



# What are construction measurement standards?

- Construction measurement standards refer to the way construction costs are calculated, classified, analysed and presented.
- What is included in the 'construction cost' and what is not?
- Not about the units or quantities of measurement or SMM but instead the 'line items' in the calculation of construction cost such as labour, land purchase, design, materials and client costs.



# Why are they important?

# Knowing what is, and what is not included in the construction cost of a project is vital to:

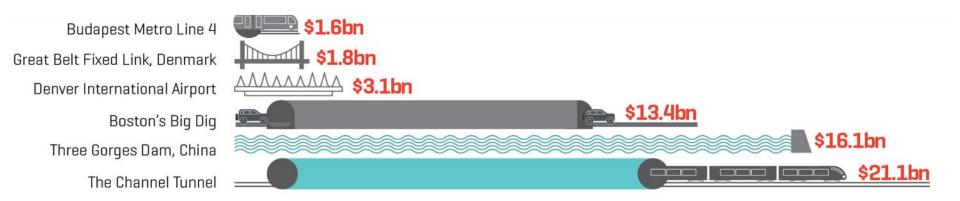
- Understanding how it compares with other projects within or outside that market
- Accurately assessing value-for-money
- Assessing and benchmarking project construction cost
- Reporting national and international statistics on construction output



# Why are they important?

#### **Budget Busters**

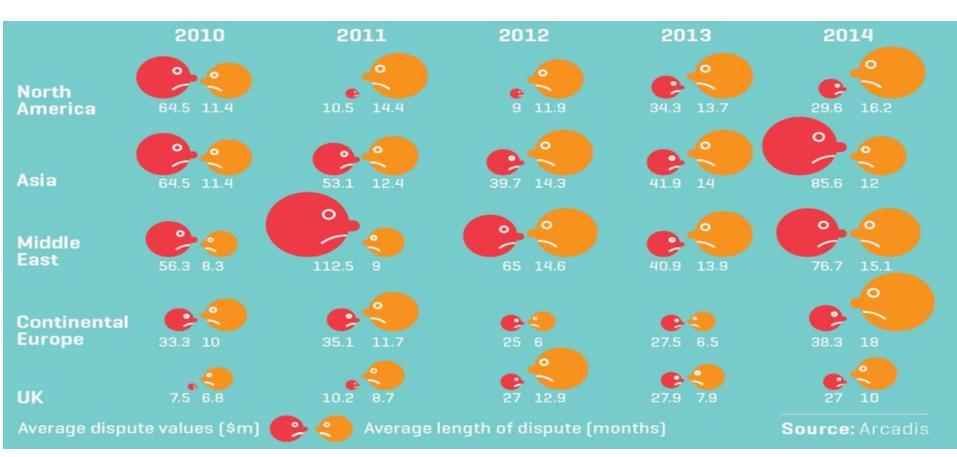
The most over-budget infrastructure construction projects in the world....





# Why are they important?

Average length and cost of construction projects disputes by region....





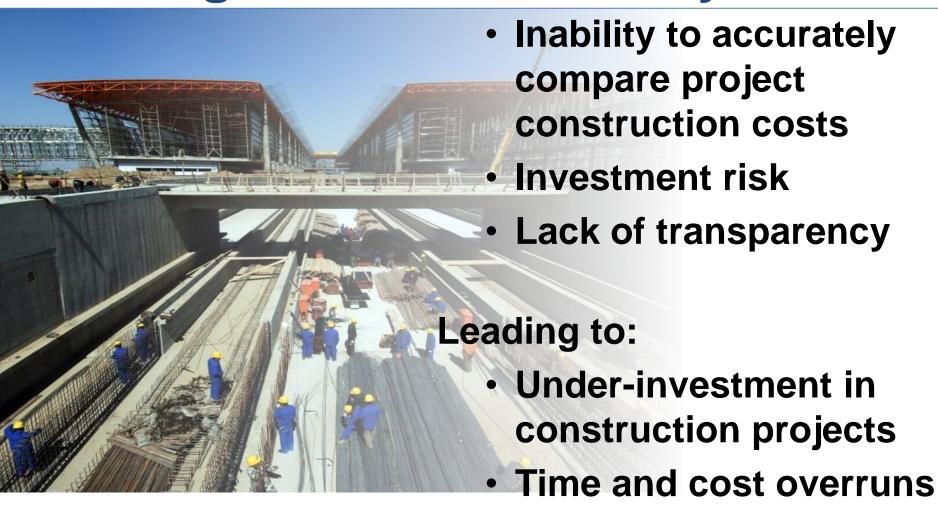
# How are they used today?

- The standards used today differ within countries and from one jurisdiction to the next.
- Depending on where the project is located the costs might include some or all of the following elements:
  - Labour and materials
  - Land acquisition
  - Professional Fees
  - Client costs





# What are the implications of global inconsistency?





## What are the aims of ICMS?

- Construction cost to be consistently and transparently benchmarked;
- The causes of difference in costs between projects can be identified;
- Properly informed decisions on the design and location of construction projects to be made; and
- Data to be used with confidence for project financing & investment, programme and decision-making and related purposes





## Who will benefit from ICMS?





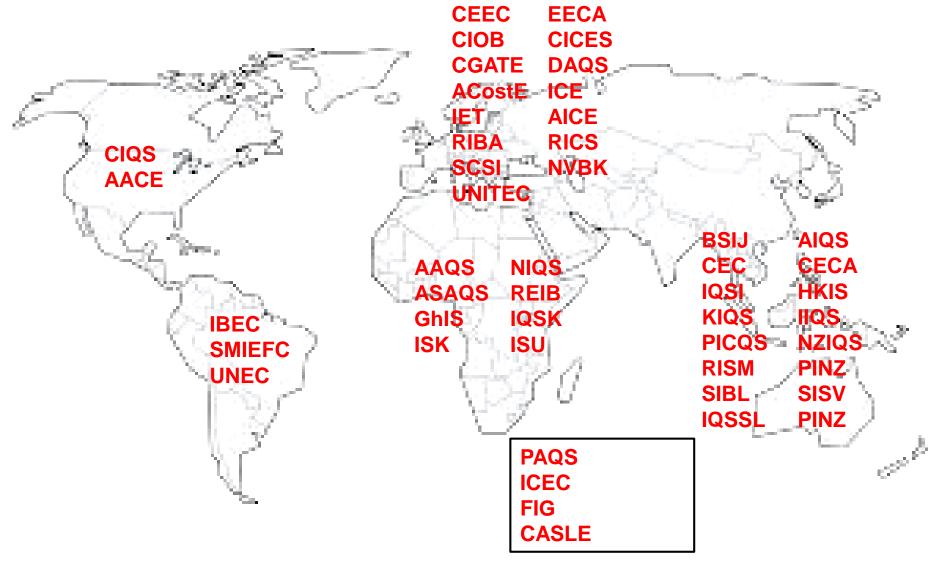
# Who is developing ICMS?

- Developed by a coalition of professional bodies from around the world.
- Coalition established during a meeting at the IMF, Washington D.C. in June 2015.
- Currently 44 Professional organisations worldwide have signed the Declaration and committed to develop and implement the standard.





