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Why is risk management important?

As history has shown, when the boundaries of technology are pushed, things don't always go as planned. Risk management is a fundamental step in preventing possible disasters.

Known unknowns

The risk management process can shine a light on new and emerging risks, giving visibility around 'known unknowns' within a project.

Identify issues early, time to develop solutions

Risk transfer is often an afterthought. If risks are identified early then transfer solutions can be designed ahead of the risk materialising and lessen delays in project delivery.

Small adaptions sometimes make large differences

Think of the canary in the coal mine and the Dayy lamp.

Disasters can be terminal for technologies

Think of the Hindenberg explosion; the last time Hydrogen was the next big thing.

Miller's Critical Risk Identification and Transfer Review

Miller's Critical Risk Identification and Transfer Review (CRITR) is designed to assist your technical and commercial teams to identify and quantify risks that can be transferred via supply chain/contractual risk allocation, traditional insurance or one-off risk transfer and hedging products.

The process can be applied to a single project, programme or organisation-wide basis and is a valuable tool during all stages:



Methodology

Our risk engineers and renewable energy and environmental technology experts would work hand in hand with your project team, management staff and other advisors to fit into existing risk management methods as appropriate. Alternatively, we can assist in framing your risk management process and co-ordinate other inputs into an overall CRITR process for all project risks.



Delivery outputs

Following the review process, our experts will produce the following four outputs:



Risk MatrixRisk identification, quantification and

prioritisation



Risk Mapping
By project stage,
locations and inputs/
outputs



Risk Mitigation Plan

Targeting impact and
likelihood to reduce
risk exposure



Risk Transfer Plan
Identification and
recommendation of
transfer mechanisms



1. Risk Matrix | Risk identification, quantification and prioritisation

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Score
Supplier A fails	L	М	L •
Supplier B fails	L	Н	Н •
Failure to secure permit	L	Н	Н
Failure to supply	М	М	M
Failure to perform	М	Н	Н



2. Risk Mapping | By project stage, locations and inputs/outputs

	Input	
Raw materials		Raw materials Failure to secure raw materials
Suppliers		Suppliers Insolvency/ physical risks
Utilities		Utilities Failure of energy supplies/grid
IP		IP Breach, failure to secure
Transit		Transit Interruption and delay
Technology		Technology Scale up failure
Design		Design Risk mitigation missed

The Project

	Output	
Products		Products Failure to meet output specifications
Customers		Customers Failure to supply, customer failure
Energy/output		Energy/output Failure to meet output spec, failure to supply
IP		IP Failure to protect
Transit		Transit Interruption and delay
Technology		Technology Failure to perform
Services		Services Failure to meet contractual requirements

It is often useful to map out graphically the risks, this can be a simplistic form which often works well as an overview to show critical risks at different stages of the project. Mapping can be in the form of a risk distribution showing the spread of risks by likelihood and impact scoring to highlight key project risks and challenges, or it can be a simple project stages key risks flow: we have found this is a good mechanism for complex projects such as CCS where there are multiple 'links' in a chain and complex one of a kind/first of a kind projects with untried and tested parameters.





3. Risk Mitigation Plan | Targeting impact and likelihood to reduce risk exposure

In holistic terms, we identify risk mitigation under the 5 Ts:

Tolerate

The risk is at a low enough level to be tolerable to the project/organisation without significant further management, or alternatively the project/organisation has no option but to tolerate the risk (forewarned is forearmed).

Treat

The risk requires risk mitigation plans to be implemented to ensure prevention from occurring or that impacts are mitigated. Typically, this is a combination of management procedures and processes or physical risk controls.

Transfer

The project/organisation needs to transfer the risk away to other parties, either better placed to manage the risks or financially better placed to deal with the consequences (e.g. a supplier/contractor/customer/stakeholder or insurer/insurance policy or financial instrument e.g. hedging product).

Terminate

If a risk is identified which is not tolerable and with no potential for mitigation or transfer, either the risk can be terminated (e.g. complete redesign of a process/technology/component to avoid the exposure completely) or under extreme circumstances, the entire project might be terminated.

Take

Alternatively under a 'no risk no gain' scenario, the project team, board or organisation could actively decide to take a risk for commercial gain, in the knowledge that doing so gives a certain level of exposure (even to the extent it may terminate a project investment at a later stage). This may be an appropriate option where an organisation is undertaking rapid change to adapt, which in turn may be appropriate to a low carbon transition process for a number of reasons. However, taking the risk needs to be from a position of knowledge of the potential consequences (negative or positive).



4. Risk Transfer Plan | Identification and recommendation of transfer mechanisms

Miller's strength comes to the forefront when designing risk transfer solutions

These can include insurance programmes, contractual requirements/risk allocation and contractual insurance requirements, one-off deal enabling insurance/hedging type products, parametric risk insurance, Alternative Risk Transfer (ART) products and business interruption and contingency planning reviews.

Why Miller?

A solutions based company

We believe in assisting our clients with their own risk management approach, identifying solutions and deal enabler to ensure that projects can proceed with the right risk balance to satisfy owners, investors, lenders and the contractual supply chain.

Industry experts

Our specialists are leaders in their fields. With extensive expertise across all aspects of Renewable Energy & Environmental Technology, having operated within the industry and in the London insurance market, we understand your business inside out. This allows us to propose risk solutions to both protect and enhance your projects.

Collaboration

Teamwork is in our DNA. We work in partnership with our clients to identify and understand your problems, and together as a team to deliver solutions. We always act in your best interests, without exception.

Client-first service

We place our clients at the front and centre of everything we do and believe in building long-term partnerships. Our service model, based on this ethos, is what differentiates us from our peers

Proactive claims advocacy

We never overlook the importance of a prompt and helpful claims service and the peace of mind this can offer. As a result, we have built one of the strongest claims teams in the industry, where our construction claims specialists work alongside our placing brokers and technical teams for maximum efficiency.





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