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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 SCOPE

This DEP specifies Human Factors Engineering (HFE) quality control requirements and gives recommendations for the design of control suites, control rooms and related workstations used in facilities.

These requirements are intended to ensure that Project teams (and their Contractors and Vendors) apply good practice in developing control rooms that support high levels of usability and situation awareness among panel operators and others who have to monitor and control complex automated systems in process-related facilities.

This DEP should be read in conjunction with other HFE DEPs in the 30.00.60.XX series. In particular, this DEP should be used in association with DEP 30.00.60.10-Gen. and DEP 30.00.60.16-Gen.

This DEP addresses the “hardware” aspects of control suite, control room and related operator workstation design. The design of on-screen Human Machine Interface (HMI) is addressed in DEP 30.00.60.16-Gen.

This is a revision of the DEP of the same number dated January 2010; see (1.5) regarding the changes.

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When DEPs are applied, a Management of Change (MOC) process shall be implemented; this is of particular importance when existing facilities are to be modified.

If national and/or local regulations exist in which some of the requirements may be more stringent than in this DEP, the Contractor shall determine by careful scrutiny which of the requirements are the more stringent and which combination of requirements will be acceptable with regard to the safety, environmental, economic and legal aspects. In all cases the Contractor shall inform the Principal of any deviation from the requirements of this DEP which is considered to be necessary in order to comply with national and/or local regulations. The Principal may then negotiate with the Authorities concerned, the objective being to obtain agreement to follow this DEP as closely as possible.

1.3 DEFINITIONS

1.3.1 General definitions

The **Contractor** is the party that carries out all or part of the design, engineering, procurement, construction, commissioning or management of a project or operation of a facility. The Principal may undertake all or part of the duties of the Contractor.

The **Manufacturer/Supplier** is the party that manufactures or supplies equipment and services to perform the duties specified by the Contractor.

The **Principal** is the party that initiates the project and ultimately pays for its design and construction. The Principal will generally specify the technical requirements. The Principal may also include an agent or consultant, authorized to act for, and on behalf of the Principal.

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The word **should** indicates a recommendation.

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1.3.2 Specific definitions

Term	Definition
Control room /CR	Core functional entity, and its associated physical structure, where operators are stationed to carry out centralized control, monitoring and administrative tasks.
Control suite	Group of functionally related rooms, co-located with and including the control room, which houses the functions supporting the control room.
Controlled system	A process unit, plant or production facility, pipelines, tank farms, supply and distribution terminals, etc.
Control console	Structural framework which supports equipment, work surfaces and storage and which together comprises a control workstation.
Control panel	Discrete surface on which groups of displays and controls are mounted; control panels may be mounted on the control workstation or on walls.
Display	Device for presenting information that can change or a software component that determines the spatial format and layout of visual outputs of the human machine interface on the hardware elements referred to in this DEP as screens.
HFE Authorised person	A person authorised and assigned responsibility to develop and approve procedures for HFE. An HFE authorised person has proficiency assured at skill level and is accredited at a professional level in HFE.
HFE Technical Authority	Individual responsible for quality assurance of HFE work performed on a project.
Human-Machine Interface	The combination of software and hardware elements that determines the nature of human interactions with equipment and people in the workplace through command inputs and data outputs.
Panel/Control Room Operator	An individual who fulfils their work obligations, whether full or part-time, by interaction with a process control system. Panel/Control Room operators are usually provided with workstations comprising a combination of screens, work-surfaces, a chair and associated devices (such as phones, radios, and keyboards).
Screen	A hardware component that supports viewing the visual outputs of the human-machine interface.
Situation Awareness	The mental state of being aware of what is happening around you and the associated understanding of what that means now and in the future relative to a particular job, function or goal.
Task, work task	An activity required to achieve an intended outcome of the work system.
Task analysis	Systematic breakdown of work tasks into their elements, including a description of both manual and mental activities, task durations, task frequencies, task allocation, task complexity, environmental conditions, equipment, and any other unique factors involved in or required for one or more human beings to perform a given task.
Usability	The property of a human machine interface that is measured in terms of its ease of use, learnability, efficiency, and error tolerability.

