

Project Management Report from Belo Horizonte



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Project Management in Construction Industry

Fortaleza, the Ceará State capital city, was the scenario, from 2nd to 4th October, for the 85^o Encontro Nacional da Indústria da Construção (85th National Construction Industry Annual Meeting), promoted by CBIC (Brazilian Construction Industry Chamber).

In this important event, aside from the general meeting, there were a lot of parallel meetings including the Service Companies Forum. This forum, which occurred in October 3rd, was dedicated to discussing the Success and Offenders Factors in the Industrial Construction Management.

The discussion was started by the results from a Project Management Maturity Survey, performed last year, and conducted by **Professor Darci Prado** (DSc, IPMA-B).

These results were presented by **Manuel Carvalho da Silva Neto**, and supported by other studies and presentations by **Mr. Juarez Sigwalt**, from mining company VALE, **Mr. Luiz Pires**, CEO from Mascarenhas Barbosa Roscoe, a construction company from Minas Gerais State, **Mr. Ailton Queiroz**, chair from PMI – Ceará State Chapter, **Mr. Ricardo Reis**, representing the Espírito Santo State Construction Industry and **Mr. Paulo Emilio Vaz**, from IETEC, an important Minas Gerais business school, which boosts the Project Management education.

After the presentations, the Forum Coordinator, **Mr. Ilso Oliveira**, from Reta Engenharia, another Minas Gerais-based Construction Company, started discussions related to the theme.

The audience realized the importance of good Project Management practices for construction success and to achieve goals imposed to business and projects.

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