

Productivity Improvement through the Systematic Application of Facility Layout Planning in a Small-Scale Woodcraft Manufacturing Industry



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Abstract: *the study's goal is to help increase the productivity of the company by introducing a systematic layout plan in production department of VENRON Wood Home Craft Manufacturing Industry. Systematic Layout Planning application is the focus of the study to help improve productivity in the company an evaluation and workflow analysis to the current layout was used to identify the problems the company is experiencing using a fishbone diagram to represent it. A conceptual framework using IPO model was divided into several inputs and processes needed in proposing alternative layout. Process time study and layout planning tools such as from-to chart, activity relationship diagram, space requirement and block diagram will be used to develop and achieve alternative layouts. The study resulted to a decrease in travel time and distance improving the productivity resulting to more production in a given time. A basic workplace safety manual for the company has been made to help the company and the workers gain knowledge and how, when and why should safety be in their practice. Cost-benefit analysis using comparative analysis will be calculated in the company's result to production per day to determine on how does the proposed layout could affect and have benefit to the company. The result of the study is that proposing a new layout could really improve the production of the company producing more units per day compared to the current one.*

Keywords: Wood Home Craft Manufacturing Industry, Facility Layout Planning, Workplace Safety, Manual

I. INTRODUCTION

Today, many Filipinos are engaged in handicraft businesses. Handicraft-making has become a means of livelihood for them, especially now that many handicraft owners are exporting their products to Japan, United States, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, and other countries around the world [1].

Handicraft industry is important because it enhances creativity and provides employment to those who are in need. Handicrafts are a form of industry and products that are, for the greater part made by hand. They are usually produced with low initial capital investment from materials available mostly within the producing country.

According to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization/ Information Technology Community (UNESCO /ITC) International Symposium on "Crafts and the International Market: Trade and Customs Codification", Manila, Philippines, October 1997: Handicrafts can be defined as products which are produced either completely by hand or with the help of tools. Mechanical tools may be used as long as the direct manual contribution of the artisan remains the most substantial component of the finished product. Handicrafts are made from raw materials and can be produced in unlimited numbers. Such products can be utilitarian, aesthetic, artistic, creative, culturally attached, decorative, functional, traditional, religiously and socially symbolic and significant [2].

Thus handicraft requires a lot of skill and hard work that goes into every piece of handicraft. Each handicraft is a masterpiece in its own right. Throughout the Philippines, the commercial middle class is gradually expanding on the level of provincial capital, municipal town, and village. The entrepreneurs who form this class take part in the continuing commercialization of the rural and urban economies, and profit from it. A little-known category in this rising entrepreneurial class consists of traders and manufacturing entrepreneurs in the country's expanding crafts.' Important manufacturing industries based on household or workshop production, and geared to the domestic or export market, are concentrated in several Philippine provinces.

The rapid rise of export crafts was due to an increase in Western demand for tropical gift ware, the spread of international subcontracting, and the export oriented industrialization policy initiated by the Marcos administration in the 1970s. An important precondition for this expansion was that small production units in villages and towns were still viable for the manufacture of a range of consumer goods. It is this feature that accounted for the ramified networks of provincial traders and subcontracting entrepreneurs that link small producers to wider markets. Production usually takes place in rural areas or small towns because of a local supply of raw materials and/or of cheap, underemployed labor. Production units remain small because there is little financial incentive, or opportunity, for entrepreneurs to mechanize. With this arising competition within the handicraft industry, production strategies and product quality should be within the parameter of its demand [3].

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In this study, the case company is a small scale wood handicraft company named VENRON Home craft. It is one of the leading suppliers of wood carved products such as plates, bowls, cutting boards, salad servers etc. In U.S., Japan, Mexico, South Korea and Hawaii through their contractors which are Durus, Starwood, Sunwood and Jarah Homeraft. It was founded by Mr. Jaime T. Quiros in 1982. He was the father of the current owner and operation manager Mr. Ronald T. Quiros. The company started on specializing wood carving for their product last July 31, 2014. Products are made base to the purchase order of the contractor company and raw materials were ordered in a just in time basis. Customers of the contractor mostly order products like chopping boards, round plates, square plates, salad servers and bowls all made out of acacia woods. The company has 34 workers inside its production that is located at Purok 1, Brgy. Calantas, Floridablanca Pampanga. The workers were divided on each process were 5 workers are for cutting, 3 for carving, 2 for drying, 5 for sanding, 5 for quality control and 12 are for finishing and packing and 2 additional workers are for Material Handling. Workers have a minimum of 8 labor hours and could take an overtime work that is up to 12 hours. Machines are used in some processes of the company, such as Bandsaw Machine, Torno and Lathe Machine, Planing Machine and Sanding Machine.