## **ICMS COALITION**



### **ICMS Governance Structure**

#### **ICMS COALITION TRUSTEE**

- Custodian
- Appoint SSC
- Promotion & Communication
- Promote application of ICMS

#### **STANDARD SETTING COMMITTEE**

- Independence
- Developing & setting standard
- Receive & collate feedbacks

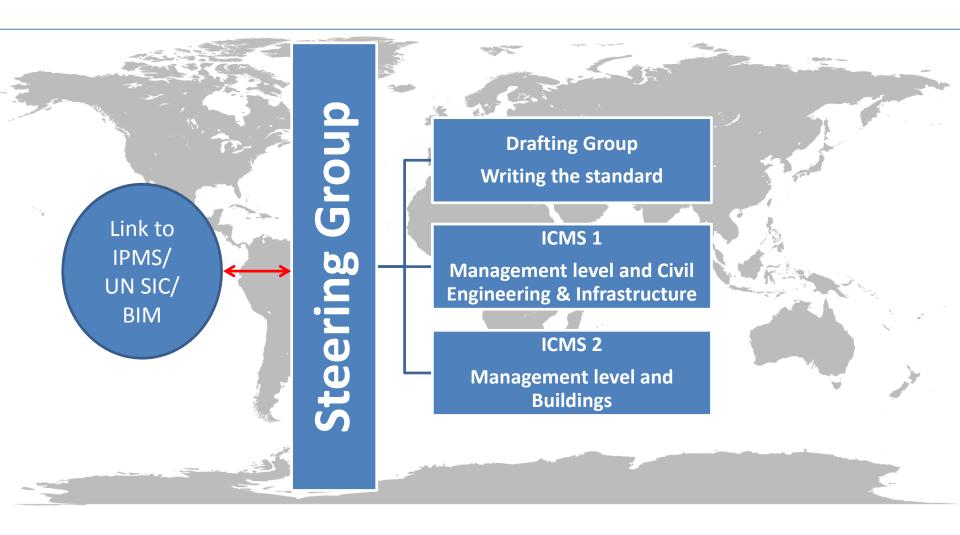
# The Standard Setting Committee

- An independent Standards Setting Committee (SSC) has been established to draft the ICMS.
- The SSC is comprised, in total, of 27 (23) experts from around the world.
- A public consultation on the ICMS
   will run before the SSC ratifies and
   hands over the final standard to the Coalition for publication.





# How have we organised ourselves?





- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Private consultation draft completed and circulated to family and friends of ICMS coalition for comment at end August 2016
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> PUBLIC consultation completed and published in November 2016
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> PUBLIC consultation completed and published in March 2017







SSC meeting in London (Nov 2016)





**ICMS Coalition Trustee (London Nov 2016)** 





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Launch of 1<sup>st</sup> Draft for Public Consultation (London Nov 2016)



## What are the timeframes?

 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Consultation draft out on 13/3/2017

 Deadline for comments on 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Consultation Draft – 1 May 2017

 Publication of the standard: July 2017



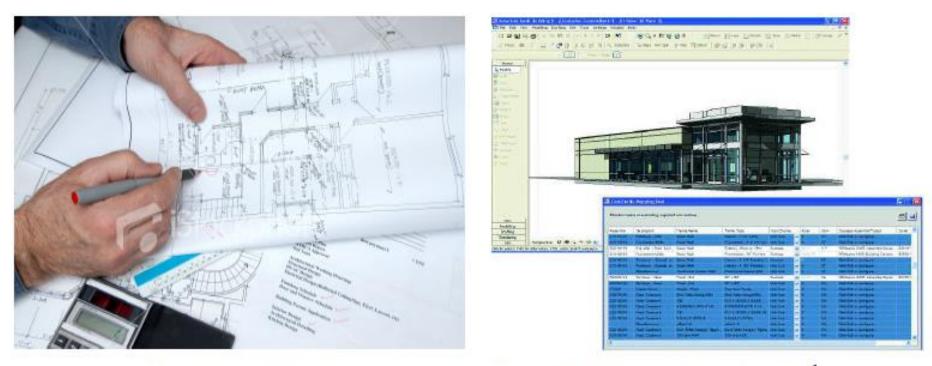


Figure 1: Traditional cost estimating take-off vs. BIM-based quantification 1

- Cost estimation for building projects traditionally starts with quantification — a time-intensive process of tallying components from printed drawing sets, or more recently - CAD drawings.
- From these quantities, estimators utilize methods from spreadsheets to costing applications to produce the project cost estimate.
- This process is prone to human error and tends to propagate inaccuracies that creep into the tallies.
- Currently, quantification is also time-consuming it can require 50% to 80% of a cost estimator's time on a project.

- BIM offers the capability to generate takeoffs, counts and measurements directly from a model.
- This provides a process where information stays consistent throughout the project and changes can be readily accommodated.
- BIM supports the full project lifecycle and offers the capability to integrate costing efforts throughout all project phases.
- The information in a model and type of cost estimate needed depends on the phase of the project – ranging from high level schematic models during preliminary phases, to detailed estimates as projects enter construction.

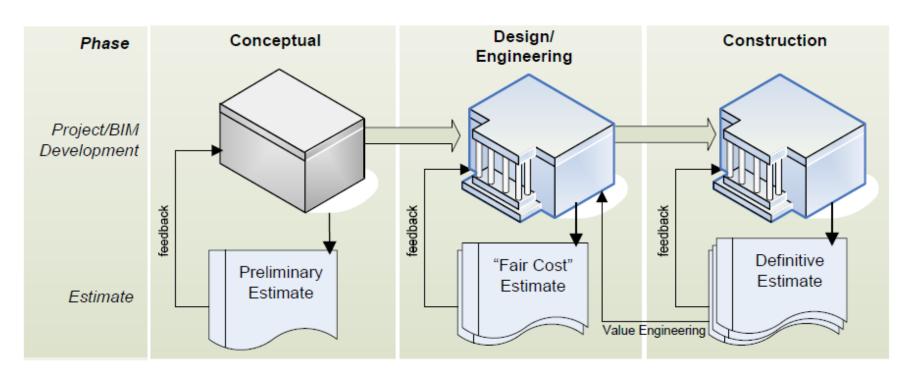


Figure 2: Project and Cost Estimating Process

- A prerequisite to the success of cost estimating will be consistent definitions and data formats for building objects and assemblies.
- The capability of BIM platforms to perform automated quantification of items, areas and volumes of building elements does not produce a cost estimate.
- Application of BIM in cost estimating is a broader process than mere automated measurements.

#### CHALLENGES OF BIM BASED ESTIMATING

- Substandard BIM models and inadequate information.
- Frequently, BIM models do not exactly tally the needs of the quantity surveyors in terms of quality and information.
- This creates difficulties for the quantity surveyors in managing and searching for the required information within the model for the development of cost estimates.

#### CHALLENGES OF BIM BASED ESTIMATING

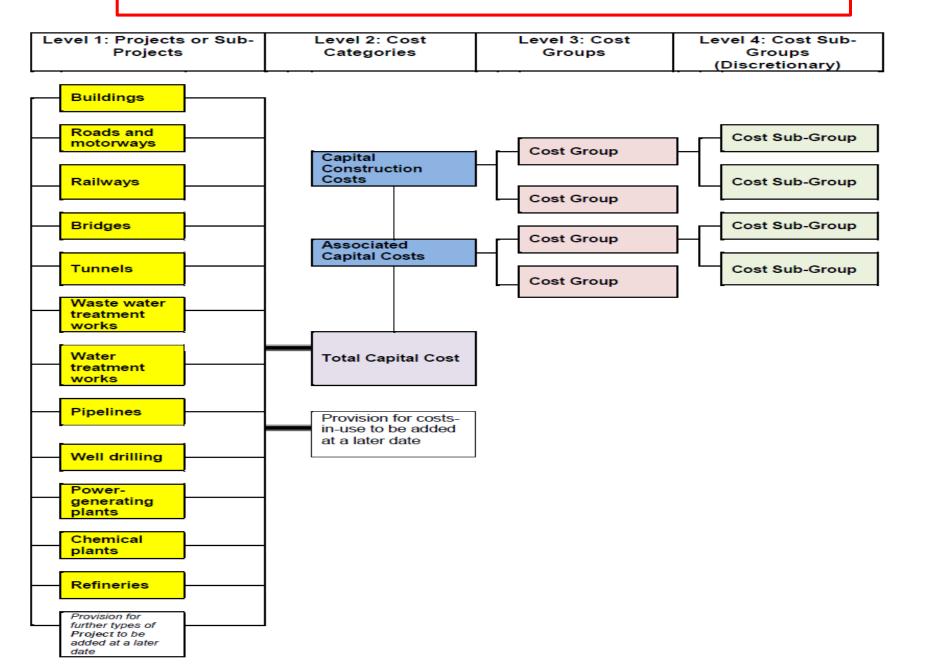
- Issues related to data exchange
- Many BIM estimating applications currently do not accommodate bidirectional data exchange.
- Most software enables only quantities within the model to be constantly transferred and updated during design changes, but not the cost information.

