

INTERNSHIP REPORT

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Aims of the project:

- Investigate a new technology
- Determine the market leaders
- Order & test the sample parts & tools
- Draw conclusions about the possible application of the technology

Areas of responsibility:

- Technology & suppliers research
- Cooperation with various people: CAD designers, workshop leaders, simulation & test specialists, suppliers' sales representatives & application engineers.
- Negotiations of costs & time of delivery.
- Managing various tests of sample parts & ordered tools.
- Adjusting all the processes in order to obtain max results possible.

The project was strongly dependent on external suppliers and P&G specialists, which meant constant struggling with time limitations and constraints in order to obtain max data possible.

As this was the first step of the technology research & tests there was no initial data to be compared with the obtained results. The gathered information had to be as accurate as possible as the potential usage of the technology could result in enormous capital & production time savings.

After a month I was assessed against certain factors - managing project, communication skills etc. - by 3 supervisors, who told me whether I was meeting their expectations.

The same but final assessment was carried out at the end of the project which had two potential results – hire recommended or not.

From the first day I was given a lot of freedom and full responsibility for the project. My supervisor was always there when I needed him, but preferred me to work as independently as possible.

These 11 weeks at P&G gave me a lot of various experience like negotiations with suppliers, discussions with specialists in Germany, managing time & resources, searching for different strategies.

I had an opportunity to present the results via a phone conference with people in Brussels, discuss the career opportunities with much more experienced employees. Although everyone at work was very busy the atmosphere was friendly with a lot of humor. The employees regardless the position in the company were open for various discussions and willing to help.

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