# TURNAROUND SHORT TERM CASH GENERATION ACTIONS

Company:			Date:	
Actions Common To		ake individuals responsible for working on the actions ar countable for their performance.	nd make them	
All 2. Decide what can be done to generate cash and define specific tasks.				
	3. Ass	sign someone to monitor 1 and 2 and report the results	to USAID BC.	
BALANCE SH	ET			
1 Assets	1 Assets			
1.1 Accounts	Receival	ble		
Overall	Investic	gate any method that would assist in collecting receivab	les preferably	

	1.1	data collection sheet, Attachment "C."
	Problem 1.1.1	Selling to customers who can't pay - weak or nonexistent credit policy ( <i>presale</i> ).
	Strategy 1.1.1	Stop weak credit policy. Evaluate every sale from this day forward with regard to credit policy.
Put a short term on credit; do not allow over 30 days credit,		Put a short term on credit; do not allow over 30 days credit, for example.
		Investigate the possibility of COD (cash on delivery) terms, even if only for some customers.

	Action		Start	End	Cash Benefit
1.1.1.1	Establish a formal credit policy requiring completion of a credit application, to include: bank name and telephone for a reference; name and telephone for three current suppliers for a reference; copy of latest financial statements, if available.				
1.1.1.2	Offer cash discount up to 5% for immediate cash payment.				
1.1.1.3	Stop deliveries to poor credit risk customers, unless some payment of back debt is made.				

1.1.1.4					
Problem 1.1.2	Overall Accounts Receivable proce collections policy and actions (post-		ned; we	eak or no	onexistent
Strategy 1.1.2	Correct collections policy problem <i>A</i> particular customers who are longe past due.				
	Set specific objectives for the week write, call, visit, change policy, etc.	(month) to colle	ect cash	ı. List ad	counts to

	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
1.1.2.1	Change the policy immediately with poor paying customers.				
1.1.2.2	Using the accounts receivable listing (attachment C), identify the oldest outstanding amounts, by account.				
1.1.2.3	Assign every account over 90 days past due to a specific person to call the account and find out why payment was not made and when it will be sent. Large amounts are assigned to management, especially someone who may be familiar with the company.				
1.1.2.4	Do not ship any products to accounts past due for 90 days or more.				
1.1.2.5	Tell these accounts that you will take them to court in order to obtain your money.				
1.1.2.6	Keep track of the accounts assigned and establish a method for each person to report.				
1.1.2.7	Meet weekly with all those assigned past due accounts to discuss their findings. Consider special rewards to those who do the best job of collecting.				
1.1.2.8	Send a form letter to all accounts between 60 and 90 days past due, signed by the Financial Director. Ask why payment was not received and when to expect it.				

1.1.2.9	Send a second, more strongly worded letter, to these accounts if there is no response in 15 days.				
1.1.2.10	After another 30 days, call all those accounts that have not responded.				
1.1.2.11	Be willing to setup a long-term payment plan from these accounts (some payment is better than nothing).				
1.1.2.12	Prepare a form letter to all accounts that reach 35 days past due.				
1.1.2.13	Mail these letters at least once a month, preferably each week.				
1.1.2.14	Investigate invoicing procedures to make sure they are sent to customers on the day of shipment.				
1.1.2.15					
Problem 1.1.3	Days Sales Outstanding (DSO) much	ch longer than i	normal o	credit te	rms. (KMR)
Strategy 1.1.3	Define the source of this problem, vor merely resulting from a very rapid be found in a seasonal business.				
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1.1.3	or merely resulting from a very rapid be found in a seasonal business.  Action  Review findings from previous sections and determine their	d decline in the	sales co	urve, wh	Cash
1.1.3.1	Action  Review findings from previous sections and determine their affect on DSO.  Review sales procedures to make sure company policy on payment	d decline in the	sales co	urve, wh	Cash
1.1.3.1	Action  Review findings from previous sections and determine their affect on DSO.  Review sales procedures to make sure company policy on payment terms is always followed.  Review recent sales history to make sure the calculated DSO is indicating a collection problem and not the result of recent lower	d decline in the	sales co	urve, wh	Cash
1.1.3.1 1.1.3.2 1.1.3.3	Action  Review findings from previous sections and determine their affect on DSO.  Review sales procedures to make sure company policy on payment terms is always followed.  Review recent sales history to make sure the calculated DSO is indicating a collection problem and not the result of recent lower	d decline in the	sales co	urve, wh	Cash

Strategy 1.1.4	Define the source of the problem and investigate if there is any way that cash can be generated. The situation could be: 1) Customers do not have cash; 2) The customer produces something that the client company uses or sells; or 3) Client company is taking barter that is of little or no use to them.
	Discover if and how cash is eventually created with the barter.
	Discover the timing of the barter transaction.
	Review all procedures and policies relative to barter, especially the valuation process.
	With this information do a root cause identification and elimination; write action, preferably to generate more cash sooner.