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Validation	The process of determining the extent to which a system meets its requirements.
Work environment	Physical, chemical, biological, organizational, social and cultural factors surrounding a person in his or her work tasks.
Work station	Combination of work equipment in a work space, including the work environment, where one or more work tasks have to be carried out by a person. NOTE: It is possible that several persons share a specific work station, or that several persons alternate work stations within any period of time (i.e. hourly, daily, weekly).

1.3.3 Abbreviations

Term	Definition
BDEP	Basic Design Engineering Package
BfD	Basis for Design
BoD	Basis of Design
CS	Control System
C&I	Control and Instrumentation
DCS	Distributed Control System
DEP	Design and Engineering Practice
EPC	Engineering, Procurement and Construction
EPCM	Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management
FEED	Front-end Engineering Design
FRC	Fire-resistant clothing
HFE	Human Factors Engineering (synonymous with “Ergonomics”)
HMI	Human-Machine Interface
HVAC	Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning
PS	Project Specification
SA	Situation Awareness
SCADA	Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition
TA	Technical Authority
TRA	Task Requirements Analysis
UPS	Uninterrupted Power Supply
VDU	Visual Display Unit, i.e. a cathode ray tube (CRT), liquid crystal display (LCD), plasma panel, and other screen or visual display device

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1.4 CROSS-REFERENCES

Where cross-references to other parts of this DEP are made, the referenced section number is shown in brackets; ( ). Other documents referenced by this DEP are listed in (5).

1.5 SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This DEP is a revision of the DEP of the same number dated January 2010. This has been a major rewrite and it is therefore impractical to summarize the changes here.

1.6 COMMENTS ON THIS DEP

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1.7 DUAL UNITS

This DEP contains both the International System (SI) units, as well as the corresponding US Customary (USC) units, which are given following the SI units in brackets. When agreed by the Principal, the indicated USC values/units may be used.

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2. AIMS AND BENEFITS – THE ROLE OF THIS DEP

2.1 GENERAL

The job of the panel operator can at times be very demanding and the consequences of inappropriate operator action in control rooms, e.g. acts of omission, commission, timing, sequence, etc., can be potentially disastrous. Therefore, a fully functional control suite/room that satisfies the operational requirements of all end users is essential. To help achieve this, Human Factors Engineering shall be applied during the design of a control suite/room with the objective to eliminate or minimize the potential for human error, avoiding risk to health or personal safety, and enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency with which human work is carried out.

2.2 PURPOSE OF THIS DEP

This DEP sets out the minimum requirements for application of the principles of Human Factors Engineering in the design and development, including change and upgrade, of control suites, control rooms and related operator workstations.

This DEP, therefore, does two things:

- It defines a minimum level of quality control to be applied to the process of specifying, developing and validating control suite, control room and related operator workstation designs;
- It provides guidance on minimum HFE technical requirements that a project should apply to the design and validation of control suite, control room and related operator workstation designs.

2.3 PRINCIPLES

This DEP is based on the following principles:

1. The design of control suites, control rooms and related operator workstations shall satisfy the operational requirements for all expected end users in all anticipated modes of operation:
   - Steady state operation
   - Normal transient operation (start-up, shut-down)
   - Emergency/abnormal operation*
   - Maintenance (scheduled or unscheduled)*

   NOTE: Greater end-user involvement is often required for defining end-user needs for emergency operations and maintenance than for the normal steady state).
2. To provide a physical work environment that reduces stress and fatigue and minimizes the risk of injury or illnesses to the expected end users.
3. To ensure end user participation in the design development, through representation by operators, team leaders, and maintenance personnel.
4. To apply learnings from experience, including re-use of experience and existing good practices, as well as learning lessons about the impact of poor control room design from major incident investigations.
5. To ensure HFE requirements are identified and specified in time to be included in the Basis for Design (BfD) or contractual documents for front-end engineering or detailed design.
6. To ensure designs are adequately reviewed and validated to ensure Human Factors as well as operational requirements and objectives are achieved.

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3. CONTROL SUITE/ROOM DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

3.1 CLARIFICATION

This process should be initiated as part of the HFE Screening conducted in time to be incorporated in the BfD or contractual requirements for front-end engineering or detailed design. The HFE Screening will determine:

- Whether this DEP shall be included in the project BfD or contractual requirements for front-end engineering or detailed design, and, if so,
- The level of quality control to be applied to the control suite/room design.

