AM Asset Management System Administration

This manual illustrates the business-related functions of the R/3 System AM (Asset Management). Asset Management consists of several components.   The components enable you to carry out the functions of traditional asset accounting, investment controlling, and the technical management of assets for the purposes of plant maintenance. This manual describes the ways in which the System can be configured, and demonstrates how the AM System can be modified to reflect your needs. The Implementation Guide (IMG) describes the actual process of setting up the system.   A User Guide describes how to handle the system once it has been set up.

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General Introduction to the Application

The basic characteristics of the AM System are described in the following topics.

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Range of Functions in the AM System

Components

The AM System is used for managing and supervising the fixed assets within the R/3 standard software. It consists of the following component parts:

o   Traditional Asset Accounting (AA)

o   Investment Control (IC)

o   Technical Asset Management and Plant Maintenance (EQ)

The Asset Accounting component encompasses the entire lifetime of the assets from purchase order or the initial acquisition, possibly managed as an asset under construction, up to the retirement. To a large extent the system automatically calculates the values for depreciation, interest, insurance and for other purposes between these two points in time, and places this information at your disposal in varied form online, on paper or on other data media. Planned investment management for predicting depreciation and for controlling purposes, as well as line item management and settlement of assets under construction, is possible using the IC component.

The component EQ offers special functions for the technical management of assets in the form of functional locations and as equipment.   A detailed explanation of these aspects can be found in the documentation for the R/3 PM (Plant Maintenance) System.

Integration

Via integration in the R/3 System, AM copies data from other systems as well as passing on data to other systems. For example, it is possible for posting in the MM (Material Management) System to be carried over directly into AM.   When an asset is purchased or produced in-house, the invoice or goods receipt, or the transfer of goods from the warehouse, can be directly posted to AM. On the other hand, you can pass on depreciation and interest directly to Financial Accounting (FI) and Cost Accounting (CO).   You can also settle maintenance activities that require capitalization from the PM (Plant Maintenance) system to assets.

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