Production is a scientific process which involves transformation of raw material (input) into desired product or service (output) by adding economic value [4]

Facility planning is concerned with the design, layout, and accommodation of people, machines and activities of a system or enterprise within a physical spatial environment. Facility planning is very important in a manufacturing process due to their effect in achieving an efficient product flow. It is estimated that between 20%-50% of the total costs in manufacturing is related to material handling. Plant layout planning aims to have a more effective work flow at the facility, allowing workers and equipment being more productive [5]

One of the main purposes of this is to find the most effective facility arrangement and minimize material handling [6]. An emerging consensus that existing layout configurations do not meet the needs of manufacturing companies to which there is a need for a new generation of standardized work that is more flexible and modular. This action could be conducted under existing resources such as employees, machines and other facilities. Work Standardization has become a fundamental basis of today's industrial plants which can influence parts of work efficiency [7]

A fishbone diagram below shows a representation of the collected data based from the observations, surveys and interviews being conducted in the company that will discuss the problem that was being identified in the company.

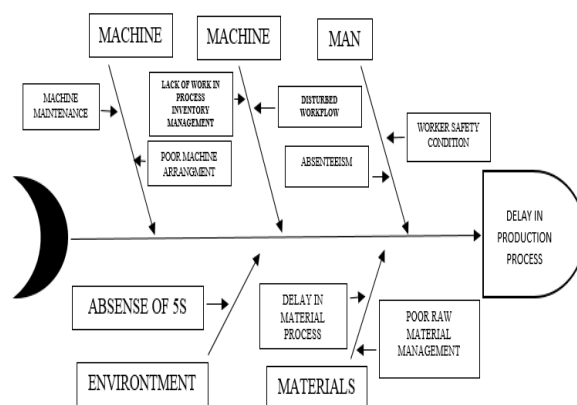


Figure 1: Fishbone Diagram

Table 1: Survey Checklist Result

MAN	YES	NO
Absenteeism	78.95%	55.88%
Lack of proper training	13.33%	88.24%
Over Fatigue	54.55%	64.71%
MACHINE	YES	NO
Poor Machine Arrangement	58.82%	41.18%
Machine maintenance	29.41%	70.59%
Safety	55.88%	44.12%
METHOD	YES	NO
Production Flow	61.76%	38.24%
Travel Flow	55.88%	44.12%
Standard process of the production	26.47%	73.53%
MATERIAL	YES	NO
Proper storage of materials	58.82%	41.18%
Material supply	70.00%	58.82%
ENVIRONMENT	YES	NO
Facility Layout	55.88%	44.12%
Safety	61.76%	38.24%
Disturbed Workflow	64.71%	35.29%
Cleanliness	55.88%	44.12%
Orderliness	55.88%	44.12%

In determining the factors that could affect the productivity a checklist survey was being conducted to the workers of the company. As shown above, the results that are above 50 percent has a high effect in the company's productivity.

An initial assessment of the workplace area, process and production flow was being conducted to identify the factors that are affecting any of the company's system. The problem that is being encountered is delay in the production process due to several factors that is involved in it. These factors are being showed in the body of the fishbone diagram. After the diagram is being assessed areas of improvement are being chosen. Environment, man and method were the chosen field to conduct a primary study to solve the problem. During the observation the environment of the production

system lacks of cleanliness and orderliness during the work in process flow.

It has a poor facility layout design that blocks the continuous flow of the production. And workers were prone to accidents based on observed hazards.

The general objective of this study is to assess the existing facility layout of the company to improve productivity in the production process by achieving the following specific objective:

- To introduce Systematic Layout Plan for the company
- To improve company's productivity and process flow through travel time and distance reduction
- To recommend a Basic Workplace Safety Manual to increase safety measures and knowledge of the workers in the company.

II. METHODOLOGY

A. Data Collection and Instrument

An Input-Process-Output (IPO) model was made to define the requirement in conducting the study, processing of the requirements, and the final output.

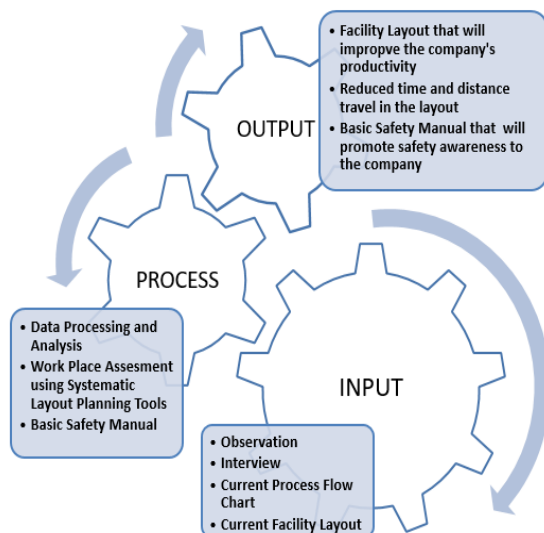


Figure 2: Conceptual Framework of the Study

Data should be gathered first to identify the target of the study. To acquire data Observation, Interview and Analysis of the work area was being conducted. Implementation will be followed after the data gathering. Process implementation will be then followed by the result of the study.

The study is for the improvement of VENRON Home craft in their production process through current layout assessment and improved workplace area for improved production process management. The study is mainly for the company that workers, production and management will benefit to its result and implementation. The company aims to increase the productivity of the company by with an application of a new systematic layout plan. The purpose of the study for the student is to be able to apply and practice the industrial engineering tools and concepts being acquired in the school.

Scope of the study will be centered and limited in the production area of the company for the proposed systematic layout plan. Basic workplace safety manual will also be prepared for the company's awareness for safety. The study

aims to increase productivity within the company's production area.

