

VV Case Study



Hydraulic Components Manufacturer

The Client is a specialist hydraulics manufacturing company which, owing to its reputation for product quality and value for money, exports its products world-wide. This VV project commenced with a Lean intervention over 7 months to improve production, administration services and supply processes to meet current and projected increased demand and to improve utilisation of resources including manpower, machinery and factory floor space.

Applying 'Single Minute Exchange of Die' (SMED) principles, similar to the approaches used for Formula 1 pit-stops, VV facilitators were able to reduce CNC machine set-up times from 30 minutes to 5 minutes. VV provided Lean skills transfer to allow the company to sustain improvement long after the contract finished. Savings of £4k per month were realised just one month into the contract by reducing waiting time for employees. **The resulting improvements have led to overhead savings of approx £60k per year.**

To maintain improvement momentum, the Client subsequently contracted VV to deliver a series of bespoke Lean Training packages to key management and production staff.

Customer Quote: "Viable Ventures have always been able to see the issues facing our business, and have always presented practical examples and solutions that we could relate to. As a result we have enjoyed working with Viable Ventures over the past 2-3 years, and highly recommend them to our fellow businesses".

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