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**FIXED ASSETS TURNOVER RATIO FACTOR ANALYSIS FOR
HI-TECH EQUIPMENT**

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Abstract

The paper gives a brief description of an enterprise's fixed assets with its most essential component of the principal fixed assets group which embraces various machinery, equipment, installations and devices including hi-tech. Since improved efficiency of fixed assets used by an enterprise results in lower production costs, higher quality and profitability rates, analysis of those factors which affect such fixed assets efficiency indicator as Fixed Assets Turnover ratio (FAT ratio) acquires primary importance. The paper suggests methodology for the FAT ratio analysis if applied to hi-tech equipment. Among the factors which induce changes in FAT ratio the paper identifies how FAT ratio is affected by high-tech equipment: relative share, average productivity per hour, average cost of high-tech unit per year. Such analysis will allow the enterprise management to determine high-tech equipment efficiency, the factors affecting changes in high-tech equipment FAT ratio and any changes or improvements that are required to improve the FAT ratio values.

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1. Introduction

High-tech equipment is typically listed as an item in the enterprise fixed assets list. Fixed assets are defined as a set of tangible assets (property, plant and equipment) that are operated for sufficient lengths of time (Musaev, 2014). During the whole term of operation fixed assets preserve their initial tangible form and transfer their value onto the products for manufacture of which they are used thus wearing down (“On the Accountancy Regulations in Accounting for Fixed Assets” Accountancy Regulation 6/01, 2016).

Currently, in Russian practice the fixed assets are classified into 21 types (Classifier of Fixed Assets in Russian Federation, 2018) to form 7 larger groups. Further we discuss some of those groups. The first group comprises housing, buildings and premises. The second group includes production site and structures, the main purpose of which is to provide for production process with all its operations, processes, technologies and conditions for them. The total value of items in the second group is calculated as the costs of construction and any improvements made to it added by the maintenance costs. Also the second group lists any structures not immediately involved in production process, but providing for it, such as roads, overpasses and the like, and any arrangements for transfer and transportation of energy and raw materials (electricity, gas, water, heating, steam, materials, etc.).

Major importance, among other types, is to be attributed to the third group to which refer machinery and equipment (Gulin, 2019). The group can be further subdivided into sub-groups of power machinery and equipment, technological machinery and equipment, measuring and control devices and equipment, other machinery and equipment. The group also includes any transportation means used for transporting both employees and loads within the production site and beyond it. To the latter refer automotive and water transport, rolling stock, etc.

2. Problem Statement

Improved efficiency of the fixed assets entails increased revenues from selling the enterprise products resulting from growing volumes of output (Gubanova & Nevskaya, 2011; Skvortcov et al., 2017), lowering costs, raising production quality, savings from lowered property taxes – all these finally make the overall profitability of enterprise also increase.

Enterprises in various industries of Russian national economy require efficient policies aimed primarily at increasing the rates of output per unit of fixed assets (Ananyev et al., 2018). Development of such policies, in its turn, will require adjustments in shares between active and passive fixed assets, in technological proportions of special- to general-purpose technological equipment and machinery, in relative shares per unit of fixed assets, and in degrees to which the machinery capacity is employed. It will also require combining extensive and intensive factors or extending the time periods when the production facilities are used, as well as modernization or re-equipment with more efficient automated machinery.

All manufacturing enterprises, especially fixed-asset-intensive ones, require continuously analysis of the rates of fixed assets efficiency (Lukmanova, 2018; Salimova, 2015; Shishelov, 2013). Typically, the main task of such analysis (Krylov et al., 2010) is to examine the effect rendered by the set of factors on the values and dynamics of FAT ratio. Among these factors we should identify the following: variations in relative shares of the active fixed assets in terms of their overall value and variations in relative shares of

equipment value to active fixed assets overall value. We may argue that currently enterprise is to determine the share of hi-tech equipment to active fixed assets in physical and monetary terms and to determine the relative share of hi-tech equipment in overall production facilities.