#### CHALLENGES OF BIM BASED ESTIMATING

- Lack of standardisation and inappropriate pricing format.
- BIM adopted currently is contended to be fragmented and there is no industry standard yet for the link between the model and cost estimating.
- This is where ICMS become absolutely necessary.

# ICMS FRAMEWORK

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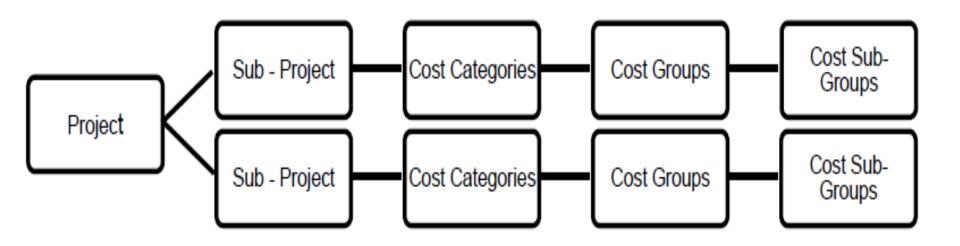


#### **ICMS FRAMEWORK**

- Level 1 Project or Sub-Project
- Level 2 Cost Category
- Level 3 Cost Group
- Level 4 Cost Sub-group (Discretionary)

Levels 1, 2 and 3 are mandatory

#### **ICMS HIERACHY**



# LEVEL 1 – PROJECT CATEGORIES

Project Categories	UN ISIC Code
1. Buildings	F4100
2. Roads and Motorways	F4210
3. Railways	F4210
4. Bridges	F4210
5. Tunnels	F4210
6. Waste Water Treatment Works	F4220
7. Water Treatment Works	F4220
8. Pipelines	F4220
9. Well Drilling	F4220
10. Power Generating Plants	F4290
11. Chemical Plants	F4290
12. Refineries	F4290

### **PROJECT ATTRIBUTES**

- Project Attributes are the principal characteristics of a project or sub-project relating to time, cost, scope of works, design, quality, quantity, procurement, location and other contextual features that might impact its cost.
- Project Values are the standard set of descriptors and/or measurements for each of the Project Attributes
- Details given in Schedule 1

## PROJECT ATTRIBUTES & VALUES

Attributes	Values	
Common		
(for all Project Categories)		
Report		
Status of cost report	pre-construction forecast   mixture of actual and forecast during construction   actual costs	
	after construction	
Date of cost report	month   revision number	
Brief description of the project	client   function   scope	
Location and country	country code (e.g. CN )   address of building site(s)   start and end locations for civil engineering works	
Price level		
Currency	currency code (e.g. USD)	
Exchange rates	rate used to convert from actual cost   payment currencies to the reported currency at the cost base date	
Cost base date	month   revision number	
Programme		
Project status	concept & initiation phase   design phase   construction & commissioning phase   complete	
Construction period	date of start of demolition and site preparation to completion of commissioning in months	
Site		
Existing site status	greenfield   brownfield;	
	urban   rural   agricultural	
Site topography	principally flat   principally hilly   mixed   mountainous	
Ground conditions	soft   rocky   reclaimed	
Procurement		
Funding	private   public   public and private in partnership	
Project delivery	conventional bills of quantities   design bid build   design and build (turnkey)   build operate	
	and transfer   management contracting   construction management   others stated	

# **PROJECT CATEGORIES & VALUES - Building**

Buildings		
(A construction with a cover and enclosure to house people, equipment or goods for persistent daily use.)		
Code		
UN ISIC code	F4100	
Local functional code (if	name of local classification standard;	
relevant)	code number	
Works		
Functional type	<ul> <li>residential   office   commercial   shopping centre   industrial   hotel   carpark   warehouse   educational   hospital   airport terminal   railway station   ferry terminal   mix of the foregoing;</li> <li>new building   refurbishment, renovation, retrofit, revitalisation   restoration</li> </ul>	
Grade	ordinary quality   medium quality   high quality (the qualitative description must be read in conjunction with the location.)	
Environmental grade	grade of environmental certification	
Principal design features	<ul> <li>Structural (predominant) – timber   concrete   steel   loadbearing masonry   others stated;</li> <li>External walls (predominant) – stone   brick/block   render/block   curtain walling   others stated;</li> <li>Environmental control – non air-conditioned; air-conditioning</li> </ul>	
Complexity	<ul> <li>Morphology (on plan) – circular, elliptical or similar   square, rectangular, or similar   complex</li> <li>Design – simple   bespoke   innovative</li> <li>Method of working – sectional completion   out of hours working   confined working   others stated</li> </ul>	

#### **PROJECT CATEGORIES & VALUES - Building**

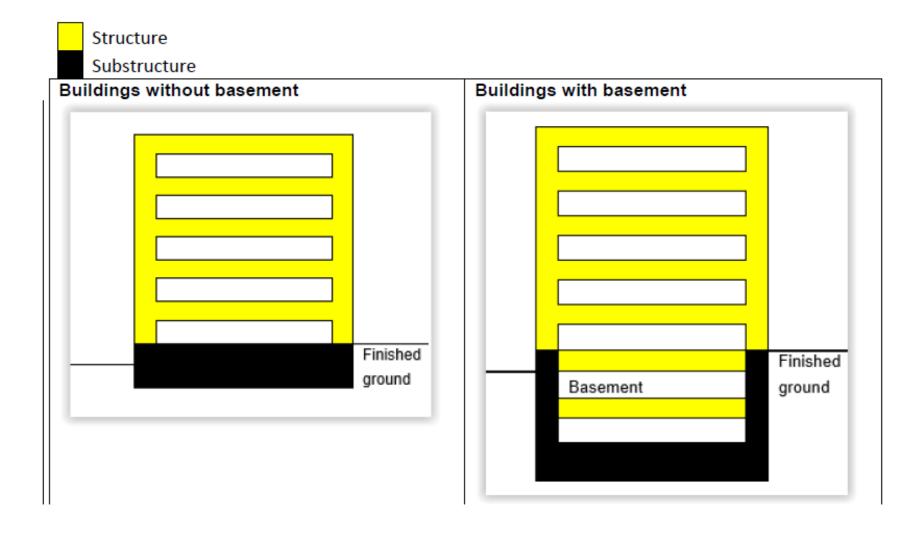
Design life	years
Altitude	average height of site above or below sea level (m   ft)
Dimensions	overall length x width x height of each building (m   ft)
Storey above ground (qualitative)	house   low rise   medium rise   high rise (the qualitative description must be read in conjunction with the location.)
Storey above ground (quantitative)	specific number   0 - 3   4 - 7   8 - 20   20 - 30   30 - 50   over 50
Storey below ground	specific number
Project Quantities	
Site area	site area within lot boundary of building site, excluding temporary working areas outside the site (m <sup>2</sup>   ft <sup>2</sup> )
Gross external floor area as IPMS 1	m <sup>2</sup>   ft <sup>2</sup>
Gross internal floor area as IPMS 2	m <sup>2</sup>   ft <sup>2</sup>
Functional units	occupancy   number of bedrooms   number of hospital beds   number of hotel rooms   number of car parking spaces   number of classrooms   number of students   number of passengers   number of boarding gates   others stated

