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#### ABSTRACT

Explanatory note to the qualification paper

"The application of a system approach to the evaluation of the efficiency of the use of the resource potential of a transport enterprise": 83 pages, 13 figures, 14 tables, 20 used sources.

The object of the study: the transport enterprise "Landstar Systems" Inc.

*The subject of the study:* the resources and assets of the "Landstar Systems" Inc. transport enterprise.

*The purpose of the work* is to investigate the practical aspects of the using the resource potential of "Landstar Systems" Inc. transport enterprise.

Research methods: comparative analysis, forecasting, processing of literary sources.

The results of the qualification (diploma) work are recommended to be used during scientific research, in the educational process of the university, and in the practical activities of transport technology specialists.

*Keywords:* Intermodal Transportation, Transport Enterprise, Resource Potential, Comparative Analysis, Forecasting, Transport Technology.

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- **3PL: Third-Party Logistics**
- AI: Artificial Intelligence
- BCO: Beneficial Cargo Owner
- FTP: File Transfer Protocol
- FTL: Full Truckload
- LTL: Less Than Truckload
- ROI: Return on Investment

#### SG&A: Selling, General and Administrative expenses

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The evaluation of the resource potential of transport enterprises is a critical aspect of strategic management in the logistics and transportation industry. The significance of this evaluation lies in its capacity to influence operational efficiency, competitive advantage, and long-term sustainability.

Transport enterprises operate in a highly dynamic and competitive environment. The success of these businesses hinges on the effective utilization of their resources, which include tangible assets like vehicles and infrastructure, and intangible assets such as human capital, technological capabilities, and organizational processes.

The theoretical part of my work delves into the foundational theories and methodologies that govern the management and utilization of resource potential in transport enterprises. It covers a range of topics, including: the concept of resource potential in transport enterprises, encompassing tangible and intangible assets, the importance of planning and allocation of resources in accordance with strategic objectives, strategies for resource development and enhancement, focusing on technological investment and human resource development, the interconnection and coordination of resources for optimal management, methods for measuring resource performance, integrating sustainability practices, and managing risks, the necessity of innovation and adaptability in the rapidly evolving transport sector, legal and ethical considerations in resource management.

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The analytical part of my work presents an overview of the road freight transportation market in Ukraine, including the activities of Landstar company. Key aspects include: market size, key players, and trends in Ukraine's road freight transportation sector, the impact of e-commerce growth, international trade, and infrastructure development on the market, environmental concerns, regulatory challenges, and security considerations, detailed statistics and analysis of Ukraine's freight transportation volumes, future outlook and predictions for the road freight market in Ukraine, a focused analysis on the operations of Landstar company in Ukraine and abroad, encompassing its market strategies and financial performance

The last, practical part is dedicated to strategies and methods for enhancing the resource potential of transport enterprises, with specific reference to Landstar. It includes: various methods for managing the resource potential, such as human resource management, financial resource management, material resource management, information resource management, and environmental practices, forecasting and substantiating strategic directions for the use of resource potential in motor transport enterprises, including environmental scanning, market analysis, technological forecasting, and economic forecasting, recommended methods for increasing the resource potential, focusing on technology investment, fleet expansion, workforce development, sustainability initiatives, market expansion, strategic partnerships, and customer-centric approaches, a detailed forecast for Landstar's next five years, including projections for revenue growth, loadings, fleet and carrier expansion, and strategic directions.

#### **CHAPTER 1**

# THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE USE OF RESOURCE POTENTIAL OF TRANSPORT ENTERPRISES

1.1 Theoretical and methodological principles of formation, development and use of resource potential of transport enterprises.

The formation, development, and utilization of resource potential in transport enterprises represent a critical aspect of managing and operating businesses in the transportation industry. In an era of globalization and ever-increasing mobility demands, transport enterprises play a fundamental role in connecting people, goods, and services. To thrive and remain competitive, these enterprises must carefully manage their resource potential. [1] Let's delve deeper into the theoretical and methodological principles that underpin this process:

1. Resource Potential in Transport Enterprises:

• Theoretical Perspective: Resource potential refers to the collective capacity of tangible and intangible assets within a transport enterprise. It encompasses the vehicles, infrastructure, technology, human capital, financial assets, and organizational capabilities that enable the enterprise to provide efficient and reliable transportation services. The resource potential is what empowers transport companies to fulfill their primary mission - facilitating the movement of people and goods.