3. Research Questions

For enterprises with high relative shares of high-tech equipment to active fixed assets in monetary terms it seems reasonable to analyze the efficiency of its use based on technical and financial factors (Krylov et al., 2010). It requires preliminary analysis of how variations in relative shares of the active fixed assets value to their overall value affect FAT ratio (Formula 1).

$$\Delta\phi = y_{aq} \times \phi_{aq}, \quad (1)$$

where $\Delta\phi$ stands for variation in FAT ratio value;

y_{aq} stands for relative shares of the active fixed assets value to their overall value;

ϕ_{aq} stands for FAT ratio value of the active fixed assets.

Hence, FAT ratio value will be determined by two first-order factors: variation in relative share of the active fixed asset to FAT ratio value of the active fixed assets. Their effect will be determined using the method of absolute differences calculated by the below formulas (Formula 2 and Formula 3). Indexes 0 and 1 indicate values given for the base and for the reporting periods.

$$\Delta\phi_{y_{aq}} = (y_{aq1} - y_{aq0}) \times \phi_{aq0} \quad (2)$$

$$\Delta\phi_{\phi_{aq}} = y_{aq1} \times (\phi_{aq1} - \phi_{aq0}) \quad (3)$$

4. Purpose of the Study

For financial function at the enterprises where fixed assets are partially formed of high-tech equipment, application of the factor analysis tools to calculate FAT ratio value of the active fixed assets which will account for the factors relevant for evaluating high-precision, CNC- and other high-tech-based equipment efficiency can be recommended (Poteeva & Kazarina, 2020).

5. Research Methods

Variations in FAT ratio value of the active fixed assets are affected by such factors as the number of units and structure of equipment, average productivity rates of such equipment per hour and the total time of the equipment operation during the period analyzed. These factors underlie the factor-based model of FAT ratio of the active fixed assets with its further possible extension (Formula 4).

$$\phi_{aq} = \frac{K_o \times T_{eo} \times B_{cmq}}{C_{aqOII\Phi}}, \quad (4)$$

where K_o stands for the average number of active fixed assets in a given year;

T_{eo} stands for the total time of the equipment operation;

$B_{cm\mu}$ stands for average output rate for each unit of equipment per machine hour;

$C_{a\mu O\Pi\Phi}$ stands for the average value of active fixed assets in a given year.

The extended factor model will require calculation of the time-related indicators of equipment operation and its average cost in a given year. The time factor of machine unit operation can be calculated by multiplying the length of machine unit operation in days (t), by the equipment operation shift ratio (k_{cm}) and by the average length of each shift (t_{cm}). The average cost of active fixed assets in a given year is calculated by multiplying the average number of active fixed assets in a given year by the average cost of an active fixed assets unit in a given year ($c_{e\mu}$). Then the factor model for FAT ratio of the active fixed assets calculation will be as in the formula below (Formula 5).

$$\phi_{a\mu} = \frac{K_o \times t \times k_{cm} \times t_{cm} \times B_{cm\mu}}{K_o \times c_{e\mu}} = \frac{t \times k_{cm} \times t_{cm} \times B_{cm\mu}}{c_{e\mu}} \quad (5)$$

The 5-factor model developed for variations in FAT ratio can be applied to calculating variations using the method of chain substitution. The components of Formula 5 are given as numeric units for the base year with a 0 index. Then sequentially, moving from quantitative indicators to the qualitative ones, we determine the conditional values for FAT ratio of the active fixed assets. In the final formula all values of all indicators will be given for the reporting year, i.e. with an index 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{a\mu 0} &= \frac{t_0 \times k_{cm0} \times t_{cm0} \times B_{cm\mu 0}}{c_{e\mu 0}} \\ \phi_{a\mu(yca1)} &= \frac{t_0 \times k_{cm0} \times t_{cm0} \times B_{cm\mu 0}}{c_{e\mu 1}} \\ \phi_{a\mu(yca2)} &= \frac{t_1 \times k_{cm0} \times t_{cm0} \times B_{cm\mu 0}}{c_{e\mu 1}} \\ \phi_{a\mu(yca3)} &= \frac{t_1 \times k_{cm1} \times t_{cm0} \times B_{cm\mu 0}}{c_{e\mu 1}} \\ \phi_{a\mu(yca4)} &= \frac{t_1 \times k_{cm1} \times t_{cm1} \times B_{cm\mu 0}}{c_{e\mu 1}} \\ \phi_{a\mu 1} &= \frac{t_1 \times k_{cm1} \times t_{cm1} \times B_{cm\mu 1}}{c_{e\mu 1}} \end{aligned}$$

