Key to Sustained Excellence

- At Rolls-Royce these included:
  - Standardized design tools
  - Lean manufacturing techniques
  - Supplier partnerships
  - Kaizen throughout the company
  - Respect for all employees

#### Since 2004 ..

- On-time delivery
- Delivered product quality
- First pass test yields
- Past due receivables Financial Data not Reported Separately
- Return on Invested Capital Financial Data not Reported Separately

#### **Embraer ERJ Family**



Image: Wikimedia. Adrian Pingstone. Public Domain.

- Over 1100 built (1000 in service as of Aug 2010)
- 30M engine hours
- No material related crashes or fatalities (as of June 2010)

#### Legacy 600 and 650 Business Jet



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- 200 Legacy 600's in operation as of 6/2011
- First Legacy 650 delivered 12/2010
- Least expensive bizjet with comparable cabin volume and 3800 nmi nonstop range

#### 218 C-130J's Delivered – 66 on Order (>1100 engines)



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Current and Future Operators Shown in Blue



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#### **RQ-4A** Global Hawk



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- Over 1500 combat sorties and 30,000 combat hours (as of Feb. 2010)
- Deployed around the globe

# Osprey Engines Feature Power by the Hour™



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- Guaranteed hourly operating cost provides value to users and incentive to Rolls-Royce to maximize reliability and availability
- First use on military aircraft program
- 112 in service as of May 2010

#### Model 300 Engine Powers Robinson R66 Helicopter



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- The Model 300 features a simplified single-stage centrifugal compressor that, along with a lower acquisition cost, is expected to result in lower maintenance costs
- FAA certification Oct. 25, 2010, first delivery Oct. 26

#### C-27J (aka Joint Cargo Aircraft)



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- 34 delivered to 8 countries, 10,000 flight hours as of fall 2010
- 45 on order including 21 for US Army and US Air Force

Customers Expect Affordable Cost, Product Quality, and Timely Delivery

- Rolls-Royce Corporation's Lean Journey has contributed to :
  - Improved customer satisfaction (Embraer, US Govt, Lockheed, Northrop Grumman, Bell/Boeing)
  - Increased orders (C-130J, Global Hawk)
  - New Products (Model 300 and Model 500)
  - New Customers (Robinson Helicopters)
  - More credible partnerships (GE , P&W)

# **Concluding Observations**

- Improvement is a journey not a destination
- Business conditions will change along the way
- Constancy of leadership intent is key
- The better you get the more there is to do

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