• Methodological Perspective: Identifying, assessing, and understanding the diverse elements of resource potential are fundamental steps. Tangible resources, such as a fleet of vehicles and physical infrastructure like terminals and depots, are relatively straightforward to evaluate.

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However, intangible resources, like the knowledge and skills of employees, market reputation, and operational know-how, can be equally valuable but require more nuanced assessments.

2. Resource Planning and Allocation:

• Theoretical Perspective: The allocation of resources is guided by the recognition that they are finite. Therefore, it is essential to plan and distribute resources efficiently to meet the strategic objectives of the enterprise. This involves making decisions on how to allocate resources among different operational areas, projects, and investments. [2]

• Methodological Perspective: Implementing budgeting, demand forecasting, and optimization models are common methodologies to ensure that resources are allocated where they are needed most. These approaches help minimize waste, reduce costs, and improve resource utilization.

3. Resource Development and Enhancement:

• Theoretical Perspective: Transport enterprises must constantly strive for improvement and expansion of their resource potential. This reflects the need to stay competitive and agile in a dynamic market environment. It also aligns with the aspiration for growth and profitability. [2]

• Methodological Perspective: Resource development may involve investment in technology, such as adopting telematics and routing software for better vehicle management. Expansion may mean increasing the fleet size or opening new routes to capture additional markets. Enhancement of human resources often involves continuous training and development to keep employees up-to-date with the latest industry trends and best practices. 4. Resource Integration and Coordination:

• Theoretical Perspective: Resources within a transport enterprise are not siloed; they are interconnected. Optimal management of one resource may have ripple effects on others. For example, scheduling routes efficiently can reduce vehicle wear and tear while improving customer satisfaction.

• Methodological Perspective: To ensure that resource integration and coordination occur effectively, businesses implement robust systems. These systems may include fleet

management software to track vehicle routes, maintenance schedules, and fuel consumption. Proper integration leads to cost savings and enhanced service quality.

5. Resource Performance Measurement:

• Theoretical Perspective: Continuous monitoring and measurement of resource performance are essential for tracking progress and identifying areas for improvement. Effective performance measurement aligns with the overarching goal of resource optimization. [2]

• Methodological Perspective: Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and metrics are used to evaluate resource efficiency and effectiveness. Examples include on-time delivery rates, maintenance costs per vehicle, and customer satisfaction scores. This data-driven approach enables transport enterprises to make informed decisions and adjustments.

6. Sustainability and Environmental Considerations:

• Theoretical Perspective: In recent years, sustainability has emerged as a critical consideration in resource management for transport enterprises. Environmental concerns, regulatory pressures, and changing customer preferences have made it imperative to adopt sustainable practices. [2]

• Methodological Perspective: Transport companies are integrating sustainability practices into resource management. This includes investing in eco-friendly vehicles, utilizing alternative energy sources, and adhering to environmental regulations. Such practices not only benefit the environment but also enhance brand reputation and reduce long-term operational costs.

7. Risk Management:

• Theoretical Perspective: Resource management in transport enterprises carries inherent risks, including economic fluctuations, operational challenges, and regulatory changes. Acknowledging and addressing these risks is crucial for long-term stability and resilience.

• Methodological Perspective: A comprehensive approach to risk management involves identifying potential risks, assessing their potential impact, and developing mitigation strategies. This may include maintaining contingency funds for unforeseen economic downturns or having backup plans in place to address operational disruptions.

8. Innovation and Adaptability:

• Theoretical Perspective: The transport sector is constantly evolving, driven by technological advancements, changing customer demands, and competitive pressures. Recognizing the need for innovation and adaptability is vital to staying relevant. [2]

• Methodological Perspective: Transport enterprises must foster a culture of innovation and agility. This might involve adopting cutting-edge technologies like autonomous vehicles, electric transport solutions, and enhanced supply chain management systems. Being adaptable in resource allocation and management allows companies to respond effectively to emerging challenges and opportunities.

9. Legal and Ethical Considerations:

• Theoretical Perspective: Compliance with legal and ethical standards is nonnegotiable in resource management. The transport industry is heavily regulated, with laws governing safety, emissions, and labor practices. Ethical considerations encompass responsible business conduct and social responsibility.

• Methodological Perspective: Transport companies must ensure that all resource management activities align with relevant laws and regulations. This includes maintaining compliance with safety standards, emissions controls, and labor laws. Ethical considerations extend to practices such as fair labor treatment, community engagement, and ethical supply chain management.