	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
1.1.4.1	First, list items that have been accepted in barter exchange.				
1.1.4.2	Review this list with all managers and anyone who might be able to value these items and list their market value.				
1.1.4.3	Assign items to sales people, offering incentives for selling these goods.				
1.1.4.4	Include others in the sales effort if they might have knowledge of the market.				
1.1.4.5	Set a policy for the future where barter should be avoided. Where it is necessary, a process must be established requiring top management approval for barter transactions.				
1.1.4.6	Only items that can be used in production in the next 30 to 60 days or can be immediately converted to cash should be accepted in any future barter transactions.				
1.1.4.7					
Problem 1.1.5	Accounts Payable and Accounts Re	eceivable are no	ot being	offset.	
Strategy 1.1.5	Reduce cash needs by offsetting pacompany.	ayables to and r	eceivab	oles fron	n the same

Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash
				Benefit

1.1.5.1	Identify companies where you buy from and sell to by comparing accounts payable and accounts receivable lists.				
1.1.5.2	Determine net accounts payable or accounts receivable with these companies. (Subtract accounts payable from accounts receivable.)				
1.1.5.3	If net position is accounts receivable, follow collection policy to recover the net amount and reduce the payment to zero.				
1.1.5.4	If the net position is accounts payable, reduce receivable to zero and consider when to pay the net amount.				
1.1.5.5					
Problem 1.1.6	Excess number of returns, credit re	quests, and dis	puted in	voices.	
Strategy 1.1.6 Define the root cause of the problem. Several possibilities are: substandard product quality, misrepresentation of the product, value of the product less than the sales price, bad count, packing, invoicing procedures.					
	Decide what can be done, if anythir returns.	ng, to immediate	ely stop	credits a	and

	Action		Start	End	Cash Benefit
1.1.6.1	Investigate the procedure for documenting returns If none exists, prepare one. These procedures must include: a method for sales people to authorize all returns; approvals for high amounts; and descriptions of reason for the return.				
1.1.6.2	Analyze these results for root cause analysis/elimination				
1.1.6.3	Replace the defective product instead of issuing a refund or credit.				
1.1.6.4	Establish a price list for all products and a policy for approving any deviations.				

	1.1.6.5	Review the sales order and billing system and correct obvious problems.		
	1.1.6.6	Make a list of specific reasons for disputes and correct them, concentrating on the ones that are of highest value.		
	1.1.6.7	Look for accounts that have repeated invoice disputes to make sure they are not the cause of the problem.		
	1.1.6.8			
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	Overall 1) Company should have a minimum amount of inventory so that it can still			

#### Overall Strategy 1.2

- 1) Company should have a minimum amount of inventory so that it can still operate profitably and at an acceptable level of customer service.
- 2) Areas to investigate include; raw material, work in process, finished goods, consignment, barter.
- 3) There may be reason to investigate any of the following relative to all areas of inventory: minimum inventory, obsolete inventory, liquidity, and value for all areas.
- 4) Define and investigate area of Raw Material purchasing (also see operating expenses)

Collect information needed from the Data Collection forms. Investigate any method that would help turn inventory into cash. Define any problems that exist concerning the inventory, keeping in mind we are trying to generate short-term cash. Define in a short period of time the amount of inventory that is needed for efficient operations and sales.

Consider using MPI Practice assistance to define excess inventory, in particular, excessive work in process that could be eliminated by manufacturing process changes.

	Problem 1.2.1	Inventory very large relative to sales rate (Inventory Turns low). (KMR)
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Strategy 1.2.1	It may take some analysis to discover which inventory is excessive. Investigate any method that would help turn inventory into cash, keeping in mind the actions needed to focus on short-term solutions.
	Ask for more details on the inventory if necessary.
	Interview the top management and staff, in particular, any one dealing with inventory decisions. Obtain everyone's opinion as to what defines minimum inventory.
	List the obstacles to reducing inventory. These obstacles were probably mentioned in the above interview.
	Review all policies and procedures relative to the management of the inventory.
	Analyze all the above information for root cause identification and elimination.
	Decide what inventory can be disposed of; write actions relative to the problem and relative to short term cash generation.

	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
1.2.1.1	Review Data Collection form and assure its accuracy.				
1.2.1.2	Ascertain that all of management agrees on the definitions of "obsolete" and "minimum inventories".				
1.2.1.3	Categorize inventory as fast, moderate, slow moving or obsolete.				
1.2.1.4	Calculate the monthly costs (include capital costs and other carrying costs) of holding excess raw material inventory, identified in step 1.2.1.3, and use this to establish a price to sell excess inventory.				
1.2.1.5	Calculate the monthly costs (include capital costs and other carrying costs) of holding excess finished goods inventory, identified in step 1.2.1.3, and use this to establish a price to sell excess inventory.				
1.2.1.6	Sell excess raw material inventory at agreed prices.				
1.2.1.7	Sell excess finished goods inventory at agreed prices.				
1.2.1.8	Change production methods to reduce work in progress inventory to minimum levels.				

	1.2.1.9	Establish procedures to communicate realistic sales information to production in order to prepare schedules of raw materials purchases and finished goods production.					
	1.2.1.10						
	Problem 1.2.2	Too many different products or products	duct lines in inve	entory.			
Strategy 1.2.2 Discover if there are too many different kinds of products. Too man dilute the resources of the company. Look at the sales per product information is available. There may be opportunities to quickly stop production on products and reduce costs; there may be opportunities reduce some inventories via reduced price sales.  Interview top management and review the company's vision, business.					t line if that p ties to		
		and strategies relative to product lines.  Conduct a root cause analysis to discover if there are opportunities to reduce the number of products (Pareto analysis). Write actions relative to reducing the number of products and associated costs, such as labor costs, raw material inventory, sales expense, and utilities.					
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit	
	1.2.2.1	Action  Establish a minimum monthly sales quantity for products and eliminate products that do not meet that minimum.	Responsible	Start	End		
	1.2.2.1	Establish a minimum monthly sales quantity for products and eliminate products that do not	Responsible	Start	End		
		Establish a minimum monthly sales quantity for products and eliminate products that do not meet that minimum.  Communicate to customers about product elimination and recommend alternative products	Responsible	Start	End		
	1.2.2.2	Establish a minimum monthly sales quantity for products and eliminate products that do not meet that minimum.  Communicate to customers about product elimination and recommend alternative products that you make.  Sell inventories of eliminated products (at reduced prices, if	Responsible	Start	End		
	1.2.2.2	Establish a minimum monthly sales quantity for products and eliminate products that do not meet that minimum.  Communicate to customers about product elimination and recommend alternative products that you make.  Sell inventories of eliminated products (at reduced prices, if necessary).  Eliminate all costs associated with	Responsible	Start	End		
	1.2.2.2	Establish a minimum monthly sales quantity for products and eliminate products that do not meet that minimum.  Communicate to customers about product elimination and recommend alternative products that you make.  Sell inventories of eliminated products (at reduced prices, if necessary).  Eliminate all costs associated with product elimination.  Consider BC's Marketing Practice	Responsible	Start	End		
	1.2.2.2 1.2.2.3 1.2.2.4 1.2.2.5	Establish a minimum monthly sales quantity for products and eliminate products that do not meet that minimum.  Communicate to customers about product elimination and recommend alternative products that you make.  Sell inventories of eliminated products (at reduced prices, if necessary).  Eliminate all costs associated with product elimination.  Consider BC's Marketing Practice	Responsible	Start	End		