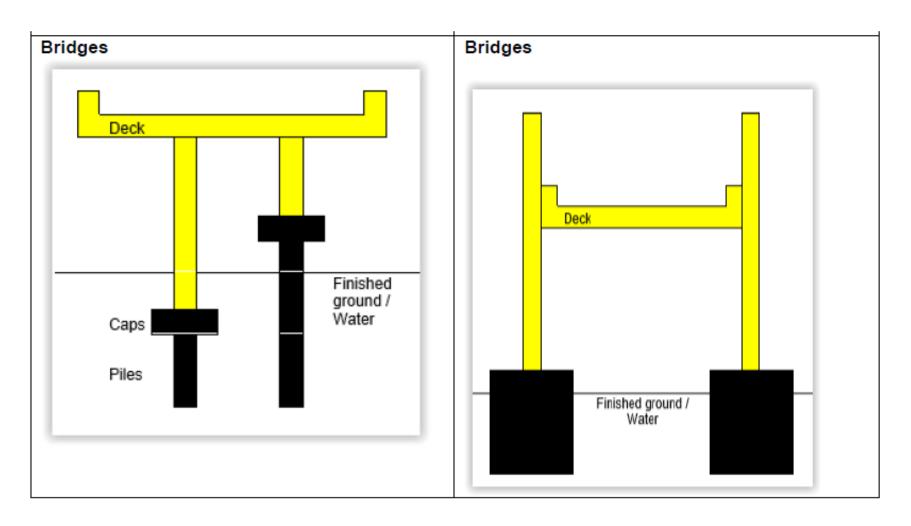
#### **PROJECT CATEGORIES & VALUES – Power Plant**

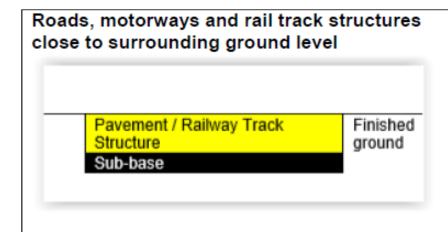
#### **Power Generating Plants**

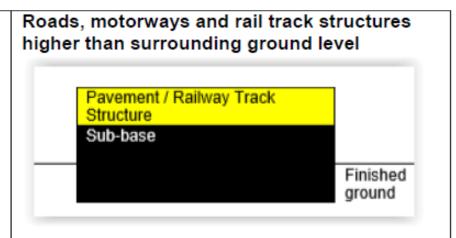
(A facility for the generation of electrical power through the process of but not limited to nuclear fission, wind-power, solar power, hydroelectric, geothermal, biomass, gas, coal, or oil).

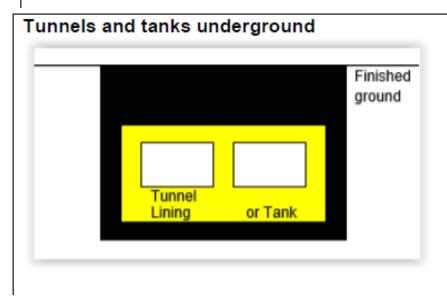
solar power, nydroelectric, geotherr	mai, biomass, gas, coai, or oii).
Code	
UN ISIC Code	F4290
Local functional code (if relevant)	name of local classification standard;
	code number
Works	
Functional type	nuclear   wind-power   solar power   hydroelectric   geothermal   biomass   gas
	coal   oil   others stated
Environmental grade	grade of environmental certification
Principal design features	generator containment material (concrete   steel   mixed   others stated);
	coolant (water   gas   others stated);
	heat exchanger   direct cycle;
	number and size of turbines (MW)
Complexity	cooling system (wind   water   mixed)
Design life	years
Altitude	average height of site above or below sea level (m   ft)
Dimensions	overall external diameter   length x width x height of each major structure (m   ft)
Project Quantities	
Site area	area of land covered by permanent works, excluding temporary working areas
	outside the site (hectares   acres)
Functional units	capacity (MW)

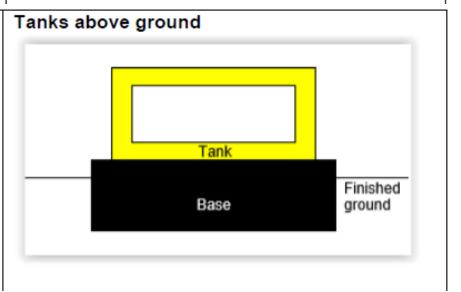




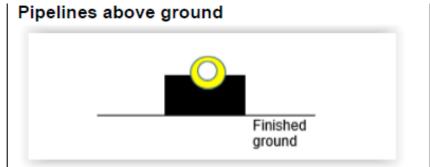


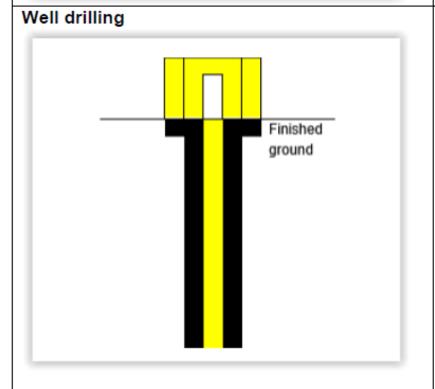






# Pipelines underground Base and surround Base and surround





Waste water treatment works, water treatment works, power-generation plants, chemical plants and refineries

Use the same principles as illustrated above.

#### **LEVEL 2 – COST CATEGORIES**

- Two main Project Capital Cost Categories:
  - □ Capital Construction Cost
  - ☐ Associated Capital Cost
- Total Project Cost is the sum total of capital construction cost and associated capital cost
- Cost-in-use or life-cycle cost are not included in the current standard, but it is anticipated that this will be covered in future editions of ICMS

#### **LEVEL 3 - COST GROUPS**

- These are breakdown of cost according to functional elements of the construction project
- They are major divisions of a Cost Category into small number of groups to enable easy estimation or extraction of cost date for highlevel comparison by design discipline or common purpose.

## COST CATEGORIES AND COST GROUPS – Capital Construction Cost

	Item	Description
		Cost Categories (Level 2)
		Cost Groups (Level 3)
0	0	Total Capital Cost (1 + 2)
1	1	Capital Construction Costs
	1.01	Demolition, site preparation and formation
		<ul> <li>Scope: All necessary advance or facilitating work to prepare, secure and form the site to enable substructure construction.</li> </ul>
	1.02	Substructure  Scope: All the load-bearing work underground or underwater up to and including the following, including related earthwork and lateral support beyond site formation:  for buildings: lowest floor slabs, and basement sides and bottom including related waterproofing and insulation  for roads and motorways: sub-base to pavements  for railways: sub-base to rail track structures  for bridges: pile caps, footings, bases nearest ground level or water level if constructed in water  for tunnels: external faces of structural tunnel linings  for tanks and the like underground: external faces of tanks  for pipelines underground: beds and surrounds to underground pipes  for pipelines above ground: bases to structures supporting pipes  for well drilling: bases to structures supporting well heads.

