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creating easier schedules and cash flows, and more effective resource-planning, with benchmark's NEW resource-based export to microsoft project®

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## introduction

Benchmark Estimating Software is used to prepare fast, accurate and consistent estimates in a growing number of businesses throughout the world, and in no fewer than ten industries. Benchmark's renowned ease of use and superior flexibility set it apart from and ahead of the competition.

Benchmark recognises that system integration is an important need for organisations. Integration streamlines processes, saves time and eliminates double entry of data.

The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of Benchmark's NEW resource-based export to Microsoft Project, the benefits this can bring your organisation, and how you can order this powerful new feature.

## the benefits

Benchmark's new resource-based export to Microsoft Project can deliver your organisation many benefits, including:

- > Savings in time and money by preparing project schedules directly from the estimate - no retyping and no need to re-allocate your resources to your items in the schedule
- > Very accurate project schedules and very effective project management for increased profits
- > Fast and accurate preparation of project cash flows
- > Fast and accurate resource planning for improved operational efficiencies
- > Increasing the effectiveness of your marketing by including your schedule with your tender
- > Fast and accurate reporting on the progress of your projects

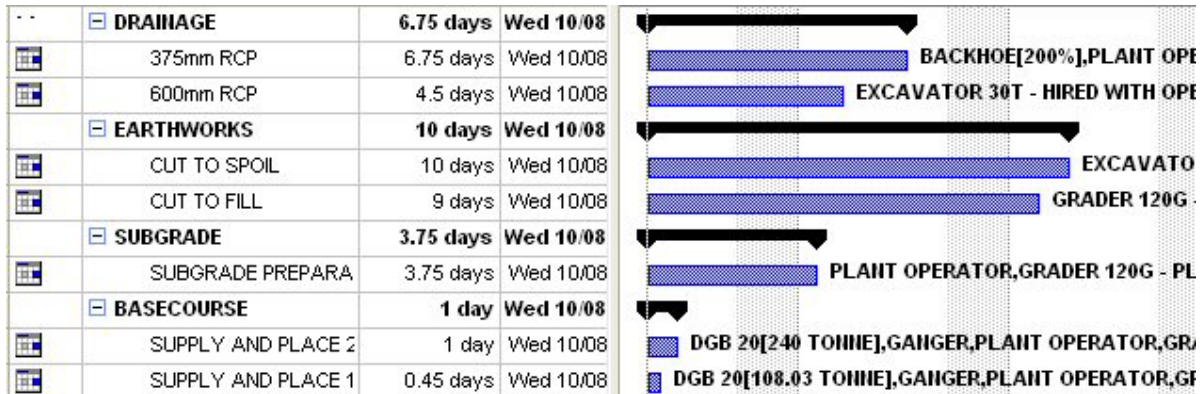
## the estimate data that is transferred

The key estimate data that is transferred from Benchmark into Microsoft Project includes the following:

- > Project work breakdown structure
- > Item durations (which are calculated automatically for you if you wish)
- > Resources and resource costs
- > Summary cost data (such as total Plant, Labour, Material and Subcontract costs for each Item)

Your Resources are also linked to your Items in Microsoft Project, as allocated in your Benchmark estimate.

## sample screen shots



The **gant chart** Benchmark creates in Microsoft Project. You can even display your resources linked to your items.

	Task Name	Total Cost	Baseline	Variance	Actual	Remaining
1	<b>DRAINAGE</b>	<b>\$63,088.38</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$63,088.38</b>	<b>\$54,132.48</b>	<b>\$8,955.91</b>
2	375mm RCP	\$43,323.16	\$0.00	\$43,323.16	\$39,445.06	\$3,878.11
3	600mm RCP	\$19,765.22	\$0.00	\$19,765.22	\$14,687.42	\$5,077.80
4	<b>EARTHWORKS</b>	<b>\$52,650.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$52,650.00</b>	<b>\$1,440.00</b>	<b>\$51,210.00</b>
5	CUT TO SPOIL	\$10,650.00	\$0.00	\$10,650.00	\$1,440.00	\$9,210.00
6	CUT TO FILL	\$42,000.00	\$0.00	\$42,000.00	\$0.00	\$42,000.00
7	<b>SUBGRADE</b>	<b>\$3,675.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,675.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,675.00</b>
8	SUBGRADE PREPARATION UNDER RO	\$3,675.00	\$0.00	\$3,675.00	\$0.00	\$3,675.00
9	<b>BASECOURSE</b>	<b>\$11,303.58</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$11,303.58</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$11,303.58</b>
10	SUPPLY AND PLACE 200mm THICK DG	\$7,795.00	\$0.00	\$7,795.00	\$0.00	\$7,795.00
11	SUPPLY AND PLACE 150mm THICK DG	\$3,508.58	\$0.00	\$3,508.58	\$0.00	\$3,508.58

The **summary cost** view - as you can see you can even record and report on your actual progress

## how to order

Please contact a Benchmark Sales Representative at one of the offices below for a fee proposal.

Included in your investment are:

- > Delivery of the upgrade with this feature by email or CD
- > The first 12 months of updates to this feature
- > The first 12 months of technical support for this feature

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