

# Automotive Manufacture: Inbound Materials Sourcing



## OBJECTIVES

- To verify inbound materials costs for three models
- To provide observations
- To outline recommendations
- To define a vision of the future

## OUTPUT: COSTS 'BLIND' VALIDATED TO WITHIN £200/WK ACCURACY



## APPROACH

- Costed using latest European carrier costs
- Collection volume averaged across the week
- Consolidation through two points on European mainland:
  - Holland and France
- Loads then move at full load level to UK manufacture plant

## RECOMMENDATIONS & FUTURE VISION

- Align outbase fleet / driver profile with optimum profile
- Use mechanism in place to gather facts and challenge
- Measure costs v plan
- Establish base “milk run” schedule for European Inbound materials
- Link collection trigger to the systems pulling in material
- Move to “dynamic scheduling” over time
- Look at 3PL outbase locations & align with business needs
- Repeat the exercise across other Group businesses

Gather  
accurate data

Benchmark  
the current  
operation

Identify  
alternative  
options

Narrow the  
field

Compare current  
versus preferred  
solutions

Build the  
business case

