

Application of lean methodology to improve sustainability in the construction and demolition waste industry

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CDW is any debris generated during the construction, renovation and demolition of buildings and civil infrastructures, and their maintenance.

CDW Production

EU: 500 Mton/year
Portugal: 7,5 Mton/year

(Coelho & Brito, 2010) → 25-30%
(Mália, 2010) → 20%

Waste Generated

CDW Recycling rate

EU: 47%
Portugal: 5-10%
Denmark, Holland and Belgium: > 70%

Problems:

- High production of waste (CDW)
- Reduced recycling rate

Needs:

Optimization and efficient use of resources

- Prevention and reduction of waste production
- Efficient use of natural resources



Achieve sustainability in the Construction Industry

General waste
management regime
DL n 73/2011



Incorporation of recycled aggregates in construction is highly relevant to achieve sustainability and reduce the negative impact of climate changes

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Achieve sustainability in the Construction Industry

70% CDW recovery in 2020

Portugal 2020 Program



Improve CDW recycling processes by adopting the **lean management philosophy**

Lean

Origin

1950 Toyota production system: Lean Production – Lean thinking

Purpose: Eliminate waste - Generate flow - Create value - Reduce costs - Improve quality – Increase competitiveness

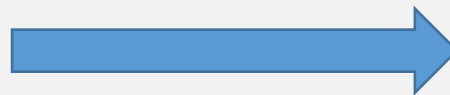
Lean Six Sigma (LSS)

Lean principles		Six Sigma (DMAIC)
1. Identify value	→	Define
2. Map the value stream	→	Measure
3. Create flow	→	Analyze
4. Establish pull	→	Improve
5. Seek perfect	→	Control

Lean and Green

- Lean studies are based mainly in the Automotive industry;
- Lean applications are expanding: Lean Construction and Lean Service;
- No studies were found related to Lean practices applied to the CDW treatment process;
- Some authors emphasize there is a positive relationship between Lean practices and environmental performance (Green).

