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Company Overview

- American company founded in 1968, South Dakota
- specialises in designing, manufacturing, selling and servicing electronic scoreboards, display systems and large screen video displays
- Facilities located in US, Belgium and China
- Introducing Lean

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- b) planning, budgeting, staffing and controlling
- c) budgeting, planning, execution and evaluation
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Operations Management and Operational Issues

- transform inputs into outputs
- main issues: operating expenses too high, searching and resolving parts
- improvement through efficient shelving methods

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Lifecycle Thinking Framework

- Product goes through different stages
- Daktronics had problems with waste
- Lean manufacturing confront the problem

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