Observation and interviews were the initial methods being used to gather data. Observation to company layout design and process flow chart is being done to have an initial data to assess the company's situation to determine where to conduct a study. Interview to the company owner and operation manager was conducted to have an insight to some of the problem the company is encountering.

A descriptive research design was used to acquire this relevant and important information. A Systematic Layout Planning was used to assess current facility layout of the company and introduce new alternative layouts that will optimize the company's production layout

The subject of this study is the management and workers of the company that will benefit to the study. They will be the basis in implementing the study that will test and evaluate the further result

The primary data were being gathered through interviews with the owner and workers within the company. The secondary data were from Journals, Articles and Books that are related and will be related to the study

The following are the procedures needed to gather important information to support the proposed stud:

Observation is the initial data collection process that will acquire basic primary data being gathered.

Interview will be a secondary data that will be gathered from the people involved in the company.

Work area assessment through observation was being performed to assess the need in proposing a layout plan, 5s Housekeeping, waste management and a layout for workplace safety for the company.

B. Data Processing and Analysis

A time study was conducted in line with the work measurement to find out how long should the proposed system will it takes to complete the process in the case company. This method required direct observation using a stopwatch. It was also to analyze the more specific process through which qualified workers in an effort to identify the most efficient in terms of time. Westinghouse system of rating performance rating factor was used to modify the pace of the worker such as personal factors, shift adjustments, fatigue, and unavoidable delays which are consider on determining standard time

Formula for normal time:

$$NT = OT \times PR$$

Where:

NT = Normal time

OT = Observed time

Systematic Layout Planning

Layout Planning will be used to find a solution in improving the current layout to apply the Industrial Engineering tools to be practiced and implemented.

From-To Chart

From-to chart provided information concerning the number of material handling trips within the production area.

Activity Relationship Chart

Activity relationship chart measured the closeness rating between sections in the production area.

Space Requirement

Determination of the amount of space available in the facility and space required for workstations which includes personnel, materials and equipment.

Cost Benefit Analysis

Cost benefit analysis was used for the evaluation of the time saved, cost saved, cost saved per day and cost saved per month upon implementing

III. RESULTS & DISCUSSION

A. General Process Flow Chart of the Company's production

The case company has 3 departments; the processing department, finishing department and packaging department. Figure 3 shows the company's current exiting layout. Based on the observation the production area is the most needed area that is to be assessed. The production department is located at the back of the company layout and it includes most of the production process of the product and the wood raw materials.

The General Process Flow Chart of the Company's production was shown on Figure 4 to give a clear flow on how the product flows in the whole operation. The Material Flow of the product and the frequency of the flow was being shown on Table 2.

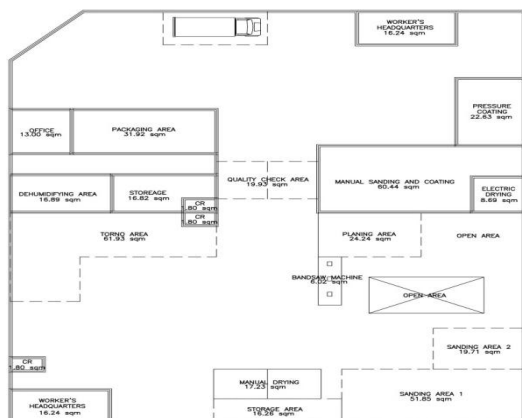


Figure 3: Company's Current Layout



Figure 4: Company's General Process Flowchart

Table 2: Material Flow in Current Layout

No	Flow	Time (min)	Frequency	Total
1	Raw Material Area- Cutting Area	0.080	20	1.635
2	Cutting Area- Tracing Area	0.103	8	0.843
3	Tracing Area- Cutting Area	0.103	8	0.843
4	Cutting Area- Planning Area	0.283	8	2.312
5	Planning Area- Carving Area	0.637	8	5.199
6	Carving Area- Manual Drying	0.598	8	4.878
7	Manual Drying- Machine Sanding	0.421	4	1.716
8	Machine Sanding- Quality Check Area	1.830	8	14.930
9	Quality Check Area- Manual Coating Area 1	0.216	14	2.940
10	Manual Coating Area 1- Manual Sanding Area	0.372	14	5.057
11	Manual Sanding Area- Manual Coating Area 2	0.265	14	3.606
12	Manual Coating Area 2- Logo Stamping Area	0.220	14	2.994
13	Logo Stamping Area - Pressure Coating Area	0.423	14	5.746
14	Pressure Coating Area- Dehumidifying Storage Room	1.313	14	17.852
15	Dehumidifying Storage Room- Packaging Area	0.172	14	2.337
		7.036		72.890

B. Spaghetti diagram approach

Spaghetti diagram shows the movement of materials using a continuous flow line tracing the path of an item through processes shown in Figure 5. The thickness of lines shows the frequency of travel flow in the process. The legend shows the observation in the following colors per process to process