Lean Principles

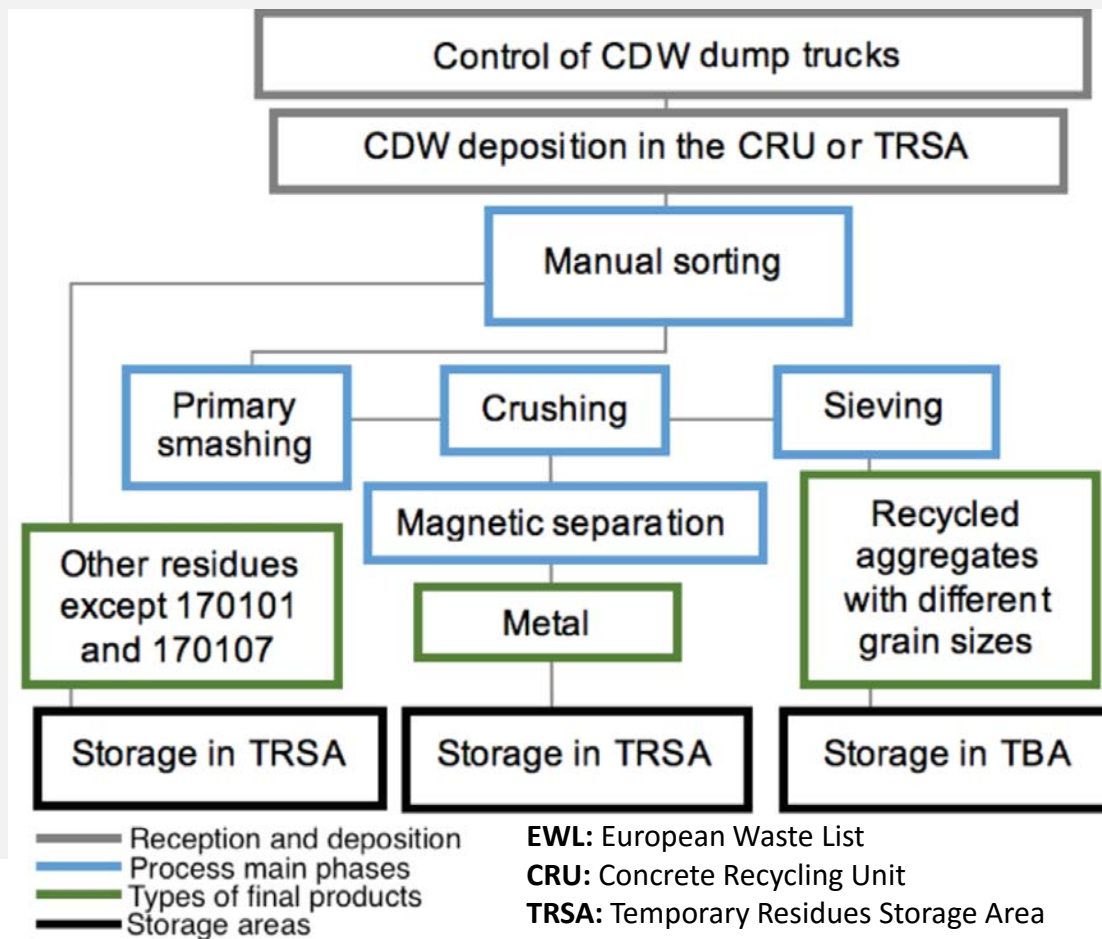


Green goals
Achieve sustainability

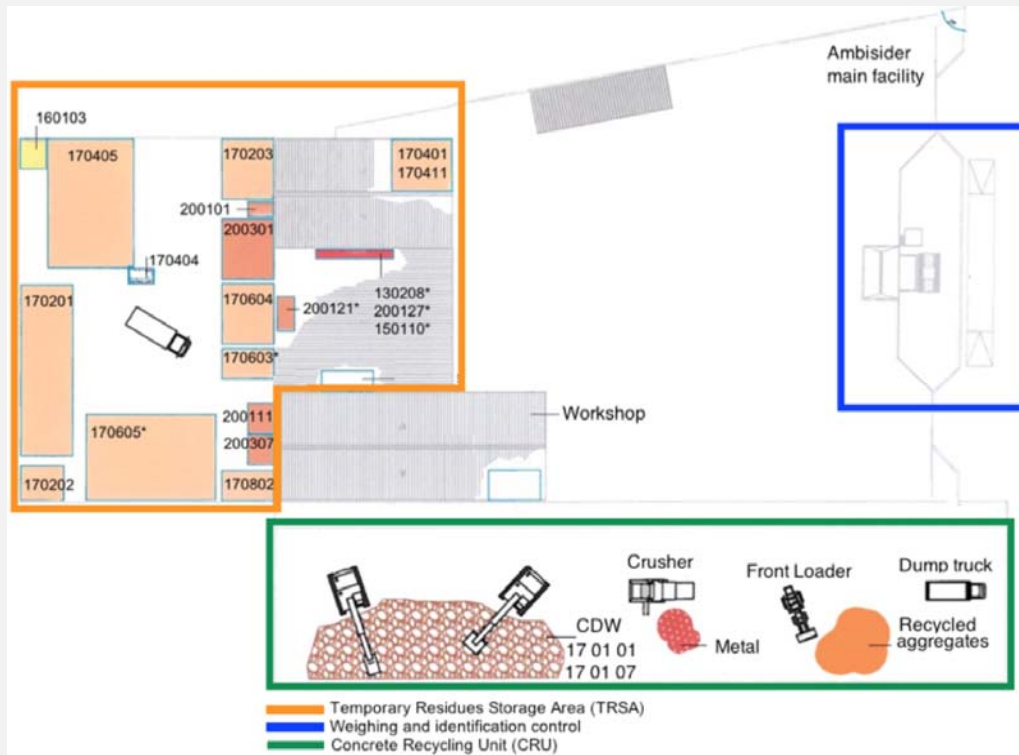
Objective: Present a proposal for improving the production process of recycled concrete aggregates of Ambisider by applying the DMAIC method based on LSS management philosophy.



CDW treatment process of Ambisider Concrete (EWL 17 01 01) and mixtures (EWL 17 01 07)



Ambisider main facility layout



Ambisider data (2013)

Waste valorization rate - 97%

Recycling rate - 91%



81% inert material

20% of the business volume

Extra activity: commercialization of recycled aggregates of concrete and mixtures

Not competitive



Shortcomings in the recycled aggregates productive process

Methodology

1. Preliminary stage (action “go and see”)
2. DMAIC method

		Process Steps					
		Deposition TRSA or CRU	Manual sorting	Primary reduction	Crushing	Sieving	Storing in TBA
Preliminary Stage		Flowcharts; Detailed description; Improvement opportunities					
DMAIC Method	Define	SIPOC; VOC; VOE; CTQ Tree; Project Charter					
	Measure	Spaghetti Diagram; Current VSM; KPI					
	Analyze	Future VSM					
		Brainstorming	Cause-Effect Diagram	-	Cause-Effect Diagram	5 Whys	-
	Improve	5S; Procedures standardization; Future VSM; Other Solutions					
	Control	Visual control; Training; Standardization; Intern audits; Periodic review of KPI					

