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## INTRODUCTION

The main object of this project is to utilize the power of computer through a convenient software package to prepare a Bill of Quantities. It gives the benefits and applications of the computer in the quantity surveying, and also information about the Bill of Quantities. It makes suggestions, about what computers have to offer in order to compete with the traditional methods used by quantity surveyors as well as suggestions about what the quantity surveyor has to do indoor to face the new technological age.

A quite good project for a big house which included basement, ground floor and first floor was chosen for preparing the Bill of Quantities.

The BQ MICRO computerised system was used for the preparing of a bill of quantities. A description of how the system works as well as the advantages and disadvantages are written in this project. All measurements were calculated net as specified in the SMM7. Moreover, samples of taking-off are given using the manual way for the purpose of comparison the results with the method of computer.

Some difficulties were arised at the very early time of using the BQ MICRO computerised system. These difficulties were firstly due to the descriptions in the library, of the system. In addition, due to this difficulty, some descriptions were appeared to have a different unit of measurement compared with the SMM7. In order to overcome this, some descriptions were changed, together with their unit in accordance with the SMM7, and some others remained the same.

Some errors, like duplication of a letter or inserting an unrelated figure in the descriptions or inconsistency in the drawing of vertical division (column) lines in the Bill of Quantities, are due to error in the programme of the computer.



## **SUMMARY**

**During the preparation of my Project, I have mainly covered the preparation of Bill of Quantities by Computerized System.**

**Furthermore, I have calculated the quantities of a specific house, using the taking-off traditional method.**

**I have also utilised my knowledge and several bibliography I had from HTI, such as the use of Standard Method of Measurement SMM7.**

**In order to prepare the relevant Bill of Quantities, I learned to use as a main tool the BQ MICRO Computerized System.**

**Finally, it can be said that the whole Project was considered to be very useful for learning how to prepare a Bill of Quantities by the use of Computers.**