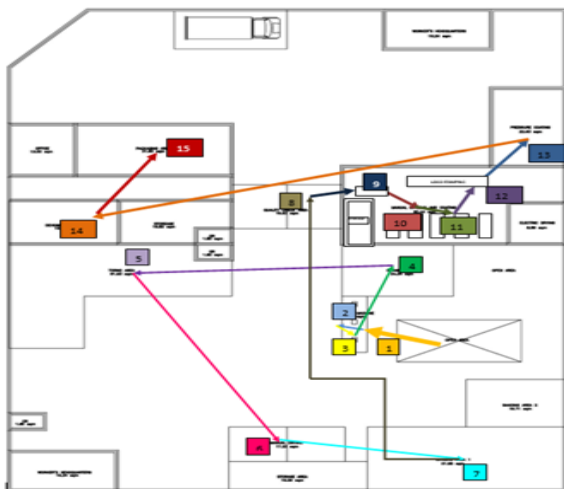


Figure 5: Spaghetti Diagram for Company's Current Existing Layout

Legend:

Observation 1	
Observation 2	
Observation 3	
Observation 4	
Observation 5	
Observation 6	
Observation 7	
Observation 8	
Observation 9	
Observation 10	
Observation 11	
Observation 12	
Observation 13	
Observation 14	
Observation 15	

Figure 6: Spaghetti Diagram Legend

Abbreviations were being used in order to easily recognize the department used in constructing from-to chart. Abbreviations of departments were shown in Table 3

Table3: Department Abbreviation

Allowance (sqm)	Total Space per Machine (sqm)	Number of Machine/Equipment
150%	37.845	-
150%	-	-
150%	16.16	3
150%	16.12	1
150%	17.81	2
150%	16.14	1
150%	39.35	-
150%	14.58	9

Table5. From-To Distance Table of Current Existing Layout

Process Type	Length (m)	Width (m)	Area (sqm)	Operator Space (sqm)	Subtotal
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150%	17.2	1
-	16.26	-
-	1.5	-
-	1.5	-
-	16.24	-

A From-To Chart was used to identify the distance and time in each department as shown in Table 4 and Table 5 respectively.

Table 4: From-To Time Table of Current Existing Layout

	RM	CT	T	P	CV	MD	S	QC	MC1	MLS	MC2	LS	PC	DH	PG
RM	0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
CT	4.0	0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
T	4.0	4.0	0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
P	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
CV	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
MD	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
S	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
QC	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
MC1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
MLS	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
MC2	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
LS	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	4.0	4.0	4.0
PC	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	4.0	4.0
DH	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0	4.0
PG	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	0

Table 6. Space Requirement Computation

Code	Process Area
RM	Raw Materials
CT	Wood Cutting
T	Wood Tracing
P	Wood Plaining
CV	Wood Carving
MD	Manual Drying
S	Machine Sanding
QC	Quality Check Area
MC1	Manual Coating 1
MLS	Manual Sanding
MC2	Manual Coating 2
LS	Logo Stamping
PC	Pressure Coating
DH	Dehumidifying
PG	Packaging

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Raw Material	-	-	25.23	-	25.23
Tracing	-	-	-	9	9
Bandsaw Cutting Machine	1.77	1	1.78	9	10.78
Thickness Planer Machine	1.33	1.31	1.74	9	10.74
Lathe Machine	2.05	1.4	2.87	9	11.87
Torno Machine	1.57	1.12	1.76	9	10.76
Manual Drying	-	-	17.23	9	26.23
Sanding Machine	1	0.72	0.72	9	9.72
Quality Check	2.35	1.05	2.47	9	11.47
Storage Area	-	-	16.26	-	16.26
Comfort Room 2	-	-	1.5	-	1.5
Comfort Room 1	-	-	1.5	-	1.5
Workers Headquarters	-	-	16.24	-	16.24

From	To	T	Q	M	S	QC	MC1	MC2	LS	PC	DH	PG
Raw Material	0	45	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tracing	0	67	67	113	611	345	83	245	33	33	25	245
Bandsaw Cutting	0	67	67	113	611	345	83	31	33	25	130	245
Thickness Planer	0	56	113	0	0	0	0	36	27	13	33	24
Lathe Machine	0	13	245	31	85	63	36	33	14	23	33	67
Torno Machine	0	13	245	31	85	63	36	33	14	23	33	67
Manual Drying	0	13	245	31	85	63	36	33	14	23	33	67
Sanding Machine	0	13	245	31	85	63	36	33	14	23	33	67
Quality Check	0	13	245	31	85	63	36	33	14	23	33	67
Storage Area	0	13	245	31	85	63	36	33	14	23	33	67
Comfort Room 2	0	13	245	31	85	63	36	33	14	23	33	67
Comfort Room 1	0	13	245	31	85	63	36	33	14	23	33	67
Workers Headquarters	0	13	245	31	85	63	36	33	14	23	33	67
TOTAL	0	13	245	31	85	63	36	33	14	23	33	67

Bandsaw Cutting Machine	48.49
Thickness Planer Machine	16.12
Lathe Machine	35.61
Torno Machine	16.14
Manual Drying	39.35
Sanding Machine	131.22
Quality Check	17.20
Storage Area	16.26
Comfort Room 2	1.50
Comfort Room 1	1.50
Workers Headquarters	16.24
TOTAL AREA	390.97

Conducting a From-To Chart the total distance and time travelled of the current existing layout was being determined. Following the production flow of RM-CT-T-CT-P-CV-MD-S-QC-MC1-MLS-MC2-LS-PC-DH-PG the total travel distance is 142.15m and the total travel time is 6.92min

Space Requirement is being computed to determine the space to be considered and the availability of it by understanding the flow between machines and the interaction between the facilities we can determine the space necessary for the work area.