1.2.3	Discover ways to reduce obsolete inventory by converting it to cash.  Discover the source of damaged products. See if there is a quick solution to the root cause of the problem of damaged inventory. Discover ways to convert the damaged inventory to cash.
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		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
	1.2.3.1	Establish how long inventory can be held in stock before becoming obsolete.				
	1.2.3.2	Calculate the capital costs (interest) and other carrying costs of inventory and determine reduced selling price for obsolete inventory.				
	1.2.3.3	Reduce obsolescence by establishing procedures to communicate realistic sales information to production in order to prepare schedules of raw materials purchases and finished goods production.				
	1.2.3.4	Estimate the market value of damaged goods without correcting them; compare this with extra costs to repair and either sell or repair.				
	1.2.3.5	Determine reasons for damaged goods and revise production and handling procedures, accordingly.				
	1.2.3.6					
	Problem 1.2.4	Inventory growing more rapidly than	n sales (buying	or produ	ucing to	stock).
	Discover if this is a problem by looking at the past four to six months.  (possibly longer if this is a highly seasonal business) Chart to see if these few months can indicate that the problem exists. The root problem might be that the factory produces to plan without reference to actual sales. Discover the options to stopping this trend.					
		This is a relative easy problem to so stopped. Write actions relative to st				ed or
		Write actions relative to reducing co	osts including la	bor and	utilities	
$\square$		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash

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1.2.4.1	Establish procedures to communicate realistic sales information to production in order to prepare schedules of raw materials purchases and finished goods production. Eliminate make to stock for items not currently selling.				
1.2.4.2	Reduce labor and other direct and indirect costs in line with the reduced production schedule.				
1.2.4.3	If reduced production results in equipment that is no longer needed, sell it or rent it.				
1.2.4.4					
Problem 1.2.5	Insufficient inventory of needed raw	materials.			
Strategy 1.2.5 Stop cash outflow for purposes other than obtaining raw materials and investigate all methods for obtaining cash to purchase raw materials or to barter for these materials, e.g. a finished goods inventory fire sale.				lls or to	

	Action		Start	End	Cash Benefit
1.2.5.1	Stop incurring fixed production costs until materials are obtained, i.e. furlough or reassign idle workers.				
1.2.5.2	Stop investments and other cash outflows until material is obtained.				
1.2.5.3	Pursue quick cash generation through inventory sales and other methods discussed elsewhere.				
1.2.5.4	Pursue barter of obsolete raw materials for usable raw materials.				
1.2.5.5	Pursue barter of finished goods for needed raw materials.				
1.2.5.6					

### 1.3 Fixed Assets

Overall Strategy 1.3	The strategy under the general heading of assets will be to assess all of the assets for potential cash generation. Analyze the value, utilization, and liquidity of all the assets and decide if there are any that can be disposed of for cash. Consideration has to be given to buildings and equipment not being used. Many times there are excess vehicles. Property need not be sold to produce cash; if space is desirable it may be leased or rented. Many companies had diversified at some point in the past and are no longer in that business, so no longer need those particular assets. Consider disposal of the					
	assets of non-operating businesses Situation: Possibly, empty production trucks not being used (consider out- not being used, land not being used available from BF loan documents of	on facilities or b sourcing truckir J. Assistance in	ng servid evaluat	ces), eq	uipment	
	Refer to Data Collection form.					
Problem 1.3.1	Fixed Asset utilization very low (pre	-loan assets).				
Strategy 1.3.1	Decide if there are underutilized profor cash, including vehicles, equipment				can be sold	
	Decide if there is excess office, war can be sold or rented.	ehouse, produc	ction or	other sp	pace that	
	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit	
1.3.1.1	Identify all excess vehicles, equipment, furniture and other assets.					
1.3.1.2	Evaluate the liquidity and estimate the cash market value of these assets					
1.3.1.3	Sell or rent excess equipment.					
1.3.1.4						
Problem 1.3.2	Over-investment in fixed assets (as	sets purchased	l with Bl	DP loan	proceeds).	
Strategy 1.3.2	Decide if there are underutilized pro including vehicles, equipment and e			n be sol	d for cash,	
	Decide if there is excess office, warehouse, production or other space that can be sold or rented.					