1) *Define*: Define the problem and project goals

Tools: SIPOC; VOC; VOE; CTQ Tree and Project Charter

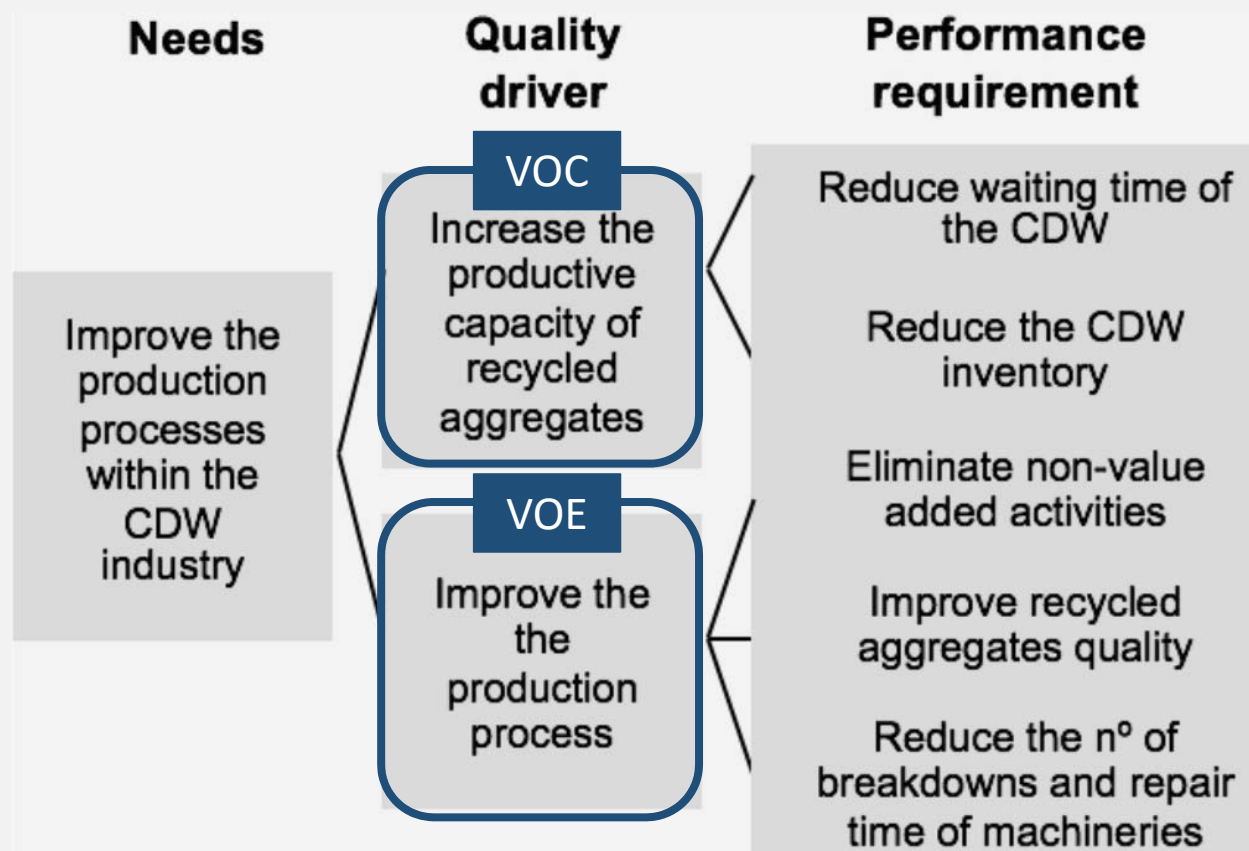
SIPOC

Supplier	Inputs	Process	Outputs	Customer
Owner	CDW		Piles of concrete-based crushed aggregates (17 01 01)	Owner (Main)
Diesel	Diesel		Piles of concrete mixtures, bricks, tiles and ceramics crushed aggregates (17 01 07)	Recycled aggregates costumers (Potential)
Lubricants and oils	Lubricants and oils		Other residues for TRSA	