To calculate the extra space in the work area the workstation, auxiliary equipment, operator space, incoming material and work-in- process space and it will be added to other separate quantities to determine the total space needed for each workstation.

Typically, 150% of space allowance is needed for the extra space (Sunderesh Heragu, 1997)

The summary of Total Space required for each production area was being shown on Table 7. The calculated total area requirement for the production department is 390.97 sqm.

Table 7: Total Space Requirement for Each Production Area

Process Type	Total Space Requirement for Each Production Area (sqm)
Raw Material	37.85
Tracing	13.50

C. Space Comparison of Current and Required

A comparison to the current and required area for each process was being shown on Table 8. This proves that some of the work area were overspaced or underspaced.

Table 8: Space Comparison of Current and Required

Process Type	Current Space	Required Space
Raw Material	Unidentified	37.845
Tracing	6.02	13.5
Cutting Machine		48.49
Thickness Planer Machine	24.24	16.12
Carving Machine	61.93	51.75
Manual Drying	17.23	39.345
Sanding Machine	51.85	131.22
Quality Check	19.93	17.20125

Standard Time to each process was being compute as shown on Table 9. The particular small round wooden plate product would take 112.04 mins per piece to be fully produced.

Table 9: Standard Time Table of Process

PROCESS	Standard Time(mins)
CUTTING	0.43

PATTERN TRACING	0.11
CUTTING	0.49
THICKNESS PLANER	0.38
LATE/TORNO MACHINE	2.09
MANUAL DRYING	0.30
QUALITY CHECK	1.25
MACHINE SANDING	1.21
QUALITY CHECK	1.25
MANUAL COATING 1	1.40
AIR DRYING	0
MANUAL SANDING	1.41
MANUAL COATING 2	1.24
AIR DRYING	0
LOGOSTAMPING	0.24
PRESSURE COATING	0.31
AIR DRYING	0
TOTAL	12.85

Table10: Production Capacity of Each Process per Day

PROCESS	Capacity
CUTTING	1,058.15
PATTERN TRACING	4,018.82
CUTTING	911.74
THICKNESS PLANER	1,176.19
LATE/TORNO MACHINE	215.62
MANUAL DRYING	1,488.10
QUALITY CHECK	360.31
MACHINE SANDING	373.07
QUALITY CHECK	360.31
MANUAL COATING 1	321.38
AIR DRYING	1,800.00
MANUAL SANDING	319.75
MANUAL COATING 2	363.95
AIR DRYING	1,800.00
LOGOSTAMPING	1,877.40
PRESSURE COATING	1,455.91
AIR DRYING	1,800.00

A computed production capacity for each process was shown at Table 10. Capacity was used to determine the limit of the production for the specific area. The Production which is the lowest capacity will be declared as the overall production capacity.

To define the adjacency and closeness of the process and machines a relationship diagram was being made as seen below on Figure 7. The specific letter codes and numbers were being used to assign the relationship.



Figure 7: Production Department Activity Relationship Diagram

A summarize work sheet table was being shown on Table 11 to be used in implementing a new proposed layout for the company to help in the systematic flow of the process.

Table 11: Relationship Diagram Worksheet Summary

PROCESSING DEPARTMENT						
Relati onship	RM	P	CV	MD	S	QC

A	T	CT	-	S	MD, QC	S
E	CT	S	-	-	P	-
I	-	-	-	-	-	-
O	P	T,R M	-	-	-	-
U	MD, S,Q C	MD ,QC	-	P,CT,T, RM,QC	CT, T,R M	S,MD,P, CT,T,RM
X	CV	CV	P,CT,RM,T ,MD,S,QC	CV	CV	CV

To represent and conduct a block diagram, areas were being rounded off and divided into 2 to produce a lower number in building the blocks. See appendix _ to show the computation. The summary of the required block was being shown on Table 12.

Table 12: Block Distribution Summary

Code	Process Type	Number of Blocks
RM	Raw Material	19
T	Tracing	7
CT	Bandsaw Cutting Machine	25
P	Thickness Planer Machine	9
CV	Lathe Machine	18
	Torno Machine	9
MD	Manual Drying	20
S	Sanding Machine	66
QC	Quality Check	9
SA	Storage Area	9
CR1	Comfort Room 2	1
CR2	Comfort Room 1	1
WH	Workers Headquarters	9

D. Proposed Layout 1 for the Company

Following the required areas for each process, the researcher proposed four alternative layouts for the company. Layouts were being based on the activity relationship diagram and the space requirements needed for each process to develop a systematic layout plan. The proposed layouts were being shown on Figure 8, 10 and Figure 12.