Figure 1 shows the decision tree to be used to screen projects for inclusion of this DEP and the level of HFE quality control to be applied.

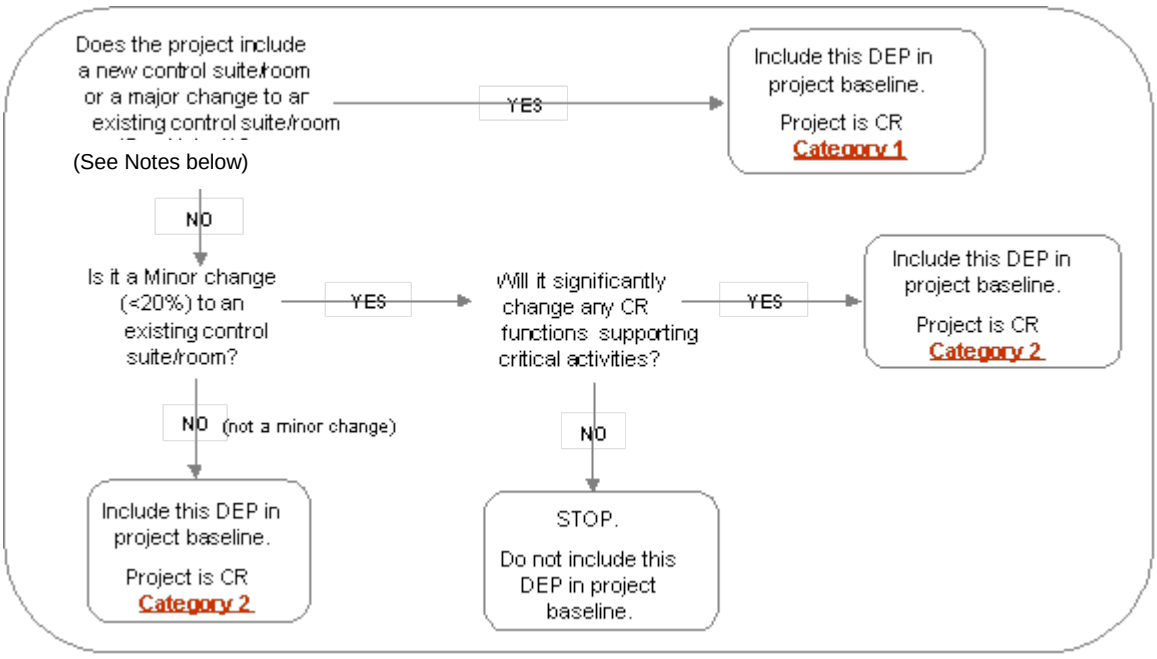

Figure 1 Decision tree regarding whether to include this DEP in project baseline (BoD)

NOTES:

1. As a guide, a 'major change' would cover projects where
   - One or more new process control workstations will be introduced;
   - Changes to the layout and arrangement of control suite/room are made.
2: As a guide, the term 'Minor change' means:
   - Replacement of screens (e.g. CRT with LCD) and/or worn-out furniture; or
   - Changes affect operator interaction with less than approximately 20 % of the existing workstations; and
   - The changes will be implemented in the existing control room and utilizing the existing workstations.
3: 'Critical' activities include, for example:
   - Startup or shutdown of process units;
   - Communications, including shift-handovers, start-of-shift-orientation, shift team meetings;
   - Proactive monitoring of process units;
   - Managing abnormal situations;
   - Responding to emergencies;
   - Performance of tasks that are known to be particularly difficult, time-consuming, stressful, or that may be carried out over extended periods;
   - Execution of activities identified in Safety Critical Elements or shown as barriers in Bow-Ties at the asset (including responding to alarms).

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Projects identified as CR Category 1 should follow the development process defined in (3.2). Category 2 projects should follow the process as defined in (3.3).

3.2 CATEGORY 1 CR PROJECTS

Figure 2 summarizes the HFE quality control activities required for a Category 1 control suite/room development project (i.e. projects involving the development of a new control suite/room, or a major change to an existing system).