### COST CATEGORIES AND COST GROUPS – Capital Construction Cost

1.03	Structure  Scope: All the load-bearing work, excluding that included in Substructure.
1.04	Architectural works   Non-structural works     Scope: All architectural and non-load-bearing work excluding services, equipment and underground drainage.
1.05	<ul> <li>Services and equipment</li> <li>Scope: All fixed services and equipment required to put the completed project into use, whether they are mechanical, hydraulic, plumbing, fire-fighting, transport, communication, security, electrical or electronic, excluding external underground drainage.</li> </ul>
1.06	<ul> <li>Surface and underground drainage</li> <li>Scope: All external surface and underground drainage systems specifically serving the Constructed Asset.</li> </ul>
1.07	<ul> <li>External and ancillary works</li> <li>Scope: All work outside the external face of buildings or beyond the construction required to fulfil the primary function of the Project or Sub-Project, and not included in other Cost Groups.</li> </ul>

### COST CATEGORIES AND COST GROUPS – Capital Construction Cost

1.08	Preliminaries   Constructor's site overheads   general requirements
	<ul> <li>Scope: Constructor's site management, temporary site facilities, site</li> </ul>
	services, and expenses, not directly related to a particular Cost Group, but
	commonly required to be shared by all Cost Groups.
1.09	Capital Costs Risk Allowances
	<ul> <li>Scope: Those as defined but related to Capital Construction Costs and not</li> </ul>
	included in other Cost Groups.
1.11	Taxes and Levies
	Scope: As defined.

### COST CATEGORIES AND COST GROUPS – Associated Capital Cost

2	Associated Capital Costs
2.01	Site acquisition  Scope: All payments required to acquire the site, excluding physical construction.
2.02	Construction-related consultants and supervision     Scope: Fees and charges payable to Service Providers not engaged by the Constructors.
2.03	<ul> <li>Work and utilities outside site</li> <li>Scope: All payments to government authorities or public utility companies to connect public work and utilities to the site, or services diversions, to enable the Project or Sub-Project.</li> </ul>
2.04	<ul> <li>Loose furniture, fittings and equipment</li> <li>Scope: Provided for the Constructed Asset to perform its function close to or after completion.</li> </ul>

### LEVEL 4 - COST SUB-GROUPS (Discretionary)

- They are sub-division of cost under a Cost
  Group according to their functions or common
  purposes irrespective of their design,
  specification, materials or construction to
  enable the costs of alternatives serving the
  same function or common purpose to be
  compared, evaluated and selected.
- Level 4 data are not mandatory and discretion is allowed in the contents at this level.
- However some guidance is given in the Appendices to the Standard.

### EXAMPLES OF COST SUB-GROUPS – Buildings 1/13

Item	Description	Note
	Cost Category (Level 2)	
	Cost Group (Level 3)	
	Cost Sub-Group (Level 4)	
1	Capital Construction Costs	
1.01	Demolition, site preparation and formation	
1.01.010	Site survey and investigation	
1.01.020	Environmental treatment	
1.01.030	Sampling for construction, geophysical, geological or similar purposes	
1.01.040	Temporary fencing	
1.01.050	Demolition of existing buildings and support to adjacent structures	
1.01.060	Site surface clearance (clearing, grubbing, topsoil stripping, tree felling, minor	
	earthwork, removal)	
1.01.070	Tree transplant	
1.01.080	Site formation and slope treatment	
1.01.090	Temporary surface drainage and dewatering	
1.01.100	Temporary protection, diversion and relocation of public utilities	

### **EXAMPLES OF COST SUB-GROUPS – Buildings**2/13

1.02	Substructure	
1.02.010	Foundation piling and underpinning:	
	010 - mobilisation and demobilisation	
	020 - trial piles and caisson 030 - permanent piles and caisson	
	040 - pile and caisson testing	
	050 - underpinning	
1.02.020	Foundations up to top of lowest floor slabs:	
	010 - excavation and disposal	
	020 - lateral supports	
	030 - raft footings, pile caps, column bases, wall footings, strap beams, tie	
	beams	
	040 - substructure walls and columns	
	050 - lowest floor slabs and beams (excluding basement bottom slabs) 060 - lift pits	
1.02.030	Basement sides and bottom:	
1.02.000	010 - excavation and disposal	
	020 - lateral supports	
	030 - bottom slabs and blinding	
	040 - sides	
	050 - vertical waterproof tanking, drainage blanket, drains and skin wall	
	060 - horizontal waterproof tanking, drainage blanket, drains and topping slab	
	070 - insulation	
	080 - lift pits, sump pits, sleeves	

### **EXAMPLES OF COST SUB-GROUPS – Buildings**3/13

1.03	Structure	
1.03.010	Structural removal and alterations	
1.03.020	Basement suspended floors (up to top of ground floor slabs):	
	010 - walls and columns	
	020 - beams and slabs	
	030 - staircases	
1.03.030	Frames and slabs (above top of ground floor slabs):	
	010 - structural walls and columns	
	020 - upper floor beams and slabs	
	030 - roof beams and slabs	
	040 - staircases	
4 00 040	050 - fireproofing to steel structure	
1.03.040	Tanks, pools, sundries	
1.04	Architectural works   Non-structural works	
1.04.010	Non-structural removal and alterations	
1.04.020	External elevations:	
	010 - non-structural external walls and features	
	020 - external wall finishes except cladding	
	030 - facade cladding and curtain walls	
	040 - external windows	
	050 - external doors	
	060 - external shop fronts	
	070 - roller shutters and fire shutters	

### **EXAMPLES OF COST SUB-GROUPS – Buildings**4/13

1.04.030	Roof finishes, skylights and landscaping (including waterproofing and insulation):	
	010 - roof finishes	
	020 - skylights	
	030 - other roof features	
	040 - roof landscaping (hard and soft)	
1.04.040	Internal divisions:	
	010 - non-structural internal walls and partitions	
	020 - shop fronts	
	030 - toilet cubicles	
	040 - moveable partitions	
	050 - cold rooms	
	060 - internal doors	
	070 - internal windows	
	080 - roller shutters and fire shutters	
ļ	090 - sundry concrete work	
1.04.050	Fittings and sundries:	
	010 - balustrades, railings and handrails	
	020 - staircases and catwalk not forming part of the structure, cat ladders	
	030 - cabinets, cupboards, shelves, counters, benches, notice boards,	
	blackboards	
	040 - exit signs, directory signs	
	050 - window and door dressings	
	060 - decorative features	
	070 - interior landscaping	
	080 - access panels, fire service cabinets	
	090 - sundries	

### **EXAMPLES OF COST SUB-GROUPS – Buildings**5/13

1.04.060	Finishes under cover:	
	010 - floor finishes (internal and external)	
	020 - internal wall finishes and cladding	
	030 - ceiling finishes and false ceilings (internal or external)	
1.04.070	Builder's work in connection with services:	
	010 - plinth, bases	
	020 - fire-proofing enclosure	
	030 - hoisting beams, lift pit separation screens	
	040 - suspended manholes	
	050 - cable trenches, trench covers	
	060 - sleeves, openings and the like not allowed for in "Fittings and sundries"	
1.05	Services and equipment	
1.05.010	Heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems/air conditioners:	
	010 - seawater system	
	020 - cooling water system	
	030 - chilled water system	
	040 - heating water system	
	050 - steam and condensate system	
	060 - fuel oil system	
	070 - water treatment	
	080 - air handling and distribution system	
	090 - condensate drain system	
	100 - unitary air-conditioning system	
	110 - mechanical ventilation system	