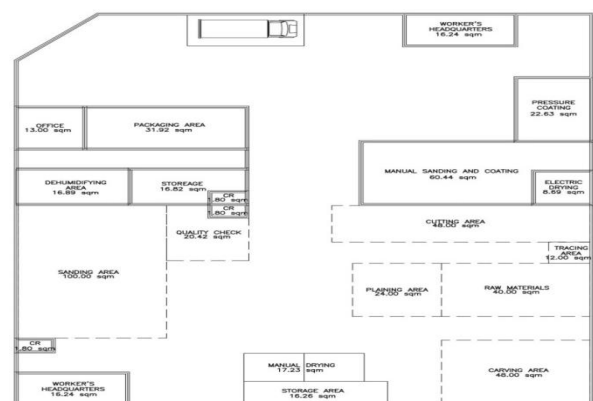


Figure 8: First Proposed Layout for the Company

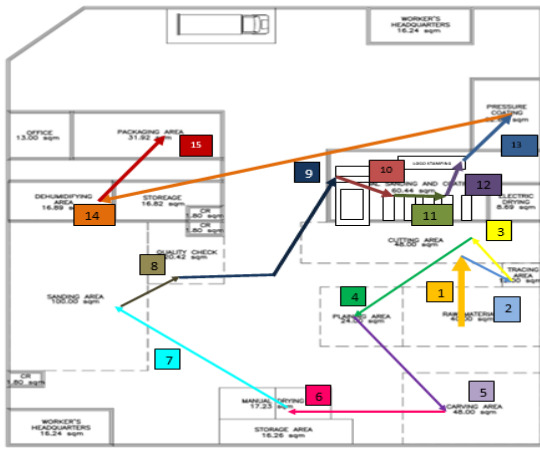


Figure 9. Spaghetti Diagram for the First Proposed Layout for the Company

Table 13: From-To Distance Table of First Proposed Layout

FROM-TO DISTANCE TABLE																
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	0	20	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170
2	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140
3	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130
4	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
5	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 14: From-To Time Table of First Proposed Layout

FROM-TO TIME TABLE																
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	0	20	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170
2	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140
3	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130
4	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
5	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

A spaghetti diagram was shown on Figure 9 to show the material and process flow of the product in the first new proposed layout. Conducting a From-To Chart as to the Proposed Layout 1 shown at Table 13 and Table 14 gives a total distance and time travelled of the current layout was being determined. Following the production flow of RM-CT-T-CT-P-CV-MD-S-QC-MC1-MLS-MC2-LS-PC-DH-PG the total travel distance is 114.90 m and the total travel time is 5.23mins.

E. Proposed Layout 2 for the Company

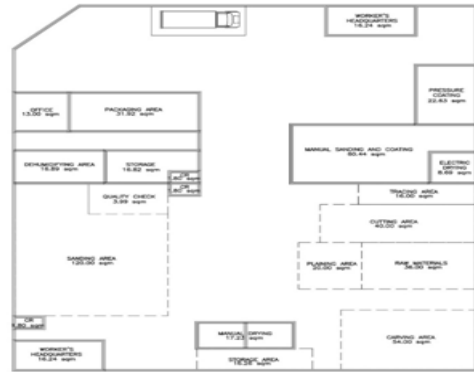


Figure 10. Second Proposed Layout for the Company

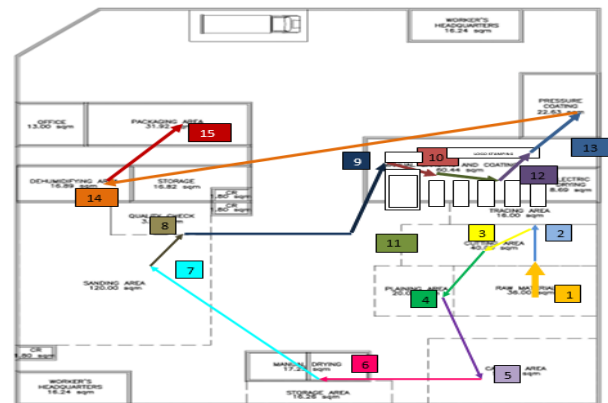


Figure 11. Spaghetti Diagram for the Second Proposed Layout for the Company

Table 15: From-To Time Table of Second Proposed Layout

FROM-TO TIME TABLE																
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
1	0	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190
2	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140
3	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130
4	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
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7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50	60
11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40	50
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30	40
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20	30
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	20
15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 16. From-To Time Table of Second Propose Layout

	RM	CT	T	P	CV	MD	S	QC	MC1	MLS	MC2	LS	PC	DH	PG
RM	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CT	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
T	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
QC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MC1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MLS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MC2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
LS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
PC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
DH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

A spaghetti diagram was shown on Figure 11 to show the material and process flow of the product in the first new proposed layout. Conducting a From-To Chart to the Proposed Layout 2 as shown at Table 15 and Table 16. The total distance and time travelled of the current layout was being determined. Following the production flow of RM-CT-T-CT-P-CV-MD-S-QC-MC1-MLS-MC2-LS-PC-DH-PG the total travel distance is 132.24m and the total travel time is 5.67mins.

