

# **Uptime, Downtime and Event Tracking**

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#### RtTech Software

 RtTech is a company formed in November 2011 as a spin-off of ADM's Software division.

 Develops software products to improve asset availability, utilization and utilities consumption

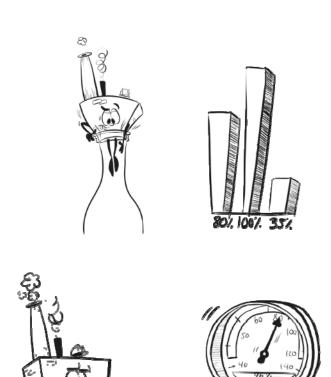
- Based in NB, Canada
- Sales Offices in Australia and UK
- Customers in 13 countries (6 in Europe).
- RtTech Software and OSIsoft are partners





#### RtTech Software

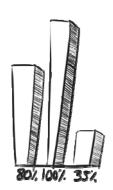
- Developers of:
  - RtDuet: Downtime Monitoring and Maintenance & Reliability KPI calculator
  - RtEMIS: Industrial Energy Management Information System



#### **RtDuet**







#### RtDuet – What does it do?

- Downtime Monitoring and Maintenance & Reliability KPIs like Availability, Utilization, OEE, MTBF, MTTR,...
- Automatically captures downtime events complete with associated equipment, problem, cause and category
- Generates standardized, real time reports for maintenance and capital planning
- Seamlessly shares data with other MES applications and databases through Web services.

## Why Manage Downtime

- Increased plant efficiency and performance
- Extended asset life cycle
- Calculate key maintenance and reliability metrics
- Reduced Unplanned Maintenance
- Reduced maintenance costs
- Improved product quality
- Greater visibility of asset performance
- Working smarter rather than harder

## **Downtime in Operations**

- Equipment Stoppages
  - Unplanned maintenance (breakdowns)
  - Scheduled maintenance
  - Operational delays (blockages, shift change)
  - Non-scheduled time
  - Idle (Energy supply, feed supply, stock-bound)
- Equipment Slowdowns
  - Aging equipment
  - Poor quality feed
  - Bottlenecks

## **Typical scenarios**

- Paper log sheets / Excel based solution
  - Inaccurate information
  - Time consuming
  - Sheets are lost
  - Comments can not be analysed or quantified
- Downtime collation time consuming
- Uncontrolled information
- Home grown reporting systems are expensive to develop and maintain.

#### **Rio Tinto – Argyle Diamonds**

- Argyle Diamonds Overview
- OSIsoft at Argyle Diamonds
- Delay Accounting Overview
- Project Scope
- RtDuet Implementation
  - Features, Problems, Solutions
- Questions?

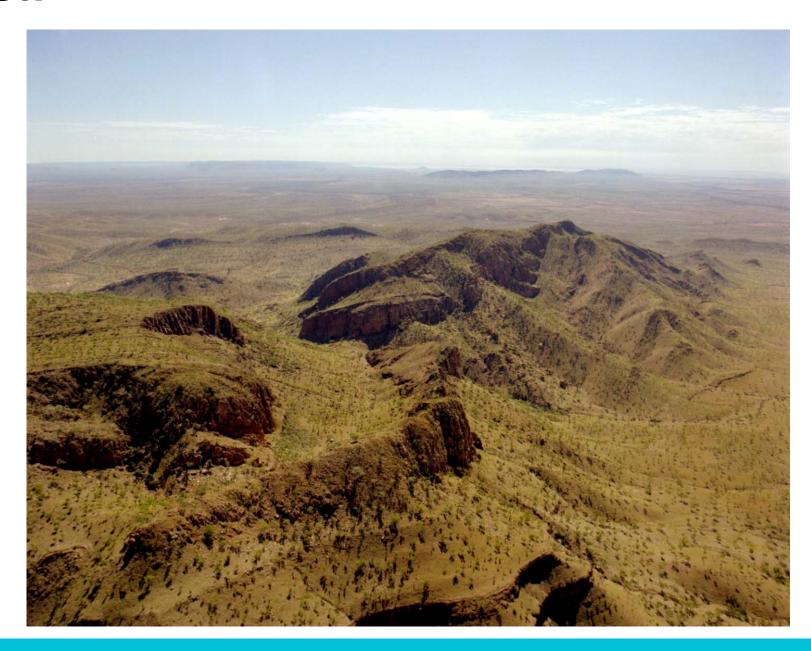


## **Argyle Diamond Mine - Background**

- Commissioned in 1985 @ 3
   Mtpa
  - Crushing, Screening, DMS,X-Ray
- Peak Capacity
  - 40 Million Carats
  - 10 Mtpa
- Signature Pink Diamonds
- Underground Future Block Caving



