

# **Sterling Pharma Solutions**

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#### **Introductions**



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#### What Do We Manufacture?



- API Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients.
- Intermediate Pharmaceuticals.
- Human and Animal Medicines

### **Dudley History**





Strong Pharma and Technology heritage coupled with 45 years experience of Contract Research, Development & Manufacturing

### **Dudley Overview**



- 42 Acre site
- Process Research & Development Laboratories
- Scale Up Laboratory Facilities
- Highly flexible Pilot Plant
- 3 Major Production Facilities D1, D1.5 & D2
- 450 m³ cGMP reactor capacity \( \)
- Commercial Biological Waste Water Treatment Facility



### **Dudley Manufacturing Overview**

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- Broad range of intermediate (22) and API trains (6)
- 300 3000 gallon scale
- Range of pressure filters, centrifuges and blender driers
- USP Purified water system and Cleanroom facilities for API offload
- Cryogenic capability (-90°C)
- High temperature capability (+260°C)
- High vacuum WFE / SPE unit; fractionating unit –30 theoretical plates
- Range of milling facilities in cleanroom environment
- Extensive range of capabilities including Fluorination, Hydroxylamine handling, Organometalic, Friedel Craft and Carbonylation capability
- Bulk Br<sub>2</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, Ethylene Oxide, Propylene Oxide









All operations to cGMP

#### **Batch Production**



- Varied Production Campaigns
- Equipment Streams
- Rapid and Varied Plant Change over
- Production Schedule Adherence

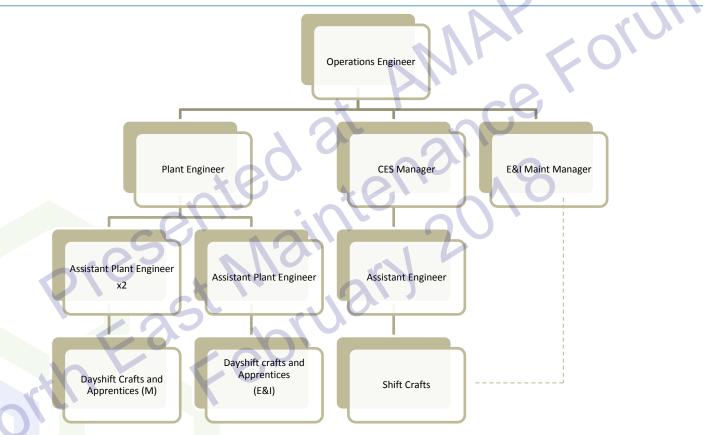
# **Maintenance Challenges**





# **Operations Engineering**





### What Type of Equipment Do we Maintain?



- Glass lined reactors
- Steel/Hastelloy Reactor vessels
- Filter Dryers
- Centrifuges
- Pumps
- Vac pumps
- Mills
- Ovens
- Clean roons
- Ventilation
- Reverse osmosis

- Boilers and steam systems
- Biological Treatment plant
- Lab equipment
- Fire and safety systems
- N2 plant and system
- Bulk Solvents







#### What Governs our Maintenance?



- Safety
- COMAH Top Tier Site
- Quality cGMP
- Compliance (PSSR, SIL/SIS, cGMP, Legionella)
- Production/ production schedule adherence

# **Challenges**



- Loss of experience (Retirement)
- New Management team
- Ageing plant
- Ageing workforce.
- Inexperienced Work Force
- New products
- Major Projects
- Expansion

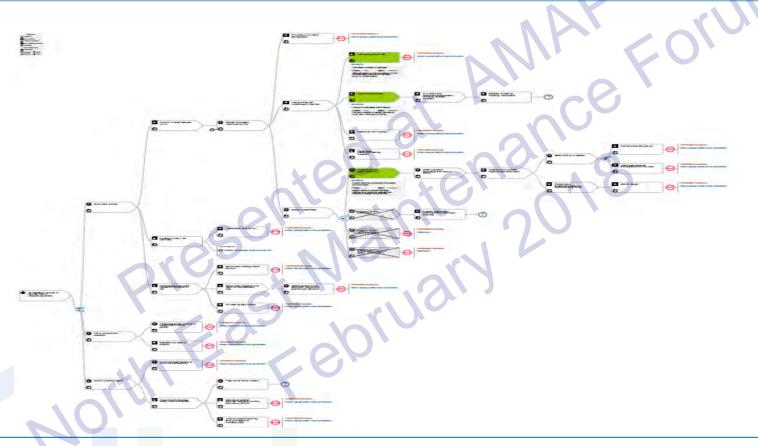
#### **Reactive to Proactive**



- Planned Preventative Maintenance
- Condition Monitoring VA, Inspection, Thermography
- Root Cause Analysis Treat the cause not the symptom

# **Example RCA Cause and effect chart**





# **Changing Attitude and Behaviour**

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- "But we have always done it this way !!"
- "I just want to fix stuff!!"
- Don't run before you can walk.



#### **NEMF**



- Here to learn and share
- What are other industries doing?



Thank you for listening

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