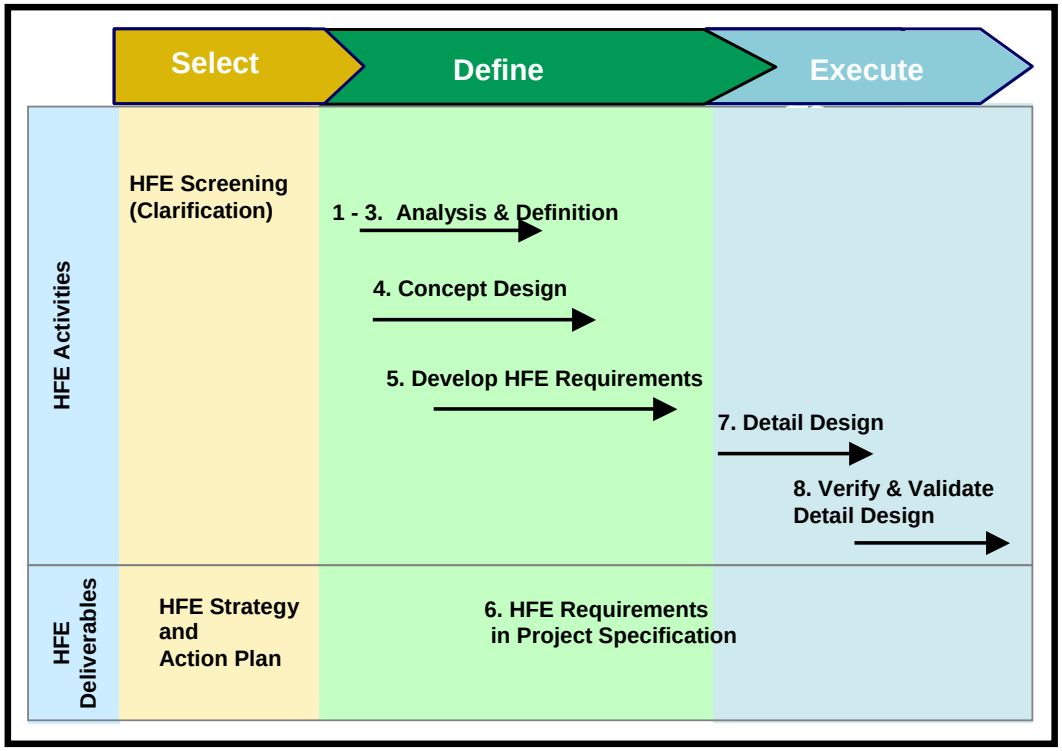

Figure 2 HFE quality control activities for Category 1 CR projects

3.2.1 Activities to be conducted during the DEFINE phase

The following activities shall be performed to ensure the HFE requirements included in the Project Definition Package meet the specific needs of the asset. These activities shall be completed before the end of the DEFINE (i.e., FEED) phase.

Step 1: Functional and role analysis

Projects shall identify all the functions expected to be integrated into the control suite, and the related facilities and equipment necessary to support them. The roles expected to be involved in performing or supporting those functions shall also be identified.

This step should deliver a Function-to-Role matrix. Section 3.2.1 of the companion Informative to this DEP illustrates the format such a matrix might take.

Based on this analysis, the project should define who the primary and secondary end users in the design of the control suite and control room are:

- Primary users shall have all of their needs met.
- Secondary user needs can be compromised if necessary to optimise design for Primary users.

Step 2: Task analysis of key roles

Projects shall perform a Task Requirements Analysis (TRA) of each of the roles identified as being Primary users. The analysis shall identify:

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- Main role/responsibilities;
- Key tasks for each role, (this should include consideration of tasks identified through compliance with DEP 30.00.60.16-Gen. and DEP 32.80.10.14-Gen;
- Equipment and other facilities needed to support each key task;
- Who needs to be communicated with in performance of each key task;
- Performance standards where appropriate for key tasks (i.e. the conditions that are essential to be able to do the tasks safely and efficiently).

An example control room TRA is provided in Section 3.2.1 of the companion Informative to this DEP.

