Snijder & Associates B.V. Strategic Advisory – Interim Management

Digitalization for Dry Bulk Terminals

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"When digital transformation is done right, it is like a caterpillar turning into a butterfly, but when done wrong, all you have is a really fast caterpillar." George Westerman MIT

Agenda

Digitalization

- 4 focus areas: Safety, Compliance, Uptime, Productivity
- State of Technology:
 - (Flexible) Automation: robotics, unmanned vehicles
 - Intelligence: Optimization, Artificial Intelligence
 - Connectivity: IIoT, collaboration & blockchain

Biggest industry challenge

Recommendations























Setting the scene: think parallel!



Setting the scene: bulk *is* different!



Separate/Discrete units



Vs.



Bulk/Processing



Setting the scene: overall approach

A digital transformation follows traditional transformation steps.





Source: Garther hype cycle of emerging technologies 2019

Four solution areas are emerging

Safety





Compliance

Uptime





Productivity

Source: WidgetBrain

State of (Flexible!) Automation





- Preventive maintenance
- Location, weighing, fuel economy
- Simulators, Augmented Reality
- Autonomous vehicles (mining)



- Automated stacker/reclaimers
- Link to optimization & predictive maintenance
- Image analytics
- Fully automated Train Loading Systems



- Preventive maintenance
- Remote operation
- Automated unloading cranes



- Intelligent automated control
- Supplies software platforms
- 3D-printing spare parts

State of Intelligence: computing speed

Data Computing speed Time



Artificial Intelligence



Small/Narrow Al	Big/General/Strong Al
Single task, local application	System-wide
Rules based	Machine/Deep Learning
Example: Amazon 1-click, PLC, augmented reality	Example: IBM Watson, self learning process operation system, holistic planning

Intelligence: Planning Optimization

	CAPABILITIES	BENEFITS	HORIZON
Demand and strategic planning	 Product mix optimization Demand planning Supply chain scenarios Long-term material planning Long-term capacity planning Monthly rolling forecast 	 Accept the most profitable product mix Improve supplier contracts Minimize inventory costs Increase long-term delivery performance 	Years ahead, quarterly, monthly
Tactical planning	 Order promising Sales budget allocation Order planning Material planning Optimal loading of wandering bottlenecks Campaign planning 	 Improve delivery performance Improve customer service Reduce lead times Reduce inventory Increase throughput 	Weeks ahead, daily
Scheduling	 Detailed scheduling Material reservation Batching Slitting optimization 	 Increase throughput Increase yield Improve delivery performance Reduce costs Improve quality 	Hours, minutes ahead

Source: Quintiq

State of Connectivity: IIoT – connected devices



Connectivity: Collaboration, Blockchain

Collaborative planning



- Successfully done by dominant shippers (e.g. Walmart)
 Low standardization of data protocols hinders a wide use
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- Focus is supply of Real-Time data and First/Last Mile

Blockchain



- From "Blockchain Tourism" now to practical applications
- Leading are financial industries, hydrocarbons, power
 - E.g. Documentary Credits, Bills of Lading, E2E trading
- Trend: increased joining of consortia

Real-life examples:



Dynamic access control of staff, geo-fenced and linked to training



Compliance through scheduling hourly workers



Uptime by linking fault diagnosis with automated maintenance planning



Productivity by AI steering dynamic planning of equipment and workforce

Big challenge: Initiative Overload



When to move:





The right digital solutions will improve economics, resolve issues, improve collaboration (more opportunities)

Recommendations:



Consider a short payback period based on "hard" benefits, e.g. <6 months for clear success *and* filtering good ideas



Build a roadmap, conduct careful change management, and consider (low cost!) pet-projects to encourage learning



Don't decide before you have alternatives, and always be ready to spend 2x costs, effort & time!

Closing remark: >35%, but don't just resolve yesterday's problems..





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