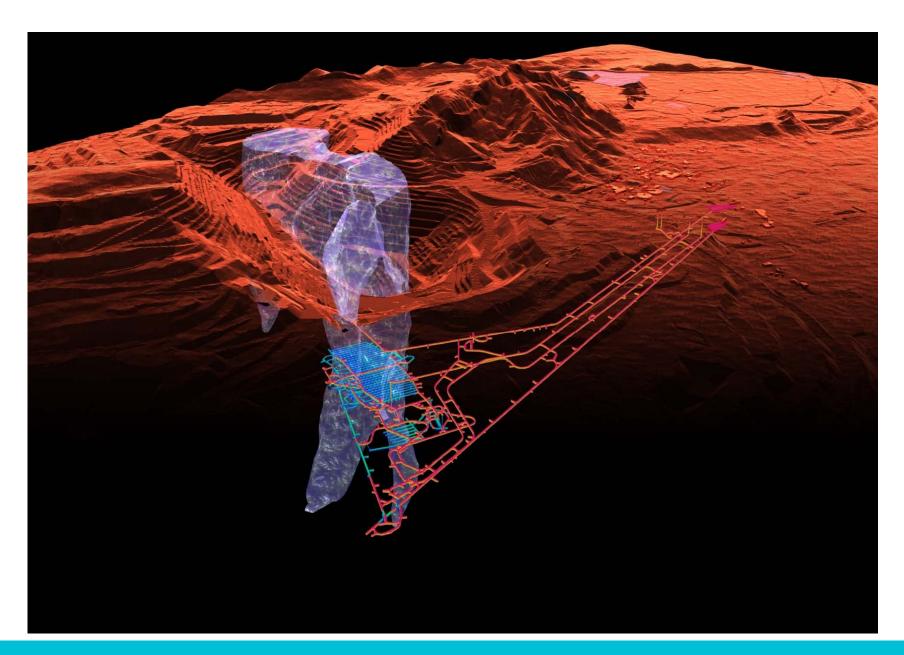
### Past:



#### **Present:**



## **Future:**



## **OSIsoft at Argyle Diamond Mine**

- PI System 6000 tags
- 2009:
  - Installed to monitor power station
- 2010-2012:
  - Process Plant daily reporting (Datalink)
  - Process Plant analytics (ProcessBook & Datalink)
  - Process Plant Delay Accounting (AF & RtDuet)

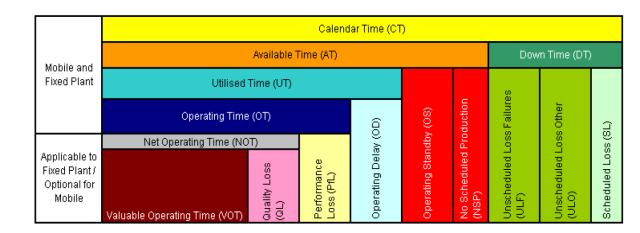
## **Delay Accounting – What is it?**

- Record plant events:
  - Downtime (plant stops)
  - Reduced capacity
    - (rate or quality)
  - Accurate data essential

- Attach detail:
  - Related Equipment
  - Nature of fault
  - Reason code
  - Root Category
  - Comments

## **Delay Accounting – Why?**

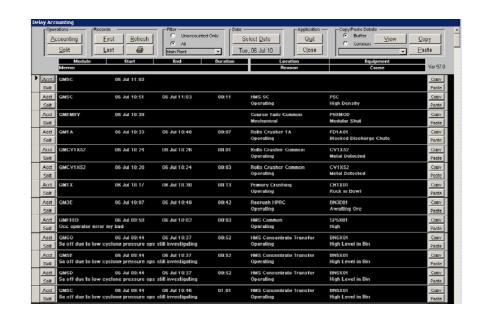
- Benefits
  - Accurate data for asset metrics
  - Focus maintenance
  - Identify opportunities
  - Justify capital spend



