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## Independent Health Checks

### *Introduction*

As an independent management consultancy specialising in the areas of IT and Operations management we are able to provide fast and effective evaluations of a variety of business activities. With in-depth experience in areas such as Business Continuity, Operations, Operational Risk and Programme Management we are able to identify the issues and risks, and to evaluate their effects.

Based upon our experience we have developed comprehensive, practical approaches to a number of management requirements. These approaches or methods allow us to offer a customisable structure to the assignments we undertake. Using these approaches, we have extracted high level health check questionnaires that enable us to identify the key areas that are likely to negatively impact success and make recommendations for improvement or resolution to the client.

The structure of JPSA Consulting enables us to use experienced consultants, calling on people with an average of over 15 years practical involvement in their disciplines.

Among the Health Checks offered we include:

*Business Continuity Management;  
Operational Risk, including Sarbanes Oxley and Basle II;  
Programme and Project Management.*

### *Approaches*

We have developed a number of full project lifecycles that address a variety of issues or business requirements. These approaches split into two categories.

#### **Programme and Project Management**

This approach provides a structured method to managing and monitoring the successful delivery of a projects goals, objectives, milestones and deliverables. Overseeing most of our assignments are these fundamental activities and tasks that ensure we achieve effective programme and project management. Included in this category we would also address the project sponsorship and transparency of progress that is necessary to gain full project engagement.

#### **Assignment lifecycles**

Over many years we have gained a wealth of experience from numerous business roles and assignments. These have addressed different types of projects, delivering systems development and strategy deployment, or business processes such as Business Continuity Management, Operational Risk Management, Reporting and Cost Management. In addition to the experience of these assignments, we have also benefited from our shared



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knowledge by developing lifecycles of activities and tasks that ensure we can consistently achieve high standards and results for both our clients and ourselves.

### ***Health Checks***

Our Health Checks are the starting point for many of our assignments. These high level questionnaires enable us to identify the key areas that are most likely to negatively impact the success of the project or activity. As a result of these health checks we are able to quickly identify an action plan to ensure that the assignment or project will proceed quickly and conclude successfully. These checks are often used to review projects that are overrunning or failing in some way. The checks help to identify improvements that will bring the project back on course and redefine the expectations for success.

Health Checks are designed to take between 2 and 10 days, using 1 or 2 consultants, depending on the size and scope of the project under evaluation. This ensures a tightly focused team can draw together high level conclusions and address the issues identified as quickly as possible.

Health Checks address the risk and impact aspects associated under a variety of the following headings:

***Management oversight and expectations***  
***Personnel risk***  
***Operational procedures***  
***Back office functions***  
***Systems***  
***Management Information***  
***Internal and External control structures***  
***Legal Compliance and Regulatory Risk***  
***Audit and Self Assessment Process***

### ***Conclusions***

JPSA Consulting Ltd has been in business since 1993. During that time we have developed a comprehensive list of approaches to business management issues. We are able to share that experience with our clients through consultancy advice, resource and training. Our Health Checks are designed to independently and quickly, review areas of either project or process based activity on behalf of senior management where they are looking for reassurance or clarity of their current situation.

***We look forward to the opportunity to discuss our Independent Health Checks with you.***

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