Step 3: Functional relationship and adjacency analysis

For all identified functions, roles (primary and secondary) and equipment, Projects shall perform Functional Relationship and Adjacencies analysis against; a) other functions, b) other roles, and c) equipment. Functional relationships and adjacencies should be assessed using criteria such as the following example for Role-to-Role relationships:

Low Low (LL):	Need for face-to-face interaction very rare.
Low (L):	Very occasional interaction. Should be in same building.
Medium (M):	Occasional need for face-to-face interaction. Some travel time acceptable, e.g. should be located on the same floor.
High (H):	Regular unplanned face-to-face interaction. Should be accessible with short walk from primary work location, e.g. should be within the same physical space/area/room.
High High (HH):	Very regular face-to-face interaction, often with little prior notice. Shall be easily accessible from primary work location, e.g. should be directly adjacent to each other.

An example is provided in Section 3.2.1 of the companion Informative to this DEP, including criteria for assessing the three types of relationships.

Step 4: Concept design and review

Using the results of the functional analysis (Steps 1 to 3), Projects shall produce an initial conceptual design of:

- the control suite layout (showing proposed locations to support identified Functions);
- the layout of primary workstations, key equipment and facilities.

The Conceptual design shall go through a design review, leading to an updated design concept before end of the DEFINE phase. This review shall assess the concept against design requirements DR1 to DR6 in Section (4) of this DEP.

Step 5: Develop HFE design requirements

A specification of HFE design requirements shall be identified or developed. These HFE requirements shall be based on a review of Section (4) of this DEP. As a minimum, the HFE design requirements shall include:

EITHER: a statement that all of (4) shall be adopted as HFE design requirements;

OR: a list of specific requirements from (4) that shall be treated as contractual for the project;

OR: reference to an alternative international, industry or other standard (approved for use by a regional HFE Authorized Subject Matter Expert) for HFE requirements for control suite/room applications that shall be adopted as specifying the project HFE requirement.

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These HFE design requirements shall be used as the basis for the verification and validation process to ensure that the final design conforms to the end-user needs.

Step 6: Include HFE requirements in project definition package

The HFE requirements shall be included as a stand-alone section in the Project Design Package and shall be referenced in tender material used to select a Contractor.

The concept design material (i.e. Task Requirements and Adjacency Analyses) should be made available to the Contractor for information.

3.2.2 Activities to be conducted during the EXECUTE phase

The following activities are required to be completed during the EXECUTE phase for a project where the control suite/room project development is identified as Category 1 (Figure 1).

These activities ensure an appropriate level of visibility, structure and control over the Contractors' control suite/room development and validation activities.

Step 7: Detail design

As soon as possible after an EPC or EPCM Contractor is contracted, a review meeting shall be held with the following objectives:

- Ensure the Contractor understands the functional and HFE requirements and identify any potential issues.
- Agree to the process for operator involvement in reviewing and approving detail designs, equipment and furniture selections. Consideration should be given to the development of 3D modeling and renderings for visual illustration and review purposes.

Any changes to the functional and HFE requirements arising from this review shall be subject to formal change control and approval. The objective is to balance the functional and HFE requirements identified during FEED with what is technically and financially feasible given any HMI constraints imposed by the selected Vendor.

Step 8: Verify and validate detail design

The detailed design shall be formally verified to ensure that it conforms to the design specifications and furthermore validated to ensure it conforms to the end-users needs.

The contract shall define the expected general review approach, the personnel and resource requirements, and the number of reviews to be conducted.