	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
1.3.2.1	Identify all excess vehicles, equipment, furniture and other assets.				
1.3.2.2	Evaluate the liquidity and estimate the cash market value of these assets				
1.3.2.3	Sell or rent excess equipment.				
1.3.2.4					
Problem 1.3.3	Some facilities are idle.				
Strategy 1.3.3	Decide if some underutilized facilitie facilities can be sold or rented with operations.				
	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
1.3.3.1	Identify how all facilities can be rearranged in order to use less space; thereby, making space available for sale or rent.				
1.3.3.2	Sell or rent excess facilities.				
1.3.3.3	Eliminate costs associated with consolidated facilities.				
1.3.3.4					
Problem 1.3.4	Some facilities are in poor condition problems.	n, causing produ	uction a	nd quali	ty
Strategy 1.3.4	Decide if there would be short-term justification would have to include the			cilities.	The
	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
1.3.4.1	Determine the costs of repairing equipment and the length of time to complete the project.				

1.3.4.2	Compare the repair costs with the benefits of improved production quality.						
1.3.4.3	If justified in the short-term, repair equipment.						
1.3.4.4	Consider the assistance of BC's MPI practice Team.						
1.3.4.5							
Problem 1.3.5	Investment not complete.						
In some cases, the loan amount will not have been spent in its entirety.  Identify amounts remaining and determine the planned future use of funds through discussion with management. Evaluate this plan compared with activities to-date in order to assess the need for and business value of completing the investment.							
	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
1.3.5.1	Calculate the amount of investment remaining.						
1.3.5.2	Identify the planned use of the remaining investment funds.						
1.3.5.3	Evaluate the plan in the light of recent business results.						
1.3.5.4	Proceed to spending the remaining investment because it will not detract from your ability to pay past due BF obligations.						
1.3.5.5	Stop all further investment spending.						
1.3.5.6							
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Problem 1.3.6	Some assets have no direct relation (investment in unrelated activities).	nship to the bus	iness be	eing cor	nducted		
Strategy 1.3.6	Consider selling these assets and,	possibly, the co	mplete	busines	S.		
	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
1.3.6.1	Determine the actual value of these assets and sell them.						

1.3.6.2	Sell the entire business if the value is greater than projected future cash flows.						
1.3.6.3							
Problem 1.3.7	Some facilities are not most appropriate for the job being done (there is better equipment available to do the job).						
Strategy 1.3.7 Consider moving operations to other locations but only if costs are justified in the short term.							
Consider selling present equipment and purchasing equipment that is more suitable to the job.							

Action		Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
1.3.7.1	Determine the costs and timing of moving to other locations.				
1.3.7.2	Compare these costs with the financial benefits of the new location.				
1.3.7.3	If justified in the short-term, move to the new locations.				
1.3.7.4	Determine the costs and timing of purchasing proper equipment.				
1.3.7.5	Compare these costs with the current costs of using less suitable equipment.				
1.3.7.6	If justified in the short-term, obtain the proper equipment.				
1.3.7.7					

### 2. Liabilities

#### 2.1 Payables

 Payables							
Overall Strategy 2.1	tegy jeopardizing the source of materials, supplies and services. When cash is not						
	A company's formal payment terms Receivable terms or they will have						
Problem 2.1.1	Large overdue payable to key supp has already been cut off).	lier endangers	future s	upply (o	or supply		
Strategy 2.1.1	Communicate with suppliers about order to avoid being cut off. Make s work out the company's problem.						
	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
2.1.1.1	Negotiate with suppliers that have high outstanding payables in order to arrange for their rescheduling.						
2.1.1.2	Research the market to find alternative suppliers that can offer better conditions.						
2.1.1.3							
Problem 2.1.2	Terms and conditions for purchases (cash in advance often required, ter						
Strategy 2.1.2	Review informal methods of negotiar result in negative cash flow; and es			ninate t	hose that		
	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
2.1.2.1	Eliminate informal purchasing policies that restrict the company.						
2.1.2.2	Establish formal purchasing and payables policies.						

2.1.2.3	Negotiate longest terms possible with suppliers and avoid paying cash in advance wherever possible.				
2.1.2.4	Investigate bank guarantees as an alternative to cash payment and develop alternative sources of supply with vendors who offer better terms.				
2.1.2.5					
Problem 2.1.3	No policy in place to manage payab	oles.			
Strategy 2.1.3	Develop a policy that assigns responsible to avoid taking top management times.	old". One of the	purpos	es of th	is policy is
	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
2.1.3.1	Write the above policy.				
2.1.3.2	Communicate the above to internal departments for action.				
2.1.3.3					
Problem 2.1.4	Payment by barter valued at unfavo	orable prices.			
Strategy 2.1.4	In cases where barter transactions prepare in advance a list of goods to Try to use your obsolete inventory is sure the goods you offer in barter a payables you offset.	hat can be subj n barter for pay	ect of re ables. In	elevant t n any ca	ransaction. ase, make
	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
2.1.4.1	Determine if your vendor will accept slow moving/obsolete inventory or underutilized assets to offset payables.				
2.1.4.2	Evaluate your barter transactions and stop making barter deals where value offered exceeds value received.				

	2.1.4.3							
	Problem 2.1.5 Payables are in dispute, old, or potentially reversible.							
	Strategy 2.1.5 Discuss the causes of disputes and old invoices and, for suppliers who are important to the company, consider a negotiated settlement.							
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	2.1.5.1	Contact suppliers and negotiate a settlement, when appropriate.						
	2.1.5.2	Investigate and correct causes of accounts payable disputes.						
	2.1.5.3							
2.2	Debts							
	Overall Strategy 2.2	Discover the possibility of consolidation. Discover the possibility of restor adding balloon payments. Discoverinterest or principal payments to the	tructuring loans er the possibilit	with love ty of mo	wer inte	rest rates		
		Situation: Many companies have se loans were made just to pay interes			Many	of these		
		Stop taking more short-term debt.						
	Problem 2.2.1	High delinquency on interest payme	ents.					
	Strategy 2.2.1	Interview the company top manage was made. Write actions for the corbanks with options to restructure load	npany managei					
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
	2.2.1.1	List all short-term loans, including principle and interest payments.						