### **EXAMPLES OF COST SUB-GROUPS – Buildings**6/13

	120 - kitchen ventilation system 130 - fume-extraction system 140 - anaesthetic gas-extraction system 150 - window and split-type air conditioners 160 - air-curtains 170 - fans 180 - related electrical and control systems 190 - submissions, testing and commissioning	
1.05.020	Electrical services: 010 - high-voltage transformers and switchboards	
	020 - incoming mains, low-voltage transformers and switchboards	
	030 - mains and submains	
	040 - standby system	
	050 - lighting and power	
	060 - uninterrupted power supply	
	070 - electric underfloor heating	
	080 - local electrical heating units	
	090 - earthing/lightning protection and bonding	
1.05.020	100 - submissions, testing and commissioning	
1.05.030	Fitting out lighting fittings	

### **EXAMPLES OF COST SUB-GROUPS – Buildings**7/13

1.05.040	Extra low voltage electrical services:	
	010 - communications	
	020 - staff paging/location	
	030 - public address system	
	040 - building automation	
	050 - security and alarm	
	060 - close circuit television	
	070 - communal aerial broadcast distribution and the like	
	080 - submissions, testing and commissioning	
1.05.050	Water supply and above ground drainage:	
	010 - cold water supply	
	020 - hot water supply	
	030 - flushing water supply	
	040 - grey water supply	
	050 - cleansing water supply	
	060 - irrigation water supply	
	070 - rainwater disposal	
	080 - soil and waste disposal	
	090 - planter drainage disposal	
	100 - kitchen drainage disposal	
	110 - related electrical and control systems	
	120 - submissions, testing and commissioning	

### **EXAMPLES OF COST SUB-GROUPS – Buildings**8/13

1.05.060	Supply of sanitary fittings	
1.05.070	Disposal systems:	
	010 - refuse	
	020 - laboratory waste	
	030 - industrial waste	
	040 - incinerator	
	050 - submissions, testing and commissioning	
1.05.080	Fire services:	
	010 - fire hydrant and hose reel system	
	020 - wet risers	
	030 - sprinkler system	
	040 - deluge system	
	050 - gaseous extinguishing system	
	060 - foam extinguishing system	
	070 - audio/visual advisory system	
	080 - automatic fire alarm and detection system	
	090 - portable hand-operated appliances	
	100 - related electrical and control systems	
	110 - submissions, testing and commissioning	

### **EXAMPLES OF COST SUB-GROUPS – Buildings**9/13

1.05.090	Gas services: 010 - coal gas 020 - natural gas 030 - liquid petroleum gas 040 - medical gas/laboratory gas 050 - industrial gas/compressed air/instrument air 060 - vacuum 070 - steam	
1.05.100	080 - submissions, testing and commissioning  Movement systems:  010 - lifts   elevators  020 - platform lifts  030 - escalators  040 - travellators   moving walkways  050 - conveyors  060 - submissions, testing and commissioning	

### **EXAMPLES OF COST SUB-GROUPS – Buildings 10/13**

1.05.110	Gondolas								
1.05.120	Turntables								
1.05.130	Generators and uninterruptible power supply								
1.05.140	Energy-saving features								
1.05.150	Sewage treatment								
1.05.160	Fountains, pools and filtration plant								
1.05.170	Powered building signage								
1.05.180	Kitchen equipment								
1.05.190	Cold room equipment								
1.05.200	poratory equipment								
1.05.210	edical equipment								
1.05.220	Hotel equipment								
1.05.230	Car park or entrances access control								
1.05.240	Domestic appliances								
1.05.250	Other specialist services								
1.05.260	Builder's profit and attendance on services								
1.06	Surface and underground drainage								
1.06.010	Surface water drainage								
1.06.020	Storm water drainage								
1.06.030	Foul water drainage								
1.06.040	Drainage disconnections and connections								
1.06.050	CCTV inspection of existing or new drains								

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1.07	External and ancillary works	
1.07.010	Permanent retaining structures	
1.07.020	Site enclosures and divisions	
1.07.030	Ancillary structures	
1.07.040	Roads and paving	
1.07.050	Landscaping (hard and soft)	
1.07.060	Fittings and equipment	
1.07.070	External services:	
	010 - water supply	
	020 - gas supply	
	030 - power supply	
	040 - communications supply	
	050 - external lighting	
	060 - utility disconnections and connections	

### **EXAMPLES OF COST SUB-GROUPS – Buildings**12/13

1.08	Preliminaries   Constructor's site overheads   general requirements	(j)
1.08.010	Construction management including site management staff and support labour	
1.08.020	Insurances and bonds	
1.08.030	Common construction plant	
1.08.040	Temporary access roads and storage areas	
1.08.050	Temporary facilities and services	
1.08.060	Submissions and reports	
1.08.070	Building information modelling (BIM)	
1.08.080	Traffic management and diversion	
1.08.090	Safety, health and environmental management	
1.08.100	Monitoring and recording	
1.08.110	Testing and commissioning	
1.08.120	As-built documentation	

### **EXAMPLES OF COST SUB-GROUPS – Buildings**13/13

1.09	Capital Costs Risk Allowances	(j),
		(k)
1.09.010	Design development allowance	(l)
1.09.020	Construction contingencies	(m)
1.09.030	Price level adjustments:	(n)
	010 - until tendering	
	020 - during construction	
1.09.040	Exchange rate fluctuation adjustments	
1.10	Taxes and Levies	(j)
1.10.010	Paid by the Constructor	
1.10.020	Paid by the Client in relation to the construction contract payments	

## **EXAMPLES OF COST SUB-GROUPS**- Civil Works

Item	Description	Roads and motorways	Railways	Bridges	Tunnels	Waste water treatment works	Water treatment works	Pipelines	Well drilling	Power generating plants	Chemical plants	Refineries	Note
	Cost Category (Level 2)												
	Cost Group (Level 3)												
	Cost Sub-Group (Level 4)												
1	Capital Construction Costs												
1.01	Demolition, site preparation and formation												
1.01.010	Site survey and investigation	0	<b>©</b>	•	O	0	O	0	O	•	O		
1.01.020	Environmental treatment	O	Ö		0	O	O	O	O		O	0	
1.01.030	Sampling for construction, geophysical, geological or similar purposes	•	<b>©</b>	•	0	•	O	•	O	•	0	•	
1.01.040	Temporary fencing	O	O	0	O	O	O	O	O	0	O	0	

Item	Description	Roads and motorways	Railways	Bridges	Tunnels	Waste water treatment works	Water treatment works	Pipelines	Well drilling	Power generating plants	Chemical plants	Refineries	Note
1.01.050	Demolition of existing	_	_			_	_	_		_			
	structures and support to adjacent structures	•	0	<b>O</b>	0	0	0	•	0		0	0	
1.01.060	Site surface clearance (clearing, grubbing, topsoil stripping, tree felling, minor earthwork, removal)	•	<b>©</b>	•	0	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
1.01.070	Tree transplant	O	O	0	O	O	O	O	O	0	O	0	
1.01.080	General site formation and	Ö	O	0	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	
4 04 000	slope treatment												
1.01.090	Temporary surface drainage and dewatering	O	O	<b>O</b>	O	O	O	O	O	<b>O</b>	0	0	

Item	Description	Roads and motorways	Railways	Bridges	Tunnels	Waste water treatment works	Water treatment works	Pipelines	Well drilling	Power generating plants	Chemical plants	Refineries	Note
1.01.100	Temporary access roads and storage areas (provided under an advance contract)	•	<b>©</b>		•	•	<b>©</b>	•	•	•	•	•	
1.01.110	Temporary protection, diversion and relocation of public utilities	0	0	0	0	•	O	0	O	0	0	•	