1) *Define*: Define the problem and project goals

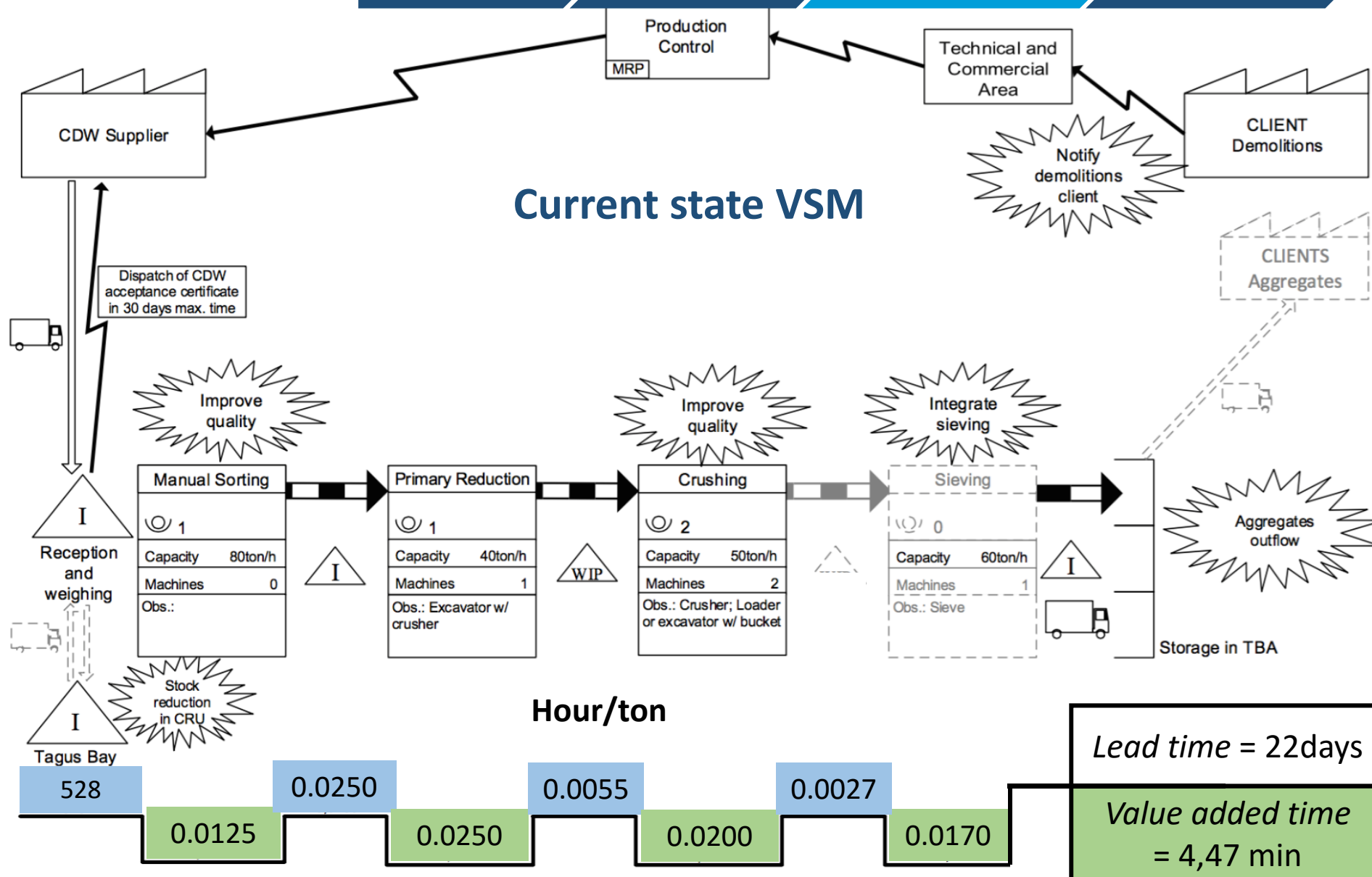
VOC (Voice of Customer) and VOE (Voice of Employee) → *Critical to Quality Tree*



2) *Measure*: measure process performance and establish metrics

Tools:

1. Spaghetti diagram – Understand materials flow
2. Value Stream Mapping (VSM) – Understand materials and information flow
3. Define Key performance indicators (KPI)



2) *Measure*: measure process performance and establish metrics

Problems

1. Waiting time of CDW to be recycled
2. Reduced quality of aggregates;
3. Crusher breakdowns
4. Occasional realization of sieving

Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

- Lead time (days/ton)
- Value added time (%)
- CDW Stock (ton)
- Production capacity (ton/hour)
- CDW quality (according to LNEC parameters)