2.2.1.2	Contact each lender and restructure the loan to minimize short-term cash outflow.							
2.2.1.3								
Problem 2.2.2	High outstanding loan balances.							
Strategy 2.2.2	Discover if there is any possibility to	restructure the	ese loan	IS.				
	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit			
2.2.2.1	List all short-term loans, including principle and interest payments.							
2.2.2.2	Contact each lender and restructure the loan to minimize short-term cash outflow.							
2.2.2.3								
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Problem 2.2.3	Recent short-term borrowing with h	igh interest rate	S.					
			Strategy Discover if there is any possibility to restructure these loans					
Strategy 2.2.3	Discover if there is any possibility to	restructure the	ese Ioan	IS				
	Discover if there is any possibility to	restructure the	ese Ioan	IS				
	Discover if there is any possibility to	Responsible	ese loan		Cash Benefit			
2.2.3	Action  Stop taking on more short-term							
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2.2.3.1 2.2.3.2	Action  Stop taking on more short-term debt.  List all short-term loans, including principle and interest payments.  Contact each lender and restructure the loan to minimize							
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Strategy 2.2.4	Discover if there is any possibility to	restructure the	ese Ioan	S.	
	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
2.2.4.1	List all short-term loans, including principle and interest payments.				
2.2.4.2	Contact each lender and restructure the loan to minimize short-term cash outflow.				
2.2.4.3					
Problem 2.2.5	Overall debt level high relative to bu	usiness value.			
Strategy 2.2.5	Consider the long-term viability of the equity capital.	nis company an	d possil	ole infus	sion of
	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
2.2.5.1	Consider infusion of equity from existing owners.				
2.2.5.2	Investigate potential sources of external equity capital.				
2.2.5.3	Do not borrow any additional funds.				
2.2.5.4					
Problem 2.2.6	Large amount of unpaid taxes.				
Strategy 2.2.6	The government is now putting und taxes.	ue pressure on	the con	npany to	pay these
	If one of the options to decrease co government is expecting retirement				oe current.
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	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
2.2.6.1	Determine if reduced or extended payment terms can be negotiated.				

	2.2.6.2							
	Problem 2.2.7 High debts to (or from) related parties.							
	Strategy 2.2.7 Debts to related parties should be subordinated to debts to unrelated parties. Pay your suppliers before you pay yourself.							
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
	2.2.7.1	Separate related from unrelated debts						
	2.2.7.2	Make plan to pay unrelated creditors first and defer payments on related debts.						
	2.2.7.3							
	OME STAT Sales	EMENT						
	Overall Strategy 3.0	Analyze all aspects of sales for pos Areas to consider are nearby marke bonuses to the sales force for spec offering discounts for cash sales.	et expansion, pr	ice incr	eases, a	and special		
	Problem 3.1	Sales plan is overly optimistic (large	e variance from	plan). <b>(</b>	KMR))			
St	rategy 3.1	Sales projections must be realistic i and other performance goals.	if a company wa	ants to a	ittain its	cash flow		
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
	3.1.1	Revise the sales plan to trend recent results and to show realistic expectations.						
	3.1.2	Follow the action steps below if low sales rate is among the company's problems.						

	3.1.3							
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	Problem 3.2	Sales Trend is decreasing. (KMR)						
St	Strategy 3.2 Analyze existing sales force incentives to make sure the goals are consistent with current, short-term needs of the company. Consider special pricing and consumer promotions to increase volume, quickly.							
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
	3.2.1	Establish short-term goals for sales people.						
	3.2.2	Establish incentive program for meeting goals.						
	3.2.3	Reduce prices on selected products to a level that will still produce a profit.						
	3.2.4	Advertise or promote price discounts through targeted media channels or personal selling.						
	3.2.5	Offer discount pricing for cash payment.						
	3.2.6	Consider assistance from BC's Marketing Practice Team.						
	3.2.7							
	Problem 3.3	Seasonal business problems (misse cash to get through low season).	ed season, sale	s don't	generat	e enough		
St	rategy 3.3	Use the same strategies and action	s as in 3.1 and	3.2.				
	Problem 3.4	Prices not competitive.						
St	rategy 3.4	Product pricing is one of the most in If your prices are too high and do no you can not compete. Reduce price produce a favorable profit and cash	ot have actual of s to market leve	r percei	ved add	ded value,		
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Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash
				Benefit