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3.3 CATEGORY 2 CR PROJECTS

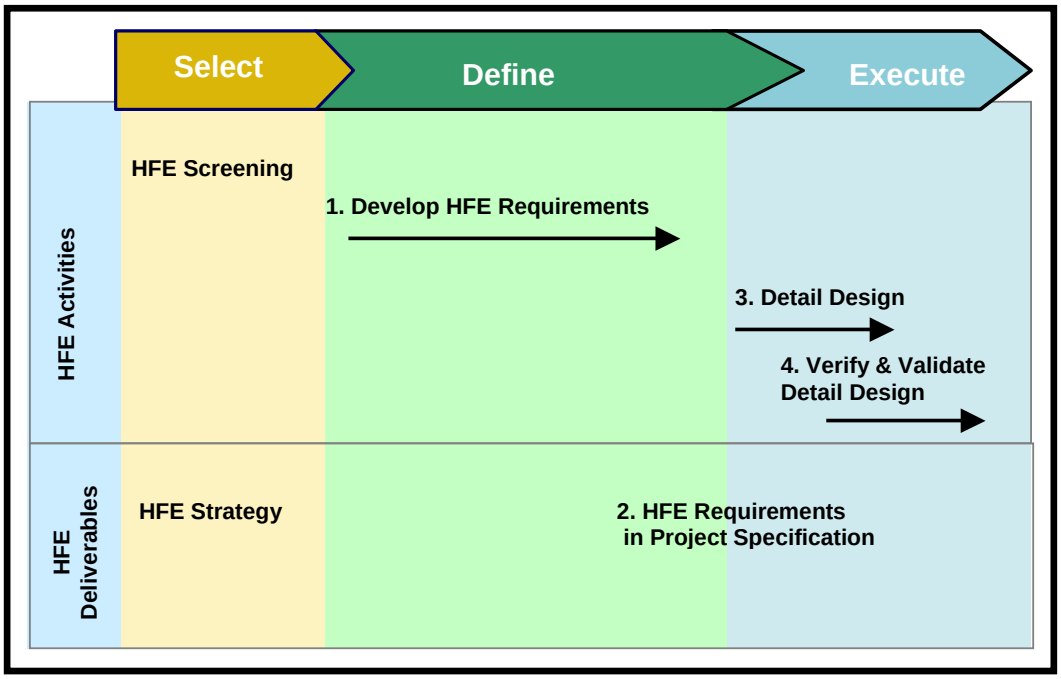

Figure 3 HFE quality control activities for a Category 2 CR project

Figure 3 summarizes the HFE quality control activities required for a Category 2 control suite/room development project. (Category 2 projects involve significant changes to existing control suites/rooms, or changes to existing workstations supporting critical activities).

3.3.1 Activities to be conducted during the DEFINE phase

The following activities are required to be completed before the end of the DEFINE phase for a control suite/room project that is identified as being Category 2 (see Figure 1).

The purpose of these activities is to ensure that HFE scope requirements and validation methods are adequately defined prior to beginning the Execute phase of the development.

Step 1: Develop HFE design requirements

The appropriate HFE design requirements shall be identified or developed. These HFE requirements shall be based on a review of Section (4) of this DEP. As a minimum, the HFE design requirements shall include:

- Either a statement that all of (4) shall be adopted as HFE design requirements, **OR**
- A list of specific requirements from (4) that shall be treated as contractual for the project, **OR**
- Reference to an alternative international, industry or other standard (approved by Regional HFE Authorized Subject Matter Expert) for HFE requirements for control suite/room applications that shall be adopted as specifying the project HFE requirement.

These HFE design requirements shall be used as the basis for the verification and validation process to ensure that the final design conforms to the end-user needs.

Step 2: Include HFE requirements in project definition package

The HFE requirements shall be included as a stand-alone section in the Project Design Package and shall be referenced in tender material used to select a Contractor.

The concept design material should be made available to the Contractor for information.

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3.3.2 Activities to be conducted during the EXECUTE phase

The following activities are required to be completed during the EXECUTE phase for a control suite/room project that is identified as being Category 2 (see Figure 1). These activities ensure an appropriate level of visibility, structure and control over the Contractors' control suite/room development and validation activities.

Step 3: Detail design

As soon as possible after the contract is awarded, a review meeting shall be held with the following objectives:

- Ensure the Contractor understands the functional and HFE requirements and identify any potential issues;
- Agree to the process for operator involvement in reviewing and approving detail designs, equipment and furniture selections.

Any changes to the functional and HFE requirements arising from this review shall be subject to formal change control and approval. The objective is to balance the functional and HFE requirements identified during FEED with what is technically and financially feasible given any HMI constraints imposed by the selected Vendor.

Step 4: Verify and validate detail design

The detailed design shall be formally verified to ensure that it conforms to the design specifications and furthermore validated to ensure it conforms to the end-users needs.

The contract shall define the expected general review approach, the personnel and resource requirements, and the number of reviews to be conducted.

3.4 SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Table 1 summarizes each of the Control Suite/room development activities for both Category 1 and 2 projects. Discipline responsibilities identified in Table 1 are recommended, but are not intended as a standard for all situations; allocation of responsibilities to disciplines may vary between individual projects.

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