- End Goal:
  - Increase availability & utilisation

## **Delay Accounting - Legacy System**

- In-house development Mid 90's
  - Citect P2B, MS Access,Ellipse\Corvu
- Positives:
  - Fast, Familiar, Stable
- Negatives:
  - No support or knowledge
  - Poor data quality & reporting
  - Large quantity of small delays



## **Delay Accounting Project Scope**

- Replace legacy system
  - No longer supported
  - Requirement to improve quality
  - Take advantage of software advances
- Commenced in 2010
  - Managed by Metallurgy Superintendent
  - Assigned to Graduate Metallurgist
  - Limited resources

## Research - Investigate options

Existing System

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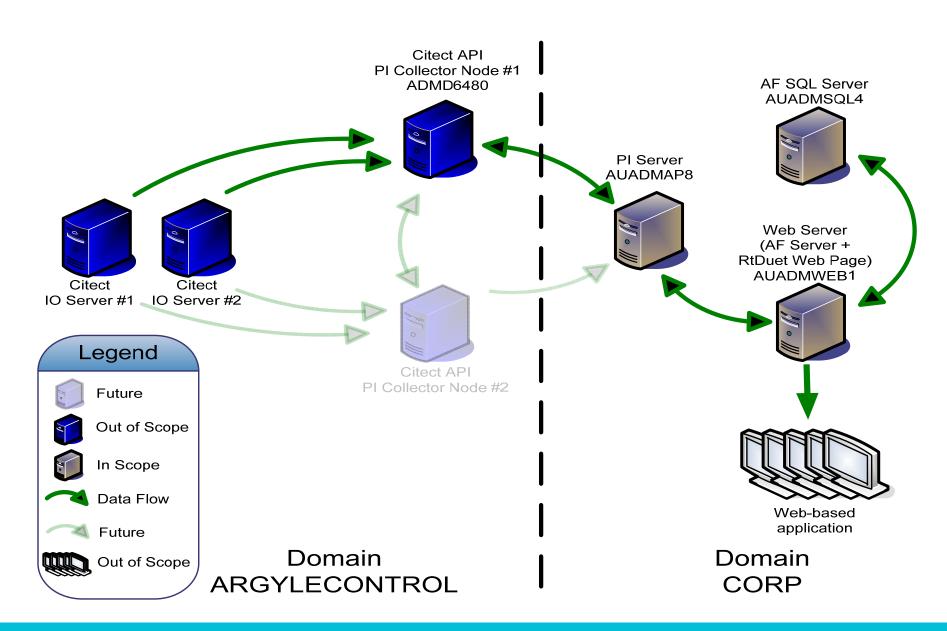
MS Excel Solution

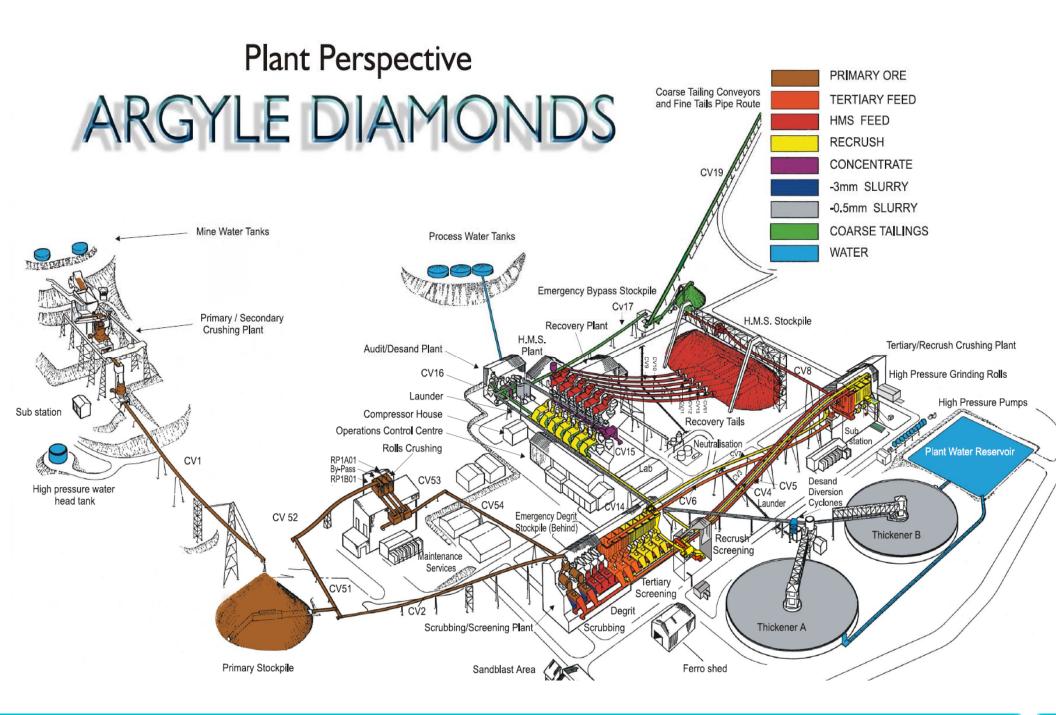
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#### **RtDuet**