The first conditional indicator measures the effect on the active fixed assets FAT ratio of variations in an active fixed assets unit cost, all the other indicators are presumed to be base level. The second conditional indicator is calculated for the actual active fixed assets unit cost and the actual number of its operating days. The third conditional indicator is calculated for the actual active fixed assets unit cost, the actual number of its operating days and the equipment operation shift ratio. In calculating the fourth conditional indicator, only the value of average output is given as the base level. The calculation of the fifth conditional indicator in fact means all the factors are given their actual values for the reporting year. The chain of subtractions, i.e. the first conditional indicator is subtracted from the second conditional indicator and so on, and multiplication of the value received in subtraction by the relative share of the fixed assets will present the changes in FAT ratio.

In case active fixed assets have a share of the high-tech equipment it will require for additional technical and financial factors in the above model of active FAT ratio variations (Pankratov, 2018). High-tech equipment is characterized by relevant relative shares in both the structure of average output values and in average active fixed assets unit cost per year. In the formula below the relative share of high-tech equipment is given as y_{emo} , and the relative share of the other fixed assets is given as y_o . The average output value for high-tech equipment is given as B_{emo} , and the average output value for the other fixed assets is given as B_o . The average cost of high-tech equipment unit per given year is given as c_{edBTO} , the average cost of the other fixed assets is given as c_{edO} . Then we account for these in Formula 6.

$$\phi_{a4} = \frac{t \times k_{cm} \times t_{cm} \times (B_{emo} \times y_{emo} + B_o \times y_o)}{c_{edBTO} \times y_{emo} + c_{edO} \times y_o} \quad (6)$$

Then we calculate the conditional indicators of influence as given in Formula 6 as the variation of FAT ratio of the active fixed assets.

The first conditional indicator shows how the FAT ratio of the active fixed assets is affected by changes in relative shares of traditional equipment, all other indicators are given for base year (Formula 7).

$$\phi_{a4(y_{cm1})} = \frac{t_{(0)} \times k_{cm(0)} \times t_{cm(0)} \times (B_{emo(0)} \times y_{emo(0)} + B_{o(0)} \times y_{o(1)})}{c_{edBTO(0)} \times y_{emo(0)} + c_{edO(0)} \times y_{o(1)}} \quad (7)$$

The calculation of the second conditional indicator is added by the relative share of high-tech equipment, all other indicators are given for base year (Formula 8).

$$\phi_{a4(y_{cm2})} = \frac{t_{(0)} \times k_{cm(0)} \times t_{cm(0)} \times (B_{emo(0)} \times y_{emo(1)} + B_{o(0)} \times y_{o(1)})}{c_{edBTO(0)} \times y_{emo(1)} + c_{edO(0)} \times y_{o(1)}} \quad (8)$$

The third conditional indicator shows how the FAT ratio of the active fixed assets is affected by the average active fixed assets unit value (Formula 9).

$$\phi_{a43} = \frac{t_{(0)} \times k_{cm(0)} \times t_{cm(0)} \times (B_{emo(0)} \times y_{emo(1)} + B_{o(0)} \times y_{o(1)})}{c_{edBTO(0)} \times y_{emo(1)} + c_{edO(1)} \times y_{o(1)}} \quad (9)$$

The fourth conditional indicator allows analyzing how FAT ratio of the active fixed assets is affected by the average cost of high-tech equipment per year (Formula 10).

$$\phi_{a4(y_{cm4})} = \frac{t_{(0)} \times k_{cm(0)} \times t_{cm(0)} \times (B_{emo(0)} \times y_{emo(1)} + B_{o(0)} \times y_{o(1)})}{c_{edBTO(1)} \times y_{emo(1)} + c_{edO(1)} \times y_{o(1)}} \quad (10)$$