F. Proposed Layout 3 for the Company

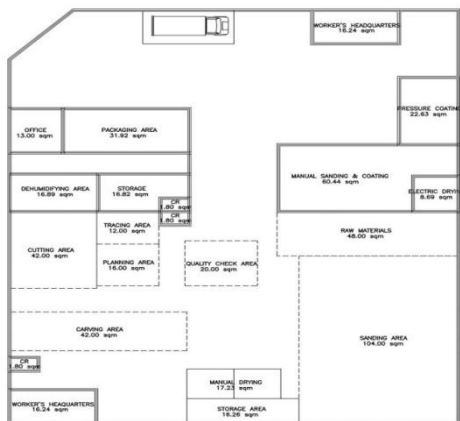


Figure12: Third Proposed Layout for the Company

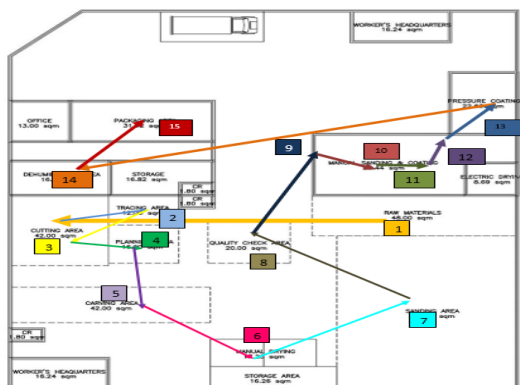


Figure 13. Spaghetti Diagram for the Third Proposed Layout for the Company

Table 17: From-To Distance Table of Third Propose Layout

	RM	CT	T	P	CV	MD	S	QC	MC1	MLS	MC2	LS	PC	DH	PG
RM	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CT	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
T	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
QC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MC1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MLS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MC2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
LS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
PC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
DH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 18: From-To Time Table of Third Propose Layout

	RM	CT	T	P	CV	MD	S	QC	MC1	MLS	MC2	LS	PC	DH	PG
RM	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CT	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
T	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
P	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
QC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MC1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MLS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MC2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
LS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
PC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
DH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

A spaghetti diagram was shown on Figure 13 to show the material and process flow of the product in the first new proposed layout. Conducting a From-To Chart to the Proposed Layout 3 as shown at Table 17 and Table 18. The total distance and time travelled of the current layout was being determined. Following the production flow of RM-CT-T-CT-P-CV-MD-S-QC-MC1-MLS-MC2-LS-PC-DH-PG the total travel distance is 109.67m and the total travel time is 4.67mins.

G. Proposed Layout 4 for the Company

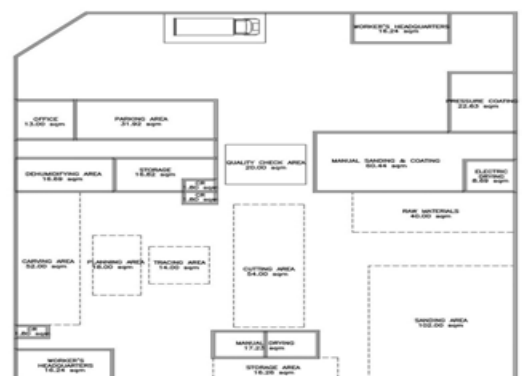


Figure14: Fourth Proposed Layout for the Company

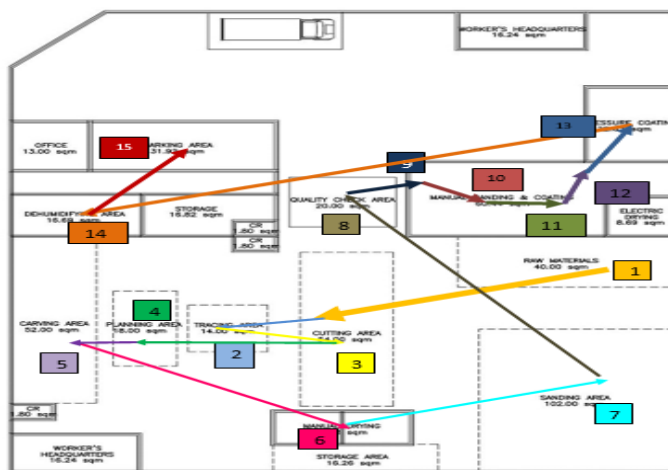


Figure 15: Spaghetti Diagram for the Fourth Proposed Layout for the Company

Table 19: From-To Distance Table of Fourth Proposed Layout

From	To	Distance (m)
RM	CT	10.00
CT	T	10.00
T	P	10.00
P	CV	10.00
CV	S	10.00
S	QC	10.00
QC	MC1	10.00
MC1	MLS	10.00
MLS	MC2	10.00
MC2	LS	10.00
LS	PC	10.00
PC	DH	10.00
DH	PG	10.00

Table 20: From-To Time Table of Fourth Proposed Layout

From	To	Time (min)
RM	CT	10.00
CT	T	10.00
T	P	10.00
P	CV	10.00
CV	S	10.00
S	QC	10.00
QC	MC1	10.00
MC1	MLS	10.00
MLS	MC2	10.00
MC2	LS	10.00
LS	PC	10.00
PC	DH	10.00
DH	PG	10.00

A spaghetti diagram was shown on Figure 15 to show the material and process flow of the product in the first new proposed layout. Conducting a From-To Chart to the Proposed Layout 2 as shown at Table 19 and Table 20. The total distance and time travelled of the current layout was being determined. Following the production flow of RM-CT-T-CT-P-CV-MD-S-QC-MC1-MLS-MC2-LS-PC-DH-PG the total travel distance is 103.24m and the total travel time is 3.87mins.

