

*At Remington, planning and scheduling is characterized by long lead times, interplant dependency, vendor breakdowns and spiked yields of finished goods that occur late every month.* Focus will be on leveling finished goods yields so that inventory turns can be increased, customer service improved and overtime reduced.

Our goal for the next three years is to reduce inventories and cost while improving customer service. *A 20% reduction in finished goods inventory will be pursued for 1998.* This will be achieved by integrating our business infrastructure into a customer driven supply chain.

Lastly, it is imperative that production, planning and finance work from a common production scheduling document. Currently, the plant utilizes a WIC's schedule as their commitment document. This differs from the corporate planning document based on SAP which interfaces with AMAP's.

This situation is a breeding ground for inaccurate forecast and misleading line item production efficiencies because of inconsistencies between the two systems. The corporation must migrate to a common planning system that will deliver one set of production metrics.