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- [Clause 3](#): several new terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviations;
- [Clause 4](#): a new clause has been introduced;
- [Clause 5](#) and [Clause 6](#): new clauses describing life cycle costing management and methodology which have been restructured from previous editions;
- [Annex A](#): contains restructured text from ISO 15663-3:2001;
- [Annex C](#): new annex describing life cycle costing techniques which also includes text from ISO 15663-2:2001;
- [Annex B](#), [Annex D](#), [Annex E](#) and [Annex F](#) are new annexes, but contain also some elements from the previous editions.

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## Introduction

Cost management within the petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries is important and will benefit from the adoption of a common and consistent approach to life cycle costing.

Life cycle costing is the systematic consideration of costs and revenues associated with alternative options required to fulfil the objectives of the business. It is an iterative process of planning, estimating and monitoring costs and revenue differences throughout an asset's life. It is used to support the decision-making process by evaluating alternative options and performing trade-off studies. While the largest benefits are typically achieved in the early life cycle phases, it is equally applicable to all life cycle phases and at many levels of detail.

The petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries have historically assessed the financial viability of project options based on minimum capital expenditure and achieving project schedule, whilst operating expenditures and lost revenue have received less focus in the decision-making process. This has ignored potentially large cost factors and has in some cases resulted in selecting non-optimal solutions.

Recognizing this situation, life cycle costing is increasingly being applied by a variety of organizations within the industry. All participants in the process — operators, contractors and vendors — can have a substantial impact on the life cycle cost, and it is not until all are involved that the benefits sought from the use of life cycle costing will be realized.