3) *Analyze*: identify potential root causes for the problems

1. Brainstorming - High CDW waiting time for recycling operations

1. No control of CDW recycling operations by the contractor/project owner after the residues leave the demolition site.

2. Manual sorting and primary smashing at Ambisider

3. Reduced number of specialized operators to handle the crusher.

Waiting time

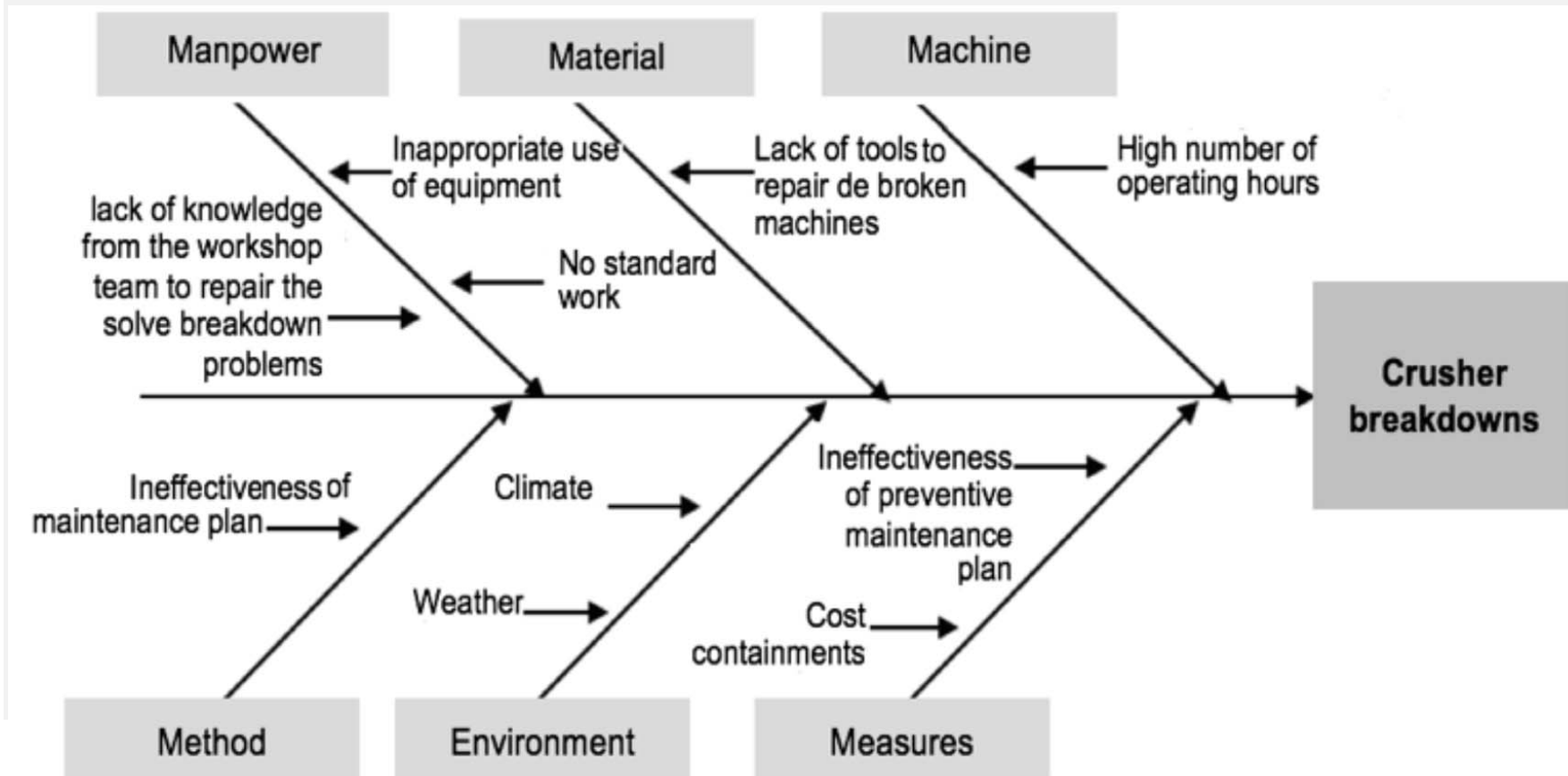
4. Frequent equipment breakdowns.

5. Limited number of customers for the recycled aggregates.

6. No deadline for completing the recycling process.

3) *Analyze*: identify potential root causes for the problems

2. Cause and effect diagram to analyze crusher breakdowns



3) *Analyze*: identify potential root causes for the problems

3. Five whys (5W) technique for the occasional realization of sieving operations

Problem: Occasional realization of sieving

1W

From the standpoint of Ambisider sieving operations mean more human resources available, unnecessary time and cost, adding no value to the company or the main costumer.

**From the main costumers point of view
(demolition/deconstruction costumers)**

**From the potential costumers point of view
(recycled aggregates costumers)**

2W (...)

2W (...)

3W

According to the Portuguese law it is only required the reduction of the waste dimensions. Thus, only sorting, primary reduction and crushing procedures are mandatory while the grain size differentiation is not.

3W (...)

