GLOSSARY

Resource loading refers to the amount of individual resources an existing schedule requires during specific time periods.

Resource allocation (resource loading) is concerned with assigning the required number of those resources identified in the previous step to each activity identified in the plan.

Resource aggregation is simply the summation, on a period-by-period basis, of the resources required to complete all activities based on the resource allocation carried out in the previous stage.

Resource leveling is the process that ensures resource demand does not exceed resource availability.

Resource smoothing is part of the resource leveling process. In itself, resource smoothing is the process that, not withstanding any constraints imposed during the leveling process, attempts to determine a resource requirement that is "smooth" and where peaks and troughs are eliminated.