The fifth conditional indicator shows how the FAT ratio of the active fixed assets is affected by changes in the number of operating days (Formula 11).

$$\phi_{a4(y_{cm5})} = \frac{t_{(1)} \times k_{cm(0)} \times t_{cm(0)} \times (B_{emo(0)} \times y_{emo(1)} + B_{o(0)} \times y_{o(1)})}{c_{edBTO(1)} \times y_{emo(1)} + c_{edO(1)} \times y_{o(1)}} \quad (11)$$

The sixth conditional indicator allows analyzing how FAT ratio of the active fixed assets is affected by changes in equipment operation shift ratio (Formula 12).

$$\phi_{ay(yч76)} = \frac{t_{(1)} \times k_{cm(1)} \times t_{cm(0)} \times (B_{\epsilon mo(0)} \times y_{\epsilon mo(1)} + B_{o(0)} \times y_{o(1)})}{c_{\epsilon dBTO(1)} \times y_{\epsilon mo(1)} + c_{\epsilon dO(1)} \times y_{o(1)}} \quad (12)$$

The seventh conditional indicator shows how FAT ratio of the active fixed assets is affected by the length of shift (Formula 13).

$$\phi_{ay(yч77)} = \frac{t_{(1)} \times k_{cm(1)} \times t_{cm(1)} \times (B_{\epsilon mo(0)} \times y_{\epsilon mo(1)} + B_{o(0)} \times y_{o(1)})}{c_{\epsilon dBTO(1)} \times y_{\epsilon mo(1)} + c_{\epsilon dO(1)} \times y_{o(1)}} \quad (13)$$

The eighth conditional indicator of FAT ratio of the active fixed assets calculation allows accounting for the effect of the per-hour average output rate for traditional equipment (Formula 14).

$$\phi_{ay(yч78)} = \frac{t_{(1)} \times k_{cm(1)} \times t_{cm(1)} \times (B_{\epsilon mo(0)} \times y_{\epsilon mo(1)} + B_{o(1)} \times y_{o(1)})}{c_{\epsilon dBTO(1)} \times y_{\epsilon mo(1)} + c_{\epsilon dO(1)} \times y_{o(1)}} \quad (14)$$

In calculation of the ninth conditional indicator, which is the average output rate of high-tech equipment, all indicators are given for the reporting year (Formula 15).

$$\phi_{ay1} = \frac{t_{(1)} \times k_{cm(1)} \times t_{cm(1)} \times (B_{\epsilon mo(1)} \times y_{\epsilon mo(1)} + B_{o(1)} \times y_{o(1)})}{c_{\epsilon dBTO(1)} \times y_{\epsilon mo(1)} + c_{\epsilon dO(1)} \times y_{o(1)}} \quad (15)$$

The further level of analyzing the influence of technical and financial factors on variations in FAT ratio of the active fixed assets with a share of high-tech equipment is detailed examination of its operation in terms of operating days, number of shifts, length of each shift.

6. Findings

Deterministic factor analysis of the variations in the FAT ratio provides the enterprise's management with a clear and proven evidence allowing determining which factors induce increased or decreased FAT ratios, assessing the efficiency with which high-tech equipment is used within the whole group of the enterprise's fixed assets, and identifying which of the measures and actions will reduce negative impacts on FAT ratio and induce its raising (Pavlukova, 2011).

Of extreme importance here are the relative share of high-tech equipment in the enterprise's fixed assets, the cost-value of such equipment, and the continuous monitoring the rates of high-tech equipment productivity exceeding the rates of its cost-value growth.

7. Conclusion

Development of the analytical base for FAT ratio promotes increased efficiency of high-tech equipment used by an enterprise. It is noteworthy, however, that currently high technologies are employed in the passive fixed assets as well, with the development of 'smart' engineering and digital technologies they are integrated into production process organization. This will require further developments and extensions in the factor analysis approach and developing new models of analysis.

Every measure and action aimed at improving efficiency of fixed assets is to be performed with the account of the enterprise's current reserves, such as technical and technological improvements in labor facilities, intensiveness-based modernization of the production facilities by purchasing or development of new high-tech equipment and improvements in production organization.

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