Item	Description	Roads and motorways	Railways	Bridges	Tunnels	Waste water treatment works	Water treatment works	Pipelines	Well drilling	Power generating plants	Chemical plants	Refineries	Note
1.02	Substructure												
1.02.010	Embankments/cuttings	0	0	<b>O</b>	0								
1.02.020	Excavation, disposal and lateral supports (specifically to receive any substructure construction but excluding general site formation and slope treatment)	•	O	•	0	•	O	•	O	•	<b>©</b>	•	
1.02.030	Trenching	O	O	0	O	O	O	O	O	0	O	0	
1.02.040	Drilling/boring				O			O	O				

Item	Description	Roads and motorways	Railways	Bridges	Tunnels	Waste water treatment works	Water treatment works	Pipelines	Well drilling	Power generating plants	Chemical plants	Refineries	Note
1.02.050	Piling/anchoring	0	O	0		0	O			0	0	O	
1.02.060	Structural backfill/ground remediation	<b>©</b>	O	0	0	0	O	•	0	<b>O</b>	0	<b>(</b>	
1.02.070	Earth-retaining structures	0	0	0	0								
1.02.080	Abutments/wing walls	0	O	0									
1.02.090	Pile caps/footings/bases (nearest to the ground level or water level if constructed in water)	•	<b>©</b>	•	0		<b>©</b>	•	•	•	•	•	

Item	Description	Roads and motorways	Railways	Bridges	Tunnels	Waste water treatment works	Water treatment works	Pipelines	Well drilling	Power generating plants	Chemical plants	Refineries	Note
1.02.100	Sub-base to pavements and rail track structures	O	O										
1.02.110	Bases to supports for tanks, pipes, well heads and the like					•	<b>©</b>	•	•		O	•	
1.02.120	Beds and surrounds to underground pipes					0	0	0	O	0	0	0	
1.02.130	Bearings			0									

Item	Description	Roads and motorways	Railways	Bridges	Tunnels	Waste water treatment works	Water treatment works	Pipelines	Well drilling	Power generating plants	Chemical plants	Refineries	Note
1.03	Structure												
1.03.010	Piers and towers			<b>O</b>									
1.03.020	Suspension system			<b>O</b>									
1.03.030	Decks												
1.03.040	Tunnel lining				0								
1.03.050	Road/track base	O	O	<b>O</b>	O								
1.03.060	Pavement	O	O		O								
1.03.070	Service roads and approaches	•	•	•	0								
1.03.080	Parapets/edge treatment	O	O	0	O								

Item	Description	Roads and motorways	Railways	Bridges	Tunnels	Waste water treatment works	Water treatment works	Pipelines	Well drilling	Power generating plants	Chemical plants	Refineries	Note
1.03.090	Main structures					O	O	O	O	0	O	O	
1.03.100	Tanks, rigs, storage containers and the like					0	0	0	O	•	0	0	
1.03.110	Supports for tanks, pipes and the like						0	<b>O</b>	0	•	O		
1.03.120	Civil pipework					0	O	O	O		O	0	
1.03.130	Valves and fittings					O	O	0	0		0	O	

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1.04	Non-structural works												
1.04.010	Non-structural removal and alterations	<b>(</b>	0		0	0	0		0		0	•	
1.04.020	Non-structural construction					<b>©</b>	0	<b>©</b>	0	<b>(a)</b>	0	•	
1.04.030	Running surface	O	O	0	O								
1.04.040	Signage, markings and the like		0		0								
1.04.050	Gantries and the like	O	O	0	0								
1.04.060	Safety facilities	O	O	0	O	O	O	0	O	0	O	0	
1.04.070	Barriers/rails and means of access	•	Or) On	<b>O</b>	O	O	O	•	0	<b>O</b>	O	•	

Item	Description	Roads and motorways	Railways	Bridges	Tunnels	Waste water treatment works	Water treatment works	Pipelines	Well drilling	Power generating plants	Chemical plants	Refineries	Note
1.04.080	Special equipment and fittings	O	O	0	O	•	<b>©</b>	<b>©</b>	O	0	O	•	
1.04.090	Interior landscaping	0	O	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	O	0	
1.04.100	Builder's work in connection with services	O	O	0	0	0	<b>©</b>	•	O	0	0	•	
1.05	Services and equipment												
1.05.010	Mechanical systems	0	0	0	0	0	O	0	0	0	0	0	
1.05.020	Lighting systems	0	O	<b>O</b>	O	0	O	0	O	0	O	0	
1.05.030	Illuminations	0	O	<b>O</b>	Ö								

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1.05.040	Low-voltage power supply	0	O	0	O	0	0	0	O	0	O	0	
1.05.050	High-voltage power supply	0	0	0	0	O	Ō	O	O	0	0	0	
1.05.060	Cables/cable trays	0	O		0	0	0	<u> </u>	0	0	0	0	
1.05.070	Other electrical services	0	O	0	0	0	O	O	O	<b>O</b>	0	0	
1.05.080	Control systems and instrumentation	0	O	•	O	0	0		O	0	0	<b>©</b>	
1.05.090	Pipe racks/supports	0	O	0	0	O	O	O	O	0	O	0	
1.05.100	Water supply and above ground drainage	0	O	0	O	0	O			0	0	•	
1.05.110	Fire services	0	0	0	O	0	O			0	O	0	

Item	Description	Roads and motorways	Railways	Bridges	Tunnels	Waste water treatment works	Water treatment works	Pipelines	Well drilling	Power generating plants	Chemical plants	Refineries	Note
1.05.120	Movement systems: lifts/elevators/conveyors	O	O	0	O	<b>©</b>	O			0	0		
1.06	Surface and underground												
4.06.040	drainage	_	_		_	_							
1.06.010		0	O	<b>O</b>	O	O	O	O	O	0	O	0	
1.06.020		0	O	0	О	0	O	O	O	0	0	0	
1.06.030	Foul water drainage	0	0	0	0	0	O	O	0	0	0	0	
1.06.040	Pumping systems	0	O	0	0	0	O	0	O	<b>O</b>	0	0	
1.06.050	Drainage connections	0	O	0	0	0	0	0	O	0	0	0	

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1.07	External and ancillary works												
1.07.010	Site enclosures and divisions	0	0	0	0	•	O	0	0	<b>©</b>	0	0	
1.07.020	Ancillary structures	0	O	0	0	0	O	0	O	0	O	0	
1.07.030	Roads and paving (not amounting to a Sub- Project)	•	•	•	0	•	<u> </u>	•	0	•	<u> </u>	•	
1.07.040	Landscaping (hard and soft)	0	O	•	0	0	O	0	O	•	0		
1.07.050	Fittings and equipment	O	0	0	O	0	O	O	O	0	O	O	

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1.08	Preliminaries   Constructor's												
	site overheads   general requirements												(j)
1.08.010		•	<b>©</b>	•	O	•	0	•	O		0	•	
1.08.020	Insurances and bonds	O	O	0	0	O	O	O	O	0	O	0	
1.08.030	Common construction plant	•	O	0	O	<b>©</b>	0		O	0	0	•	

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1.08.040	Temporary access roads				_	_		,		,	1	,	
	and storage areas (at the Constructors' discretion)	0	O		O	٥	O		0		O	0	
1.08.050	Temporary facilities and services	•	•	•	O	•	0	<b>(a)</b>	0	•	0	0	
1.08.060	Submissions and reports	0	0	0	0	0	O	0	0	0	0	0	
1.08.070	Building information modelling (BIM)	•	0		O	•	0	<b>O</b>	0		•	•	
1.08.080	Traffic management and diversion	<b>(</b>	0		O	•	0	<b>O</b>	0		0	0	
1.08.090	Safety, health and environmental management	•	0	•	0	•	0	•	0		0	0	
1.08.100	Monitoring and recording	<b>(a)</b>	0	<b>O</b>	O	<b>O</b>	O	0	0	0	O	0	