	3.4.1	Make sure your source of pricing information is accurate.					
	3.4.2	Analyze the costs to produce and deliver each product or highest selling products.					
	3.4.3	Reduce prices on selected products and communicate this special new price to customers.					
	3.4.4						
	Problem 3.5	Sales backlog (contracts, open order	ers, etc.) is low.				
St	rategy 3.5	Use the same strategies and action	s as in 3.1 and	3.2.			
	Problem 3.6	Excessive dependence on a limited	I number of cus	tomers	or mark	ets.	
St	rategy 3.6	Focus on opening new domestic mayour products in foreign markets.	trategy 3.6 Focus on opening new domestic markets and explore possibilities of selling your products in foreign markets.				
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit	
	3.6.1	Action  Determine if there are existing export markets for your products and sell to these markets.	Responsible	Start	End		
	3.6.1	Determine if there are existing export markets for your products	Responsible	Start	End		
		Determine if there are existing export markets for your products and sell to these markets.  Attend BC Export Development	Responsible	Start	End		
	3.6.2	Determine if there are existing export markets for your products and sell to these markets.  Attend BC Export Development seminar.  Request export data base search	Responsible	Start	End		
	3.6.2	Determine if there are existing export markets for your products and sell to these markets.  Attend BC Export Development seminar.  Request export data base search for list of prospects.	Responsible	Start	End		
	3.6.2 3.6.3 3.6.4	Determine if there are existing export markets for your products and sell to these markets.  Attend BC Export Development seminar.  Request export data base search for list of prospects.	Responsible	Start	End		
	3.6.2 3.6.3 3.6.4	Determine if there are existing export markets for your products and sell to these markets.  Attend BC Export Development seminar.  Request export data base search for list of prospects.			End		
	3.6.2 3.6.3 3.6.4 3.6.5	Determine if there are existing export markets for your products and sell to these markets.  Attend BC Export Development seminar.  Request export data base search for list of prospects.  Review actions in 3.1 and 3.2.			End		

		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
	3.7.1	Establish short-term goals for sales people.				
	3.7.2	Sell existing products with minor changes as an exclusive special for new markets.				
	3.7.3	Determine if there are existing export markets for your products and sell to these markets.				
	3.7.4	Request assistance from BC's Marketing Practice Team, including a data base search for list of prospects.				
	3.7.5	Review actions in 3.1, 3.2 and 3.6.				
	3.7.6					
	Problem 3.8	Inadequate sales force (number of salespeople).	salespeople, ef	fectiven	ess of	
St	rategy 3.8	Training sales people can be a sho the complexity of products but an ir company's profits.				
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
	3.8.1	Establish a program to train existing sales force.				
	3.8.2	Hire new salespeople who understand your products and markets.				
	3.8.3	Establish specific short-term goals for new people.				
	3.8.4	Establish incentive program for meeting goals.				
	3.8.5					
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	Problem 3.9	Sales force is not focused, does no marketing plan at all).	t have short-ter	m plans	or goal	s (or no
St	rategy 3.9	Analyze existing sales force incenti with current, short-term needs of th		re the g	oals are	consistent

		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
	3.9.1	Establish short-term goals for sales people.						
	3.9.2	Establish incentive program for meeting goals.						
	3.9.3							
	Problem 3.10	Sales force does not know which prodoes not direct efforts to areas of his		mers a	re most	profitable;		
Stra	Strategy 3.10 Quickly analyze customers and product lines to determine the most profitable ones and direct efforts towards those customers and products while eliminating unprofitable ones.							
$\boxtimes$		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
	3.10.1	Using available data, identify the most profitable customers and those where you lose money.						
	3.10.2	Establish special incentives to increase sales to most profitable customers.						
	3.10.3	Raise prices or stop delivering to unprofitable customers.						
	3.10.4	Using available data, identify the most profitable products and those where you lose money.						
	3.10.5	Establish special incentives to increase sales of the most profitable products.						
	3.10.6	Raise prices or stop making and selling unprofitable products.						
	3.10.7							
	Problem 3.11	Sales force does not know how to competition (products are sold as comportant factor).						

Stra	Strategy 3.11 This is a problem that is difficult to fix in the short-term. Consider assistance from Business Consulting marketing practice to focus on one or two issues that can bring immediate positive results.							
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
	3.11.1	Establish a program to train existing sales force.						
	3.11.2	Request assistance from Business Consulting marketing practice.						
	3.11.3							
4.	4. Operating Costs							
			ved for possible	reducti	ons Th	e best		
	Overall Strategy 4.0  All operating costs should be reviewed for possible reductions. The best target may be labor costs. Consider layoffs, flexible hour, and pay reductions for all employees. Other operating costs like utilities, supplies, and transportation expenses should be considered for reduction.					reductions		
		Make sure all purchasing is done th	rough a compe	titive bid	dding pr	ocess.		
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	Problem 4.1	Gross margin is below breakeven. (	(KMR)					
St	rategy 4.1	A company can not operate for long calculation is correct, steps must be situation.						
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
	4.1.1	Reduce costs to a minimum in all areas of the business.						
	4.1.2	Where possible, increase prices to improve profit.						
	4.1.3							
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	Problem	Some product lines are unprofitable						
	4.2	Some product lines are unprolitable	<b>,</b> ,					

St	This topic has been written about in other sections of the actions. See section 1.2, Inventory.					See
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
	4.2.1					
	Problem 4.3	Productivity is low (Sales/Employee	e). <b>(KMR)</b>			
St	rategy 4.3	Determine the minimum number of accomplish the short-term goals of staff to that number.				
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
	4.3.1	Identify absolutely required work activities in all departments, including administration and sales.				
	4.3.2	Reduce the number of people in all departments to the level required to perform absolutely necessary tasks.				
	4.3.3					
	Problem 4.4	Headcount is higher than needed to just to keep people busy; carrying in				
St	rategy 4.4	In a short period of time analyze the for the current production level. Mo mentioned in the labor section, look costs.	st companies h	ave too	many p	eople. As
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
	4.4.1	Reduce the number of direct labor people to the level required for production to meet realistic sales forecasts.				
	4.4.2					