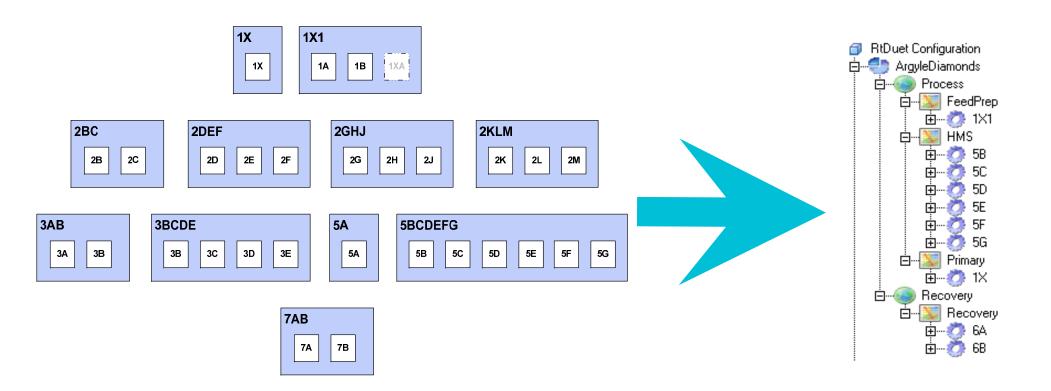
- Focused solution great value
- PI AF Event frames new technology
- Continuous development & support
- Exciting features
  - Web based management/reporting
  - Flexible configuration
  - Validation
  - Auto-classification