Item	Description	Roads and motorways	Railways	Bridges	Tunnels	Waste water treatment works	Water treatment works	Pipelines	Well drilling	Power generating plants	Chemical plants	Refineries	Note
1.08.110	Testing and commissioning	<b>©</b>	O	•	0	•	O	<b>©</b>	0	0	0	•	
1.08.120	As-built documentation	0	О	0	О	0	0	0	О	0	O	0	
1.09	Risk Allowances												(j), (k)
1.09.010	Design development allowance	O	O	0	O	0	O	O	O	0	O	O	(1)
1.09.020	Construction contingencies	0	O	<b>O</b>	0	0	O	0	O	0	O	0	(m)
1.09.030	Price level adjustments 010 - until tendering 020 - during construction	•	0		0	•	O		•	•	O	•	(n)
1.09.040	Exchange rate fluctuation adjustments		0	See L	O	0	O	0	O	0	O	0	/9

Item	Description	Roads and motorways	Railways	Bridges	Tunnels	Waste water treatment works	Water treatment works	Pipelines	Well drilling	Power generating plants	Chemical plants	Refineries	Note
1.10	Taxes and Levies												(j)
1.10.010	Paid by the Constructors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1.10.020	Paid by the Client in												
	relation to the construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	contract payments												

Item	Description
	Cost Category (Level 2)
	Cost Group (Level 3)
	Cost Sub-Group (Level 4)
2	Associated Capital Costs
2.01	Site acquisition
2.01.010	Costs and premium required to procure site including additional cost and premium to be
	paid by foreign investors
2.01.020	Compensation to existing occupiers
2.01.030	Contributions to pay for the protection of heritage sites or to encourage development
2.01.040	Demolition, removal and modification of existing properties by way of payment to
	existing owners instead of carrying out physical work
2.01.050	Related fees to agents, lawyers, and the like
2.01.060	Related taxes and statutory charges

2.02	Construction-related consultants and supervision
2.02.010	Consultants' fees and reimbursable:
	010 - architects (architectural, landscape, interior design, technical, etc.)
	020 - engineers (geotechnical, civil, structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing,
	technical, etc.)
	030 - project managers
	040 - surveyors (quantity surveying, land surveying, building surveying, cost
	engineering, etc.)
	050 - specialist consultants (environmental, traffic, acoustic, facade, BIM, etc.)
	060 - value management studies
2.02.020	Charges and levies payable to statutory bodies or their appointed agencies (in
	connection with planning, design, tender and contract approvals, supervision and
	acceptance inspections)
2.02.030	Site supervision charges (including their accommodation and travels)
2.02.040	Payments to testing authorities or laboratories
2.03	Work and utilities outside site
2.03.010	Connections to, diversion of and capacity enhancement of public utility mains or sources
	outside site up to mains connections on site:
	010 - electricity
	020 - transformers
	030 - water
	040 - sewer
	050 - gas
	060 - telecommunications
2.03.020	Public access roads and footpaths

2.04	Loose furniture, fittings and equipment
2.04.010	Production, process, operating and loose furniture, furnishing and equipment not
	normally provided before completion of construction
2.05	Administrative, finance, legal and marketing expenses
2.05.010	Client's general office overheads
2.05.020	Client's project-specific administrative expenses:
	010 - in-house project management and design team
	020 - supporting project staff
	030 - project office venue, furniture and equipment if not included in Constructor's
	preliminaries   site overheads
	040 - stores and workshops
	050 - safety and insurances
	060 - staff training
	070 - accommodation and travelling expenses for in-house team and external parties
2.05.030	Interest and finance costs
2.05.040	Legal expenses
2.05.050	Accounting expenses
2.05.060	Sales, leasing, marketing, advertising and promotional expenses

2.05.070	Taxes and statutory charges related to sales and lease
2.05.080	Licence and permit charges for operation and use
2.06	Risk Allowances

Although the ICMS coding structure for reporting costs can not be directly associated with BIM elements, it is possible to define algorithms using the BIM metadata that can automatically produce BOQs and detailed estimates, in several global and local systems such as NRM2, POMI, CSI master format etc that in turn can be automatically mapped back to ICMS

- With the above approach is possible to benchmark models from various locations, by automatically producing localised estimates which then roll up to the same ICMS cost structure.
- There was some effort on behalf of the committee to enable and check the above process (BIM -> BOQ/Estimate -> ICMS Reporting) by making sure the standard is high level enough and does not impose geometrical restrictions that would restrict the flow.

- ICMS provides a common/ standardised approach on describing projects by providing a list of specific attributes in regards to project function, location, boundaries etc
- BIM can provide an automated approach on calculating and populating a few of the project attributes such as number of floors, GIFA, GEFA

The ICMS project attributes fields could also be enabled within BIM authoring systems to communicate and standardise the way project attributes and descriptions are reported and BIM data is produced and exchanged with other systems and systems used for benchmarking that could directly collect these information from BIM

- Special attention was given for the ICMS to be database friendly and enable the automated processing of big data, on which specialised software platforms can be built or Business Intelligence (BI) systems can be used on top of the data.
- ICMS supports multiple types of projects, provides a predefined set of fixed attributes how projects should be described and has a common high level coding structure on which multiple global cost coding structures and MMs can roll up through data mapping and queries.

- This fact makes the standard really attractive for companies, government bodies and professionals to build a unified database environment where they collect cost data, and which they can benchmark with third party data across the globe.
- Having a database scheme as described above based on ICMS together with BIM model storing in a unified environment, will enable the collection of very accurate and meaningful data that modern technology could process easily, despite its mass, to improve decision making.

# How will ICMS be adopted?

- The coalition members have signed the Declaration and committed to implement the ICMS once it is published.
- Many organisations will incorporate ICMS within existing standards and guidance. Some adjustments to existing local standards may be necessary.
- Governments and businesses will lead adoption of ICMS in the marketplace
- Funding agencies and institutions will require all future requirements to be assessed based on ICMS



# How can I get involved?

 Professional and standards-setting bodies are encouraged to join the coalition and to adopt ICMS.



Private firms, universities and ICMS Coalition Member Declaration Document governments will be invited and encouraged become voluntary Collectively, the group aims to create overarching international standards that will the collective of the standard standards that will the collective of the standards that will the standards the standards that will the standards that will the standards the st The ICMSC was founded at a meeting held at the IMF, Washington in 2015 and is a group of 'partners' and work with the coalitional solution of the coalition of the coality of the coalit to develop, raise awareness formation organisations have construction process. It will enable benchmarking All Coalition organisations have construction process. It will enable benchmarking half Coalition organisations have construction process. It will enable benchmarking half Coalition organisations have construction process. It will enable benchmarking half Coalition organisations have construction process. It will enable benchmarking half Coalition organisations have construction process. It will enable benchmarking half Coalition organisations have construction process. It will enable benchmarking half Coalition organisations have construction process. It will enable benchmarking half Coalition organisations have constructed and the construction process. It will enable benchmarking half Coalition organisations have constructed and the construction process. It will enable benchmarking half Coalition organisations have constructed and the construction process. It will enable benchmarking the construction process and the construction process. It will enable benchmarking the construction process and the construction process. It will enable benchmarking the construction process and the construction process. It will enable benchmarking the construction process and the construction process are constructed and the construction process. It will enable benchmarking the construction process are constructed and the construction process are cons All Coalition organisations have committed to implementing the new standard and many implement ICMS. commercial firms and governments are now expressing their intention to do so too.



It is important that industry underest



# International Construction Measurement Standards (ICMS) – Get Involved!

