



**FACTSHEET**



**Codec Scenario Planner:  
Transforming the Capex Planning Process**

**Deciding on the Capital Expenditure program is one of the most crucial aspects of planning an organisation will ever conduct, as decisions made here will impact profitability and even survival prospects for many years into the future.**

**Capex Requirements**

In order to maximise capital investments, organisations must adopt a planning framework and systems that support:

- Collecting information relating to potential projects in a common format to ensure data is complete and consistent for analysis
- An approval process that ensures projects are vetted by the right people, that tracks how those projects evolve over time and, when selected, can only be modified via strict levels of authority
- A way of combining projects to evaluate their cost and assess the impact of delaying, bringing forward, extending and contracting timescales.
- Automatic updating of associated budget and reporting systems once a particular combination of projects has been chosen
- Assessing the impact of changing forecasts and the proposed adoption of remedial plans against projects, once the chosen Capex Program has started.

However, most of the systems used by organisations do not support the above framework – until now.

**Codec Scenario Planner (CSP)** provides all of these capabilities either on a stand-alone basis or in conjunction with an organisation’s existing planning systems. The result is a more effective Capex planning process but without the expense of changing or re-engineering the current software solution.

**CSP: Defining Projects**

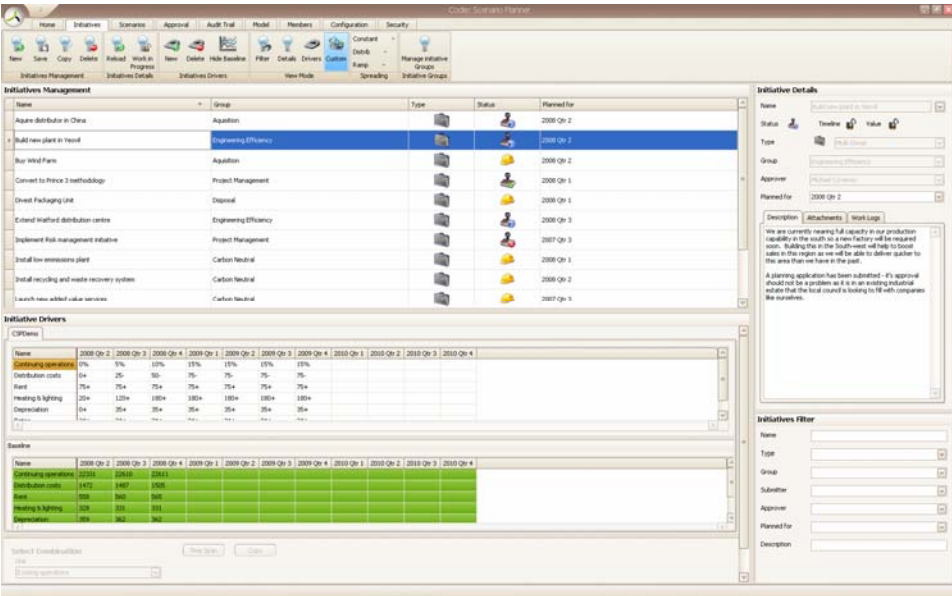
CSP supports the planning process by allowing users to submit initiatives for approval together with estimates, timeline and supporting documentation.

These initiatives represent different capital projects, acquisitions and/or disposals that are being considered.

Data can include how the initiative will impact the budget in terms of revenue and costs, and who should grant approval.

Initiatives can also be assigned to a pre-determined group that, for example, can relate it to the area of strategy being supported.

Once submitted, the initiative’s status changes and information locked to prevent change.



*CSP's Initiative screen where Capex projects are defined and reviewed*