## RtDuet System Architecture

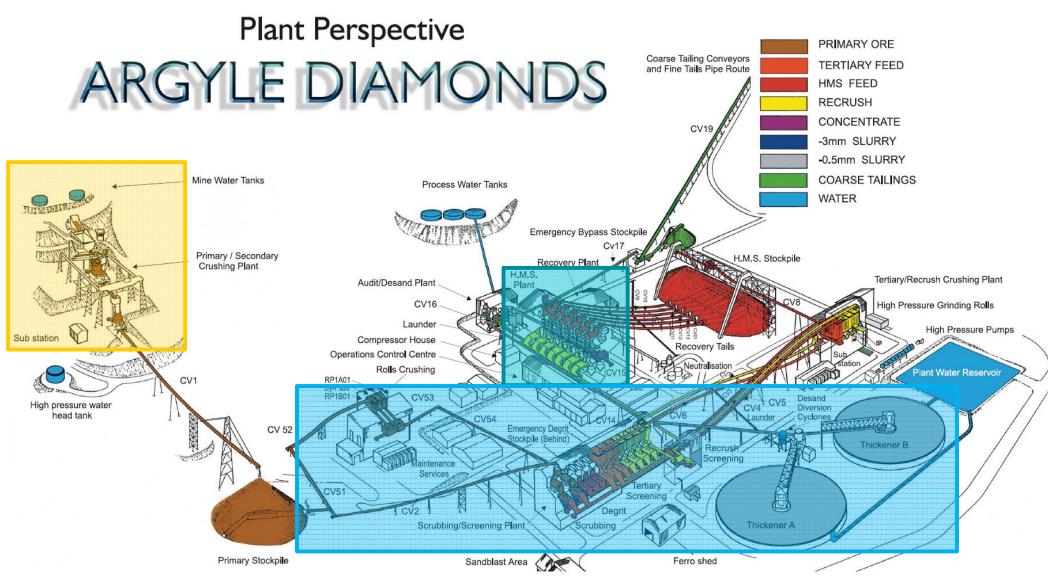


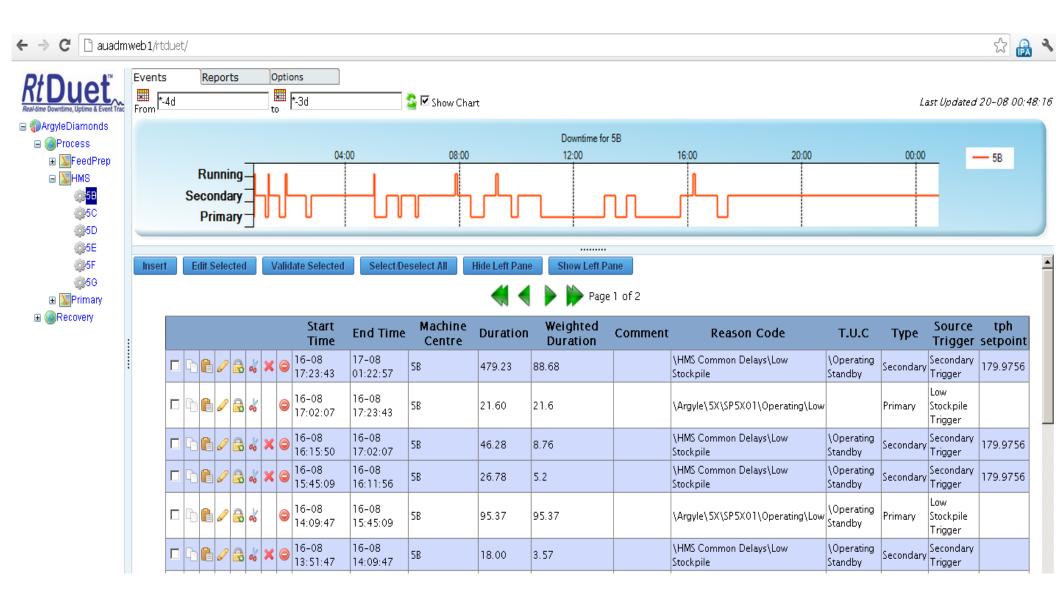


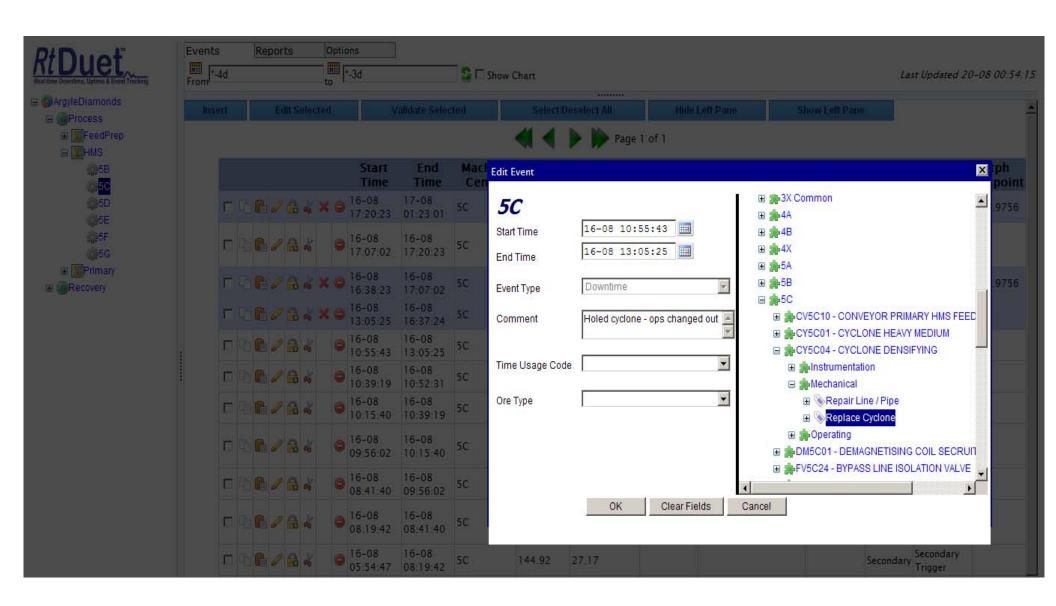
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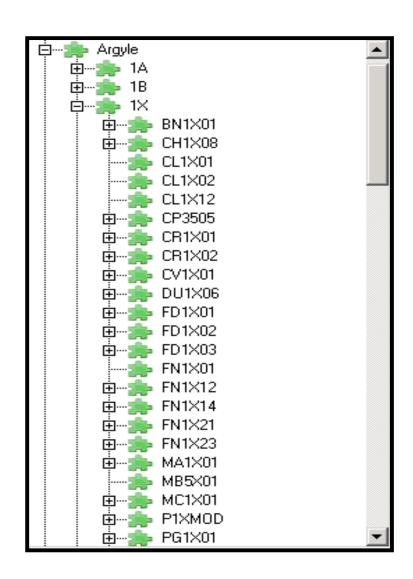
#### Primary Crushing – 1 MC Main Plant Feed – 1 MC Heavy Media Sep – 6 MC