	Problem 4.5	Fixed expenses are high.						
St	rategy 4.5	As with direct labor look at all overhways to reduce these costs in the s		and cost	s and lo	ook for		
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		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
	4.5.1	List every expense category and year-to-date spending.						
	4.5.2	Determine which items can be reduced or eliminated.						
	4.5.3	Identify absolutely required work activities in administrative departments, including sales.						
	4.5.4	Reduce the number of people in administration to the level required to perform absolutely necessary tasks.						
	4.5.5	Communicate the importance of reducing expenses and identify specific areas for which spending will be allowed.						
	4.5.6							
	Problem 4.6	Production downtime is high (equip maintenance, changeover, lack of r		great d	eal for			
St	rategy 4.6	This topic has been written about u See section 1.3.	nder the subjec	t of fixed	d asset	utilization.		
	Problem 4.7	Quality is poor – high scrap/waste/r	ework/return ra	te.				
St	rategy 4.7	Waste generated at the production equipment, under trained employee Waste may also come from poor que the short-term but a review is still a	es, or lack of def lality raw mater	fined qu	ality sta	ndards.		
$\boxtimes$		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		

	4.7.1	Where waste is being properly				
		recorded, review accounting records for specific items where				
		usage is greater than the				
		standard required to produce a product.				
	4.7.2	·				
	4.7.2	Walk around the production area and make a list of material that has been discarded.				
	4.7.3	Starting with the greatest waste material, in terms of value, identify the causes and take corrective action.				
	4.7.4	Determine if there is a market for				
	4.7.4	your waste or by-products.				
	4.7.5	If wood, agriculture or food industries, consider assistance				
		from respective BC industry				
		expert.				
	4.7.6	Consider assistance from BC's Manufacturing Process				
		Improvement Team.				
	4.7.7	Consider PVO expert.				
	4.7.8					
	Problem	Excessive dependence on a limited	number of supp	oliers.		
	4.8					
Ct	rotom: 1.C	Analyze the situation to see if this n	roblem exists 1	t may be	difficul	t to find
Strategy 4.8 Analyze the situation to see if this problem exists. It may be difficult to short-term cash generation solutions here. It may be possible that this long-term solution issue. Note it accordingly.						

	Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
4.8.1	List names of those suppliers upon whom the company may be excessively dependent.				
4.8.2	Compare prices charged by those companies with other available sources.				
4.8.3	Contact these suppliers insisting upon an immediate reduction in price.				
4.8.4	If prices are not reduced to your satisfaction, place purchases with a new supplier.				

	4.8.5							
	Problem 4.9	Some operations/services provided within the company might be available at lower cost outside.						
St	rategy 4.9	Analyze outside services costs for p	ootential short-to	erm cas	h reduc	tions.		
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		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
	4.9.1	List high cost activities that are not core competencies.						
	4.9.2	Determine which tasks can be outsourced.						
	4.9.3	Starting with those areas of highest cost, consider whether or not other companies can provide a similar service or product.						
	4.9.4	Contact these potential providers to determine their costs and compare this to internal costs.						
	4.9.5	Eliminate the internal costs and purchase the service or product from a contractor.						
	4.9.6							
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5.	Cash Flow							
J.		Many of the cash problems are real	lly the result of	other pr	nhleme	with the		
	Overall Strategy 5.0	company. Analyze for short-term ca accordingly. The source of the cash already written, so check for actions	ash generation a n problem will pi	and write	e action	S		
	Problem 5.1	Quick ratio (Cash + AR/AP) is less	than 1.0. <b>(KMR</b> )	)				
St	rategy 5.1	Since this topic involves A/R and A	/P. see sections	1.1 and	d 2.1.			
$\boxtimes$		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash		

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	5.1.1							
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	Problem 5.2	Cash flow is negative before debt service.						
St	Strategy 5.2 Negative cash flow is the result of many problems within the company. See all previous sections for appropriate actions.							
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
	5.2.1							
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	Problem 5.3	em Cash flow is decreasing.						
St	Strategy 5.3 Decreasing cash flow is the result of many problems within the company. See all previous sections for appropriate actions.							
$\boxtimes$		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash		
						Benefit		
	5.3.1					Benefit		
	5.3.1					Benefit		
	5.3.1 Problem 5.4	Account Frozen				Benefit		
	Problem	Account Frozen				Benefit		
	Problem	Account Frozen  Contact responsible party to unders	stand condition	leading	to froze			
St	Problem 5.4	Contact responsible party to unders		leading	to froze	n account.		
	Problem 5.4	Contact responsible party to unders	stand condition  Responsible	leading	to froze			
St	Problem 5.4	Contact responsible party to unders				n account.		
St	Problem 5.4 rategy 5.4	Contact responsible party to unders  Action  Determine if account will be				n account.		
St	Problem 5.4 rategy 5.4	Contact responsible party to unders  Action  Determine if account will be				n account.		

St	Strategy 5.5 Management must record all sales whether by cash, credit or barter.  Management must be made to realize this is a serious problem if it affects payment of USAID credit.					
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
	5.5.1	Place PVO controller in company to reconcile receipts with actual sales.				
	5.5.2					
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	Problem 5.6	Working capital is being converted	to fixed assets.			
St	rategy 5.6	The company has an obligation to pworking capital in fixed assets.	pay debts and c	reditors	before	investing
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
	5.6.1	Determine the status and potential penalties associated with the current conversion of working capital to fixed assets.				
	5.6.2	Stop the purchase, if possible, and obtain any funds paid in advance.				
	5.6.3					
	Problem 5.7	Unrestrained growth (growth in exc	ess of available	workin	g capita	l).
St	rategy 5.7	Stabilize cash flow from existing bu regardless of the perceived opportu		e startin	g new o	nes,
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
	5.7.1	Stop cash investment, either working capital or equipment, in new business activities that are not producing current sales.				
	5.7.2	Focus management energies on correcting existing problems, first.				
	5.7.3					