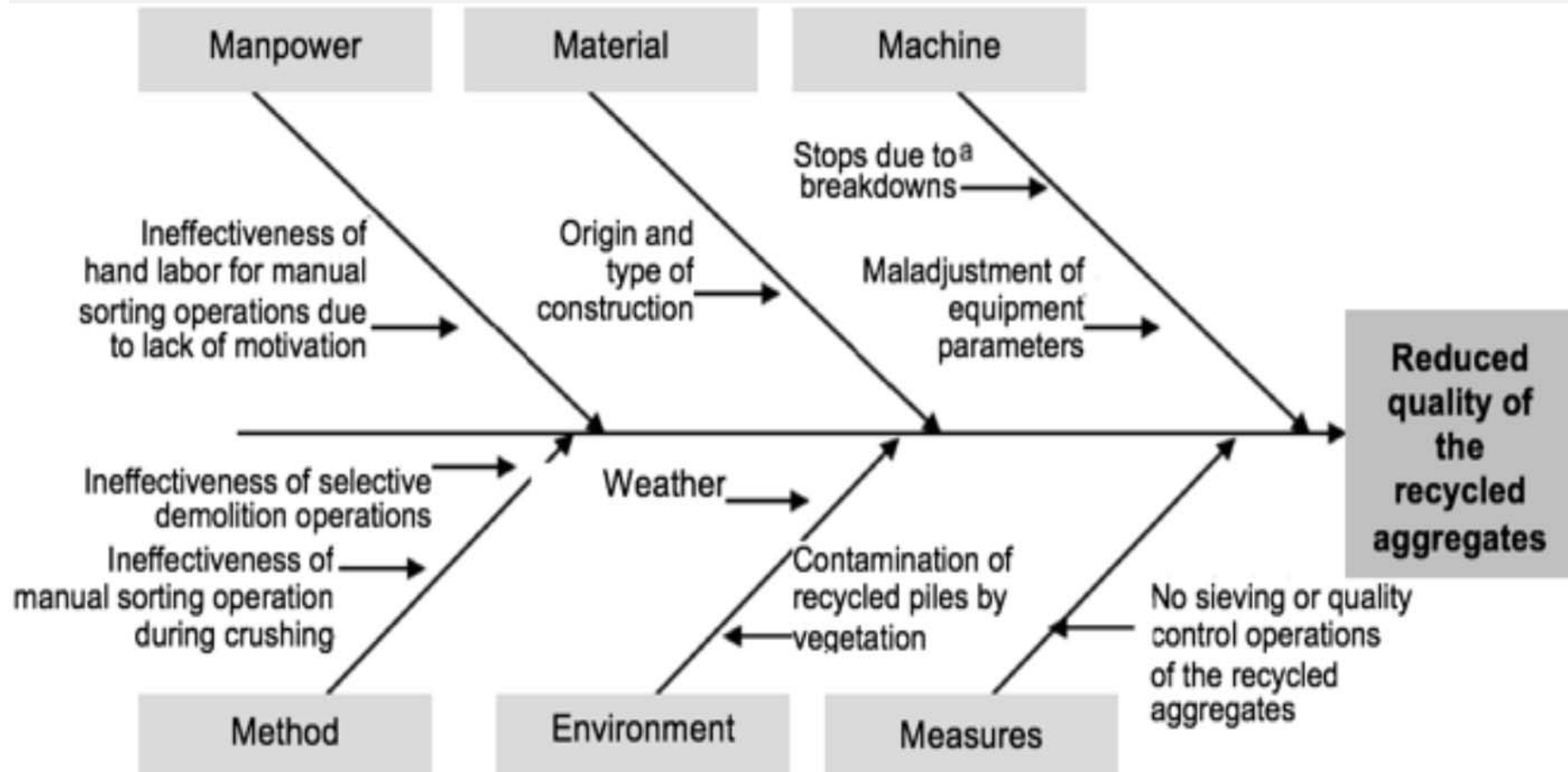
4W (...)

5W

There are defects in the selective demolition and in the recycling process.

3) Analyze: identify potential root causes for the problems

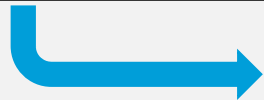
4. Cause and effect diagram to analyze reduced quality of recycled aggregates