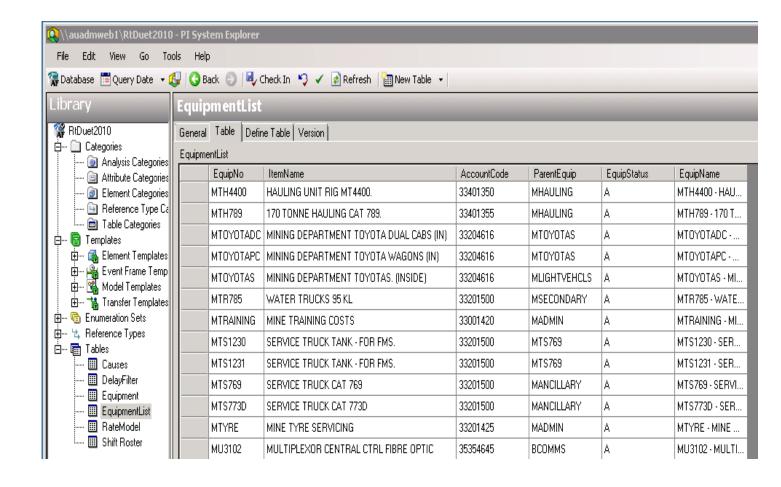


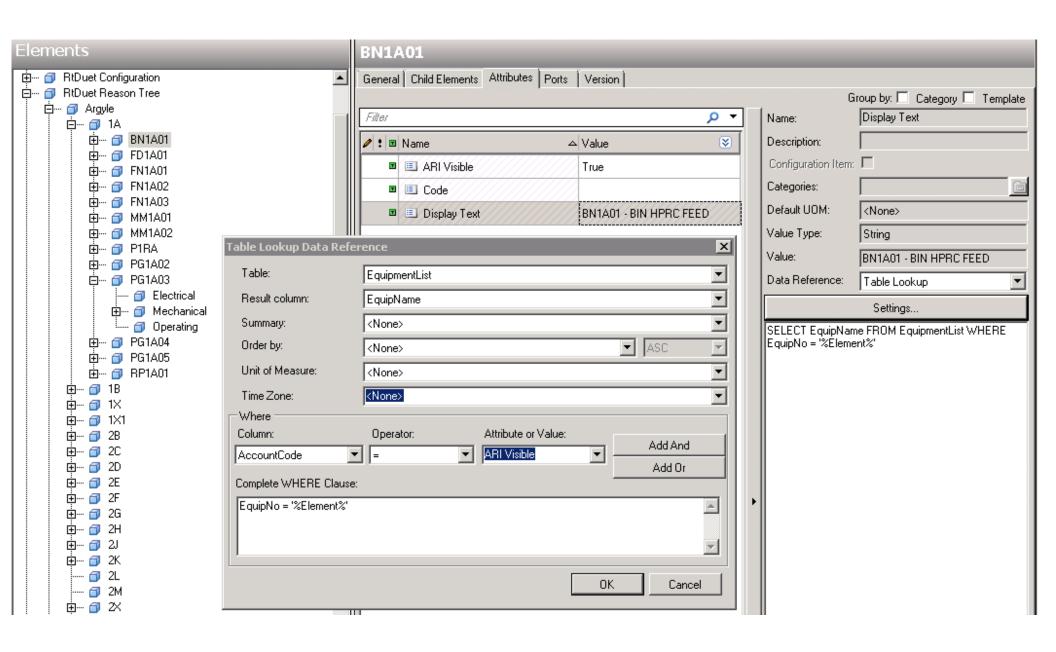


- Problem:
  - Operators could not identify equipment by code.