Areas were being summarized as shown at Table 21. That came from the Block Diagrams.

Table 21: Block Diagram Areas Table

Process	Required Area	Current Layout	Proposed Layout 1	Proposed Layout 2	Proposed Layout 3	Proposed Layout 4
RM	1	1	1	1	1	1
CT	2	2	2	2	2	2
T	3	3	3	3	3	3
P	4	4	4	4	4	4
CV	5	5	5	5	5	5
S	6	6	6	6	6	6
QC	7	7	7	7	7	7

Table 22: Total Distance and Time Travel for Layouts Table

Layout	Distance Travelled	Time Traveled	Total Distance Travelled	Total Time Travelled
Current	142.15	6.92	1470.24	72.76
Proposed 1	114.9	5.23	1,321.02	60.57
Proposed 2	132.24	5.67	1,427.96	66.25
Proposed 3	113.76	5.08	1316.28	59.46
Proposed 4	104.06	4.97	1284.72	56.72

Total Travel Distance and Time was being computed to determine the total distance and time flow using 408 units of round plates for a batch of production. Table 22 shows the summary of the computation. Frequency of travel was being used for the computation.

Table 23: Productivity Computation

Layout	Standard Process Time	Time Travelled (min)	Total Process Time	Units per Day
Current	12.85	6.92	19.77	22.76
Proposed 1	12.85	5.23	18.08	24.88
Proposed 2	12.85	5.67	18.52	24.3
Proposed 3	12.85	5.08	17.93	25.1
Proposed 4	12.85	4.97	17.82	25.25

Table 23 shows the productivity computation for each layout from the current to the proposed. Productivity was being computed using the 450 minutes of production time divided by the total process time per unit.

Proposal 1

Distance:

$$\% \text{ of Reduction} = (1470.24 - 1321.02) / 1470.24 \times 100 = 10.15\%$$

Time:

$$\% \text{ of Reduction} = (72.762 - 60.57) / 72.762 \times 100 = 16.76\%$$

Proposal 2

Distance:

$$\% \text{ of Reduction} = (1470.24 - 1427.96) / 1470.24 \times 100 = 2.88\%$$

Time:

$$\% \text{ of Reduction} = (72.762 - 66.25) / 72.762 \times 100 = 8.95\%$$

Proposal 3

Distance:

$$\% \text{ of Reduction} = (1470.24 - 1316.28) / 1470.24 \times 100 = 9.93\%$$

Time:

$$\% \text{ of Reduction} = (72.762 - 59.461) / 72.762 \times 100 = 18.28\%$$

Proposal 4

Distance:

$$\% \text{ of Reduction} = (1470.24 - 1284.73) / 1470.24 \times 100 = 12.61\%$$

Time:

%of Reduction= $(72.762-56.72)/72.762 \times 100 = 22.05\%$

For calculating the Percentage Reduction per Layout the following total distance and total time values shown on Table 22 was being used for the computation. Showing the results, Proposed Layout 4 which has a result of 12.61% reduction of distance and 22.05% reduction on time has the most reduced percentage of travel and distance time compared to the other layout alternatives.

H. Cost Benefit Analysis

Cost Benefit Analysis was being to compare and show the transparency of difference of the production between the alternative layouts. For computing the production cost the company could save the additional output per day was being computed. Additional outputs per day were being multiplied to the price of the product per unit. Cost Saved per day will be computed then. Table 24 shows the comparison between the costs saved per day per proposed layout.

Table 24. Computation for Production Saving per Day

Layout	Additional Units per Day	Cost per Unit	Cost Saved per day
Proposed 1	2.12	135	286.36
Proposed 2	1.53	135	207.02
Proposed 3	2.34	135	315.34
Proposed 4	2.49	135	336.25

IV. CONCLUSION

Assessment of the current facility layout will improve the production process of the company that will reduce the travel time and distance. Four alternative layouts were being proposed for the company. Difference of each layout to their total travel distance and time was being computed to compare the layouts. Percentage reduction from current layout to the following proposed layout was also being computed. Resulting to, among the following proposed layouts the most reduced percentage of time and distance travelled is from the proposed layout 4. With a result of 12.16% distance reduction and 22.05%-time reduction. Cost Benefit Analysis was also being used for the comparison.

The fourth proposed layout still has the most saved cost per day of 336.25 pesos with additional output of 2.49 units. With these results it shows that it will be effective for the company to redesign and re layout the company. Doing this could help on the company's productivity and could bring an additional income for the company. Other proposed layouts could also be used but among the four alternatives. The fourth layout is he most beneficial.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The researcher advises to implement the Fourth Proposed Layout of the Company for their renovation. For this provides the highest decrease in time and distance traveled of their workers and also has the highest additional cost. The researcher would also like to introduce a Basic Safety Manual for the workers and the machines within the company premises. Based on observation, hazards are everywhere and could have a great impact in the company if not being solved as early as possible. An assessment to the company's facility was being conducted determining if it complies with the OSHA standards on illumination, ventilation and workplace temperature.

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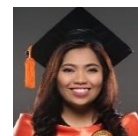
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