



# **Construction Claims and Dispute Resolution**

Construction claims or disputes occur when one party believes it is damaged by another party and demands its contractual rights by seeking entitlement to an extension of contract time or compensation.

Whenever unforeseen or changed conditions, circumstances and events occur on a construction project, it affects the flow of construction moving forward and consequently, the duration and cost to complete the work. Factors such as scope change, additional work, schedule delay, activity re-sequencing, the lack of performance or on-site coordination, design errors and omissions, are all representive of potential contributing impacts that can prevent a project from proceeding as planned and per the original schedule or budget.

Based on an understanding of the principles that govern a construction project, Envista appreciates the challenges and risks that can impact and prevent the efficient and effective progression of the work. Our construction claims team facilitates the claims process by establishing cause and effect relationships and the allocation of responsibility, supported by demonstrated entitlement.

A claim should clearly demonstrate how a party was damaged and why an extension of time or additional cost was incurred as a result.

#### CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF A CLAIM:

- » Cause: Establish and substantiate the occurence that has given rise to the claim
- **» Effect:** Link and demonstrate the effects or impacts of the cause
- **» Entitlement:** Determine and substantiate the claiming party's contractual right to compensation
- » Substantiation: Validation through the use of project records, the contract and other supporting documentation

### WHO WE CAN HELP:

- » Owners and Developers
- » General Contractors
- » Subcontractors
- » Construction Management
- » Project Management
- » Legal Counsel
- » Sureties
- » Insurers and Adjusters

Our experience providing services to public and private sectors on various types of projects includes industrial, commercial, institutional, and transportation.





#### OUR PEOPLE MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

There is no one-size-fits-all formula. Distinct and unique elements exist within each project that need to be recognized. Claims not only require an independent analysis of contributing factors and the use of fundamental methodologies, but often some "out of the box" thinking to demonstrate and support the extend of damages incurred.

Our claims experts have the extensive experience and skills needed to analyze the conditions and circumstances that have impacted construction and understand the effects on a schedule and productivity.

This analysis is done through the careful application of schedule logic, critical path analysis, labor and equipment expenditures analysis, earned value assessments, and forensic document review.

Our construction claims team has earned the trust and respect of clients through proven efforts and their ability to understand the complexity and inderdependency of construction elements.

When necessary, we also draw on the expertise of other in-house forensic engineers in disciplines such as civil, structural, geotechnical, electrical and mechanical to evaluate potential technical impacts.

# **Key Strengths**

- Facilitation of the claims and dispute resolution process
- Understanding and assessing the impact of unforeseen conditions and events
- Establishing cause and effect relationships and determining liability
- Scheduling software expertise and forensic analysis techniques
- Providing independent, credible, and supported findings
- » Knowledge of project controls, methodology, and project management principles
- » Providing clients with the strategic feedback they need to make informed decisions

## **Our Services**

- » Claim Preparation and Evaluations
- » Schedule Delay and Impact Analysis
- » Schedule Preparation and Updates
- » Critical Path Method (CPM)
- » Loss of Productivity Assessments
- » Impact of Change Analysis
- » Forensic Cost Analysis
- Performance Trend and Earned Value Assessments
- » Risk Mitigation and Managing Change
- » Project Monitoring
- » Quantification of Damages
- » Expert Reports and Testimony
- » Project Advisory

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