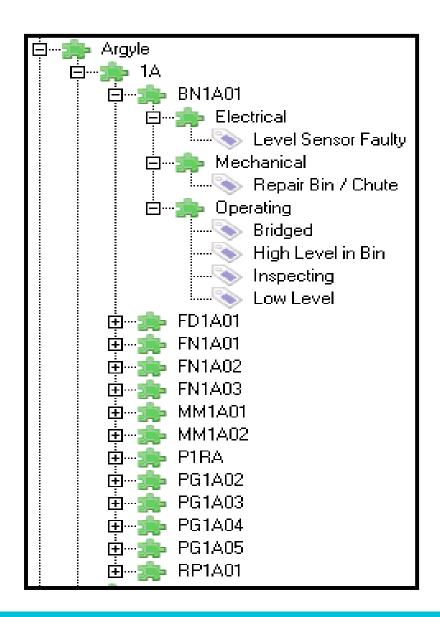


- Solution:
  - Crossreference equipment list
  - Look-ups using PI AF

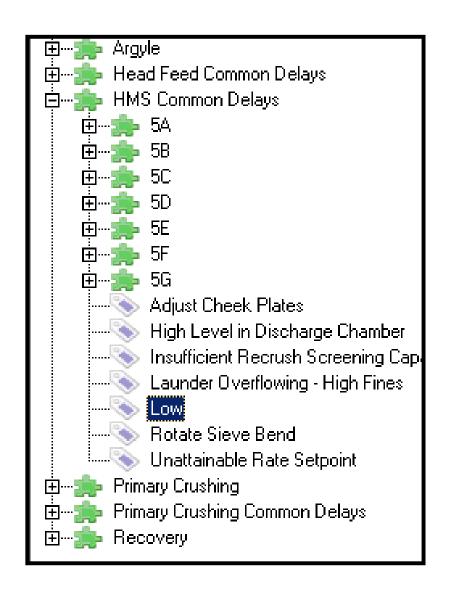


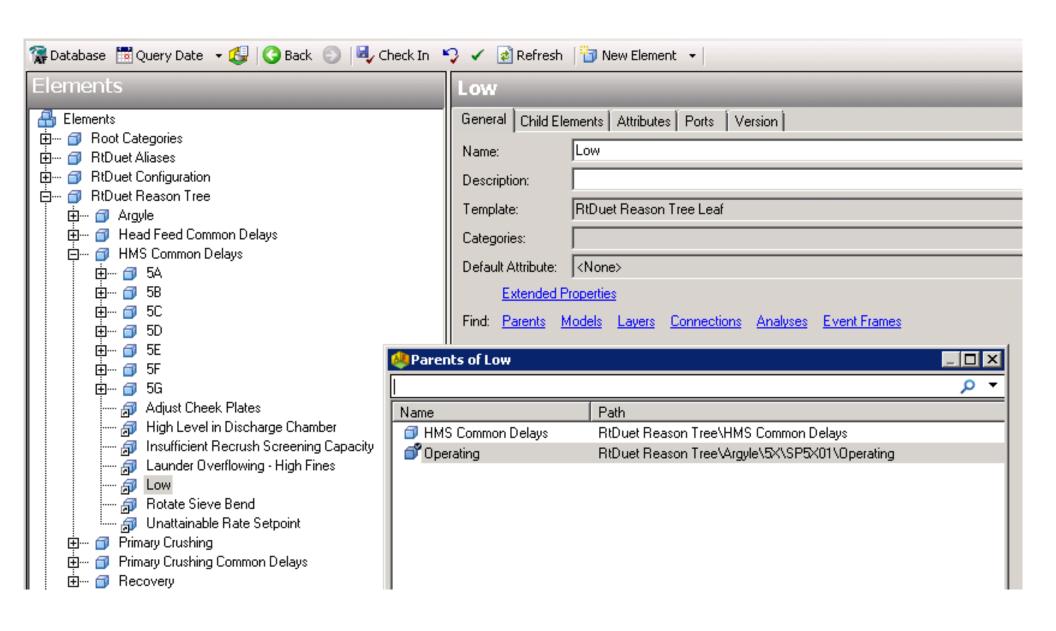


- Problem:
  - Most delays assigned to a few common reasons.
  - Takes 5 clicks to reason code in tree.