4) Improve: Eliminate wastes and seek for Lean principles

Cultural changes: integrated vision of the production process

+ Quality



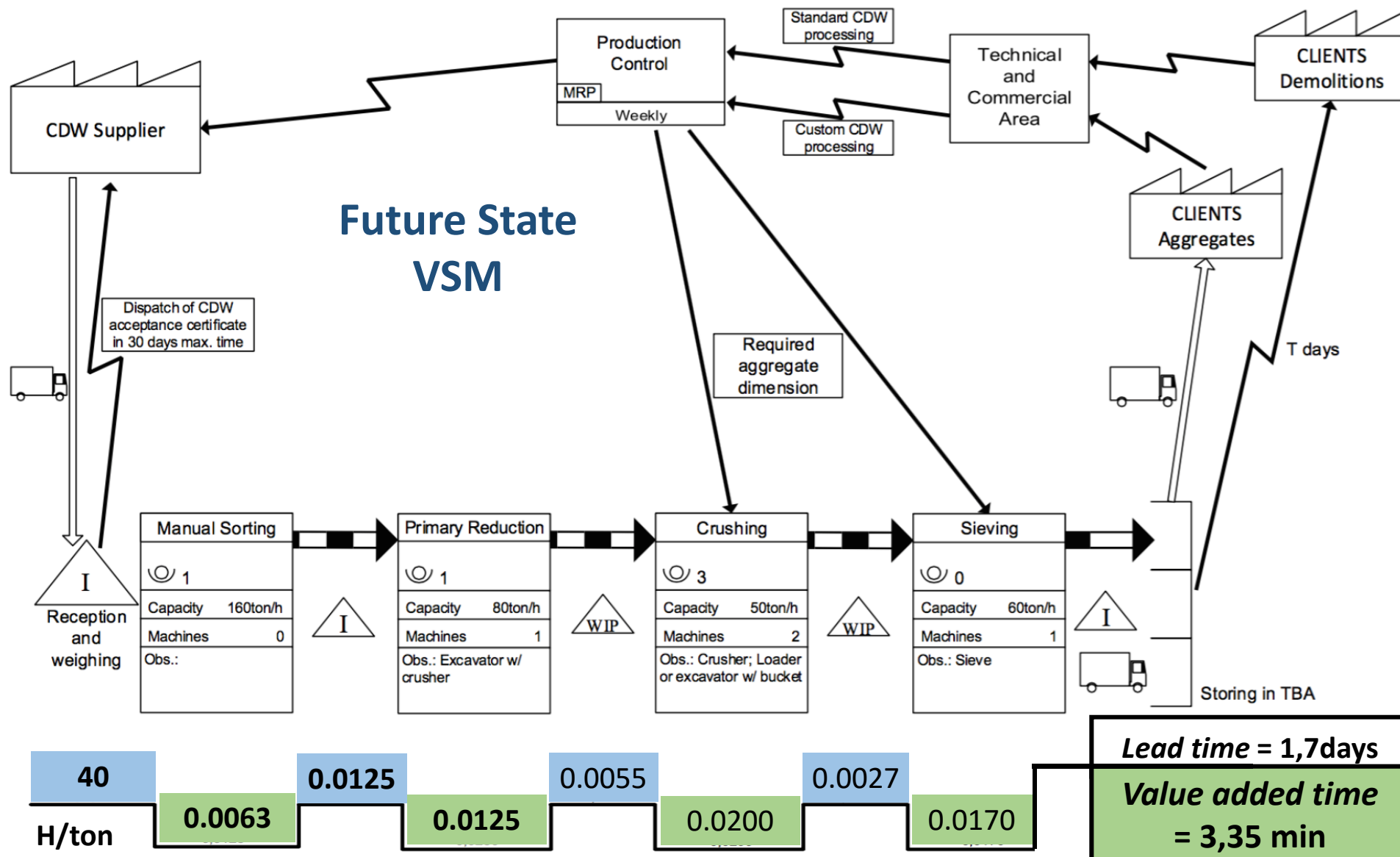
- Waiting time

- Breakdowns

Inclusion of sieving

Improvements

- ✓ More effectiveness during all CDW treatment steps;
- ✓ Laboratory tests – partnerships with Universities
- ✓ Follow LNEC specifications;
- ✓ Identify value (recycled aggregates costumers perspective);
- ✓ Standardize work;
- ✓ Continuous training events;
- ✓ Regular intern 5S audit (sort, straighten, shine, standardize and sustain)



5) Control: Sustain the gains

5S Audit

Sort
Straighten
Shine
Standardize
Sustain

5S category

ambisider
RECUPERAÇÕES AMBIENTAIS, S.A.

AUDITORIA 5S

Auditores: 1. _____ 2. _____

Data da presente auditoria: ____/____/____

Data da próxima auditoria: ____/____/____

Número de Registro: _____

Área Auditada: ☐ URB ☐ Ambisider AATR ☐ Oficina ☐ Bala do Tejo ☐ Armazenamento

5S	Critério de avaliação	Pontuação					Observações:
		N/A	1	2	3	4	
Separação (Seiri)	1. (ex.: ferramentas, equipamentos, máquinas, materiais, etc.)						
	2. Existe informação desnecessária/irrelevante na área de trabalho?						
	3. OS espaços destinados à circulação de camiões, banheira e dos móveis de britagem estão obstruídos?						
	Total						
Organização (Seiton)	1. As placas e os avisos de segurança estão devidamente identificados nas áreas de risco?						
	2. Existem locais definidos e identificados para cada tipo de stock de resíduos segundo os códigos LER**?						
	3. Existem locais definidos para cada ferramenta e máquina?						
	Total						
Limpeza (Seiso)	1. Existem equipamentos, máquinas e ferramentas em mau estado de conservação?						
	2. Todos os colaboradores usam devidamente equipamentos de proteção individual? (quando necessário)						
	3. Sempre que possível é feita a rega dos RCD antes e após a britagem para evitar a contaminação da zona envolvente?						
	4. Existem lubrificantes ou outros contaminantes derramados na área?						
Normalização (Seiketsu)	1. As normas de procedimentos estão disponíveis para consulta junto da área de trabalho?						
	2. Os colaboradores entendem e seguem as normas definidas para a execução dos procedimentos? (triagem manual, redução primária, britagem e armazenamento)						
	3. As áreas de trabalho estão devidamente identificadas de acordo com o standard?						
	Total						
Disciplina (Shitsuke)	1. Todos os colaboradores estão envolvidos no cumprimento da implementação do sistema 5S?						
	2. A normalização/padronização dos procedimentos é seguida?						
	3. As auditorias 5S são documentadas e realizadas frequentemente?						
	Total						
Média total atingida pela área auditada							

Observações para melhoria do programa 5S:

Area Audited

0-4 Scores

Rating Criteria

5) Control: Sustain the gains

Checklists for crusher maintenance



CHECKLIST MANUTENÇÃO DIÁRIA/SEMANAL BRITADOR

Número de Registo: _____
Área/Departamento: _____

Daily
maintenance

Standard*

Checklist

Weekly
maintenance

Standard*

* Manual
Crusher

Manutenção Diária**

1. Verificar nível de óleo (repor ser necessário)
2. Verificar nível de combustível
3. Purgar condensados no depósito de combustível
4. Remover e limpar o filtro de ar
5. Verificar alinhamento das placas e volante

Assinatura do responsável _____

1ª Manutenção	2ª Manutenção	3ª Manutenção	4ª Manutenção	5ª Manutenção
Data: __/__/__	Data: __/__/__	Data: __/__/__	Data: __/__/__	Data: __/__/__
✓ Observações*	✓ Observações*	✓ Observações*	✓ Observações*	✓ Observações*

MANUTENÇÃO SEMANAL***

Data: __/__/__

1. Verificar o nível de óleo no depósito (através dos bujões de ambos os lados)
2. Verificar e regular o estado das telas dos transportadores, rolamentos e outras partes móveis
3. Eliminar qualquer obstrução da câmara de esmagamento e dos mordentes
4. Verificar todas as fixações e se todos as placas estão bem colocadas e fixas
5. Remover todas as poeiras dos filtros de óleo e do radiador
6. Verificar desgaste das maxilas
7. Verificar desgaste das placas
8. Verificar indicadores de serviço dos filtros dos sistemas hidráulico (substituir se indicador vermelho)
9. Verificar indicadores de serviço dos filtros do sistema de ar (substituir se indicador vermelho)
10. Verificar indicadores de serviço dos filtros do sistema de água (substituir se indicador vermelho)
11. Verificar a tensão nas correias de transmissão (Máx.deformação 6,5mm. Tensionar se necessário)
12. Lubrificar todos os rolamentos

Assinatura do responsável _____

Observações*

NOTAS:

*Indicar reposições (ex.:óleo, combustível, etc.); substituições (ex.:filtros); ou outras inconformidades.

**A manutenção diária deverá ser efetuada a cada utilização do britador.

***A manutenção semanal deverá ser efetuada após realizadas as cinco manutenções diárias.

5) Control: Sustain the gains

Visual Control – Informative Board

Ambisider
- Mission
- Vision
- Goals

QUADRO INFORMATIVO AMBISIDER - ESTALEIRO GERAL						
AMBISIDER		MAPA DOS PRINCIPAIS INDICADORES RELACIONADOS COM A VALORIZAÇÃO DE RCD				
VISÃO	Referência no mercado das demolições, desmantelamento e remoção de amianto	QUANTIDADE DE RCD RECBIDA QUANTIDADE DE RCD TRATADA TEMPO MÉDIO DE PARAGEM POR AVARIAS TEMPO PROCESSAMENTO DOS RCD QUALIDADE DOS AGREGADOS TAXA DE RECICLAGEM  Data da última atualização: Data da próxima atualização:				
MISSÃO	Melhorar continuamente o desempenho Satisfazer clientes, administradore e accionistas Garantir o aproveitamento e reutilização dos materiais Preservar o ambiente e contribuir para a Sustentabilidade Ambiental Assegurar condições de Higiene e Segurança no trabalho					
Política	Satisfazer e, se possível exceder as expectativas dos clientes Responsabilidade Técnica em todos os projetos cumprindo todos os requisitos legais em vigor Desenvolver o crescimento profissional/pessoal dos colaboradores Orientação para resultados e fixação de objetivos ambisideros Promover e incentivar a Melhoria Contínua					
LEAN		PRÊMIOS E RECONHECIMENTOS				
7 DESPERDÍCIOS OHNO		 				
						
PRINCÍPIOS LEAN		SUGESTÕES DE MELHORIA				
7. Inovar Sempre 6. Procurar a perfeição 5. Adotar o sistema pull 4. Criar fluxo 3. Definir a(s) cadeia(s) de valor(es) 2. Definir o(s) valor(es) 1. Conhecer os stakeholders		Problema/ Sintoma observado	Proposta melhoria	Responsável	Data	
		1				
		2				
		3				

KPI
Graphics
Statistics

Best in class

**Suggestions
for
improvements**

Conclusion

Main suggestions for improvement

- Company cultural changes;
- Standardize work;
- 5S;
- Training events;
- Universities partnerships.

Main expected results

- ✓ Pull System
- ✓ Create production flow
- ✓ Increase production capacity
- ✓ Lead time reduction (92%)
- ✓ Better recycled aggregates quality
- ✓ Increase of company's competitiveness
- ✓ Positive impact in green goals

Shortcomings

Difficulties analyzing the production process
Lack of data regarding the CDW treatment process

Contributions

DMAIC method enabled to understand the problems, find their root causes and design suitable improvements
Expansion of Lean applications (construction and demolition industry)

Future developments

Deeper understanding of the process
Implementation of proposed improvements

Thank you

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Where there is no Standard
there can be no Kaizen
- Taiichi Ohno