6.	Manageme	ent and Organizational Issues					
	Overall Strategy 6.0	The overall objective is to generate to be able to perform this task and to this document. This section evaluation	follow all of the	actions	that will	be written	
		If there is management training neo would be beneficial, write appropria should be requested for quality prol	ite actions. The				
		Write actions to insure that regular management meetings are held, if they are not already. Accountability should be established right away.					
		Some problems that require more long-term solutions are mentioned. Note them as problems but do not write long term actions. Write only actions that will generate short-term cash.					
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	Problem 6.1	Management lacks required skills to perform their responsibilities.					
	Strategy 6.1	Management cooperation and action turnaround. Extraordinary steps mix management comprehends this pro-	ght have to be t				
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit	
	6.1.1	Consider bringing in a PVO or interim local manager.					
	6.1.2						
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	Problem 6.2	An effective business planning and	budgeting proc	ess is n	ot in pla	ice.	
Strategy 6.2 An effective organization is guided by a plan that is communicated to all employees. While an annual plan, with monthly goals and performance analyses is appropriate for most companies, the turnaround process require shorter-term plans that must be accomplished on time.					ance		

		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
	6.2.1	Prepare a three-month budget for each operating department.						
	6.2.2	Tell all employees the type of work that is expected from them and set specific individual goals.						
	6.2.3	Compare actual results with the budget and take appropriate actions.						
	6.2.4	Monitor work performance often, letting employees know how they are performing relative to their goals and your expectations.						
	6.2.5	Implement the plans that are developed with BC to produce sufficient cash to pay off overdue obligations to BF.						
	6.2.6							
	Problem 6.3	Daily cash management is poor.						
St	rategy 6.3	Accurate reporting of data and assist flow are major required elements to training or replacement of inadequationsidered.	manage a turn	around.	Immed	iate		
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit		
	6.3.1	Train or replace ineffective financial management.						
	6.3.2	Consider PVO controller to establish a cash control and reporting system.						
	6.3.3							
	Problem Lack of supply chain planning – is production making what sales is selling? 6.4							

## Strategy

6.4

It may take some analysis with production and sales figures to see where there are opportunities for cash generation.

The major potential root causes of poor inventory management is poor planning or plan implementation. Interview top management relative to the inventory planning process. Start with the vision and company strategy and compare these goals with the actual process of forecasting inventory.

Situation: The situation again may be excessive inventories, including raw material and W.I.P., making products with little or no potential to sell them. Wasted labor resources are probable.

Situation: In cases like this sometimes the problem can be solved or the company helped by reducing costs. There is probably too much inventory, or W.I.P. Look for half-finished orders, shortages of material to finish orders or raw material for non-existing orders, or finished goods without orders.

Interview the production and sales management. Review the policy and procedures for order processing and supply chain planning.

With the appropriate information conduct a root cause analysis of potential problems and write actions relative to solving these problems. Focus on short term cash generation.

		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
	6.4.1	Review the forecasting and scheduling process.				
	6.4.2	Establish procedures to communicate realistic sales information to production in order to prepare schedules of raw materials purchases and finished goods production.				
	6.4.3	Review contents of inventories relative to order processing. Analyze inventories from raw material through finished goods and liquidate excess quantities.				
	6.4.4					
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	Problem 6.5	Organization structure does not sup	port business r	needs.		
St	rategy 6.5	A formal organization structure with cornerstone of an effective, success must be established that can focus	sful company. I	n the sh	ort-term	a structure
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit

	6.5.1	Assign responsibility for specific actions to individuals who are capable of completing their assignments in a short time.					
	6.5.2						
	Problem 6.6	Existing reporting system does not provide needed information in a timely way.					
St	Strategy 6.6 Timely and accurate information must flow throughout the company in order to service customers and meet plans. Immediately, overhaul the reporting system to get accurate information to all departments.						
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit	
	6.6.1	Establish a reporting system that gives at least weekly information on the status of the company's cash flow.					
	6.6.2	Establish other reports that enable employees to be more effective in reaching the company's short-term goals.					
	6.6.3	Consider PVO controller to establish a new reporting system.					
	6.6.4						
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	Problem Management team does not work cooperatively externally (with BC, BF, banks, etc.).						
Strategy 6.7 When management fails to cooperate in the turnaround process, they a indicating that they do not understand the serious nature of the process not care about the outcome. Consideration must be given to halting effort assist the company.			ocess or do				
		Action	Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit	
	6.7.1						
	Droblem Management took described as a set of the set o						
	Problem 6.8	Management team does not work cooperatively, internally.					

0,	Turnaround is a serious process, requiring exceptional cooperation among all managers in an organization. The managing director must instill a sense of urgency and cooperation in his management team.

Action		Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
6.8.1	Discuss the importance of total internal cooperation with the entire management team.				
6.8.2	Replace uncooperative managers who can not change.				
6.8.3					

		Poor customer service (e.g., frequent order cancellations due to late delivery).
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Strategy 6.9 This is one of the reasons for declining sales and the loss of some customers. The reasons must be analyzed and corrected, quickly.

Action		Responsible	Start	End	Cash Benefit
6.9.1	Develop a policy for satisfying customers who have received poor service and implement this policy, immediately.				
6.9.2	Develop a procedure for communicating to customers when you know their orders will be delivered late.				
6.9.3	Make a list of the specific reasons why customers cancel their orders.				
6.9.4	Correct the problems causing order cancellations and late deliveries, concentrating on the ones that are easiest to fix and affect the most customers.				
6.9.5					