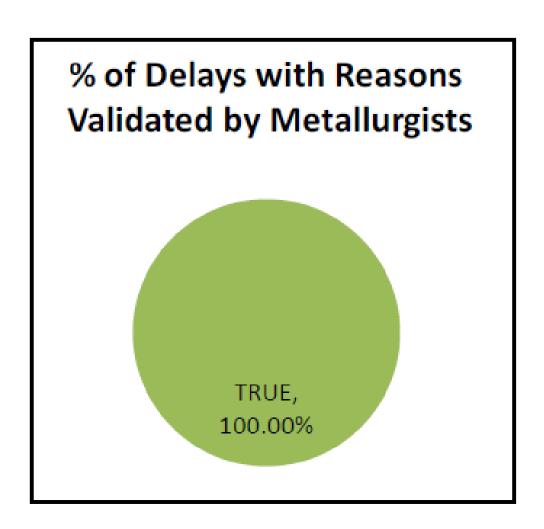
- Solution:
  - Weak referencing in PI AF used to create 'shortcuts'
  - 2 clicks to common reasons
  - Full path still maintained





## **Validation & Analysis**

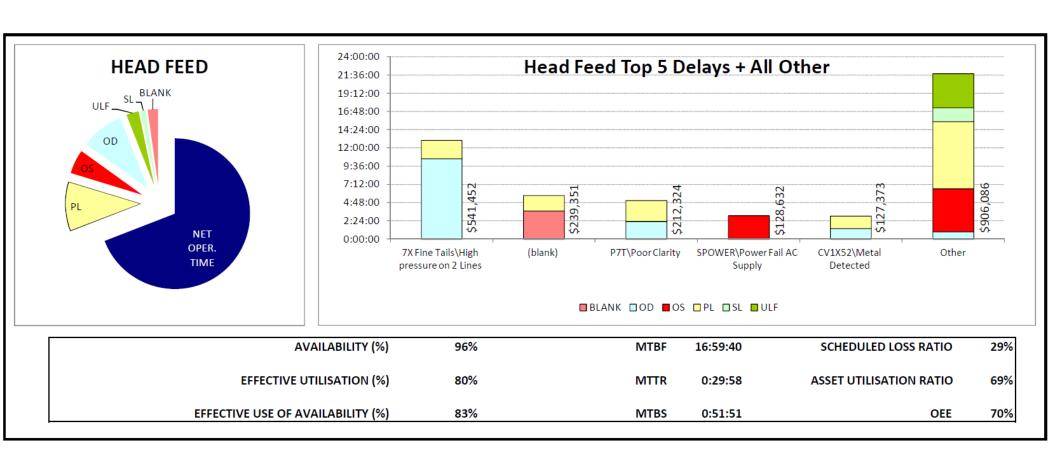
- Daily by Metallurgists
  - Essential part of system, promotes high quality data
  - Investigate & fill blanks
  - Reclassify vague reasons



## RtDuet - Reporting

- Excel-based reporting
  - Developed in-house using RtDuet Web Service
  - VBA automation to refresh, print & email
- Future Plans
  - Standardised & customisable reports
  - MS-SQL, Excel-to-HTML
  - Increase accessibility to non-metallurgy staff

## RtDuet - Reporting



#### **RtDuet Customers**















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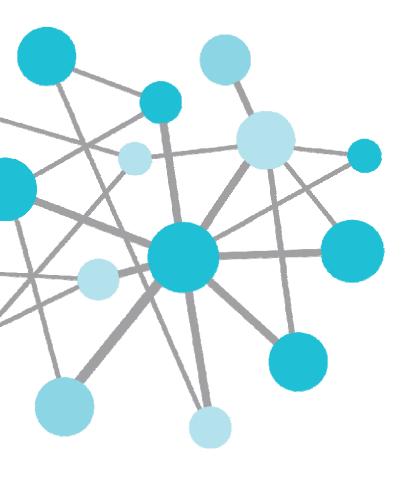
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