In conclusion, the theoretical and methodological principles of formation, development, and utilization of resource potential in transport enterprises are essential to navigate the complex landscape of the transportation industry successfully. When applied rigorously, these principles help transport companies optimize resource allocation, minimize waste, improve sustainability, and stay competitive in a dynamic and evolving market. [2]

# **1.2** Contribution to the research of domestic and foreign scientists on resource potential in the transport industry.

To delve deeper into the complex and multifaceted topic of "Resource Potential in Transport Enterprises," it is essential to draw upon the theoretical insights and contributions of several esteemed scholars in the field. These include L. Abalkin, known for his analytical approach to resource management; V. Avdeyenko, who focuses on the optimization of resource utilization; R. Bilousov, a proponent of technological advancement and innovation; and G. Babkov, an advocate for strategic human resource management.

Each of these scholars offers a unique lens through which the intricate tapestry of transport enterprises can be understood and analyzed. L. Abalkin's work, for instance, provides a foundation for understanding the strategic analysis of resources, emphasizing a comprehensive assessment that spans physical, human, financial, and technological domains. This holistic view is crucial for transport enterprises aiming to leverage their complete resource potential in pursuit of strategic objectives.

V. Avdeyenko's contributions, on the other hand, steer the focus towards operational efficiency, a critical aspect in the transport sector. His insights into the effective utilization of resources resonate with the principles of lean management and operational optimization, which are pivotal in streamlining logistics processes and enhancing overall productivity.

R. Bilousov's emphasis on innovation and technology introduces a forward-thinking dimension to this discussion. In a rapidly evolving technological landscape, Bilousov's perspectives highlight the importance of embracing new technologies and innovations — from advanced logistics software to AI and IoT applications — as a means to maintain competitiveness and efficiency in the transport sector.

Lastly, G. Babkov's focus on human resources brings to the forefront the indispensable role of people in transport enterprises. His work underscores the need for investing in human capital — through training, development, and engagement strategies — aligning with the human capital theory's postulation that such investment is a key driver of organizational performance.

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Building on the foundational perspectives provided by these scholars, we can now transition into a more detailed exploration of the various aspects of resource potential in transport enterprises. This deeper dive will weave together the theoretical frameworks and practical applications highlighted by L. Abalkin's comprehensive resource analysis, V. Avdeyenko's focus on operational efficiency, R. Bilousov's advocacy for technological advancement, and G. Babkov's emphasis on human resource management. Each of these areas contributes a vital piece to the puzzle, helping us to construct a more holistic view of how transport enterprises can effectively harness and optimize their resources.

Let's begin by examining the specific contributions of each author and how their insights interplay to form a cohesive strategy for enhancing resource potential in the complex and ever-evolving world of transport enterprises.

• Resource Analysis and Strategic Planning (L. Abalkin): In a scientific discourse, Abalkin's perspective might be rooted in the comprehensive analysis of resource potential within transport enterprises. This involves a systematic evaluation of physical assets (such as vehicles and infrastructure), human resources (skills and expertise of the workforce), financial resources (capital allocation and financial health), and technological assets (IT infrastructure and logistics software). Such an analysis is pivotal in strategic resource planning and aligns with the principles of resource-based theory in strategic management.

• Operational Efficiency and Resource Utilization (V. Avdeyenko): Avdeyenko's focus would likely encompass the optimization of resource utilization, emphasizing operational efficiency. This includes the application of lean management principles to reduce waste in logistics processes, enhance vehicle utilization, and improve inventory management.

Theoretical underpinnings for this approach can be found in operations research and supply chain management literature, where the efficient allocation of resources is a core concern.

• Innovation and Technological Advancement (R. Bilousov): Bilousov's contributions might center around the imperative of innovation and technological progress in the transport sector. This involves the adoption of emerging technologies (like autonomous vehicles, IoT in logistics, and AI-based route optimization) to enhance operational efficiency and competitiveness. The theoretical framework here intersects with innovation diffusion theory and technology acceptance models.

• Human Resource Management (G. Babkov): Babkov's scholarship would likely emphasize human resource management's strategic role in transport enterprises. This includes talent management, workforce training, and employee engagement strategies. The human capital theory, which posits that investment in employee training and development leads to improved organizational performance, would be particularly relevant in this context.

• Financial Challenges and Solutions: Addressing financial constraints and strategies for sustainable growth is crucial. This involves capital budgeting decisions, investment in fleet renewal and technology upgrades, and financial risk management. The theoretical framework here would involve financial management theories and principles of corporate finance.

• Navigating Regulatory Environments: Compliance with regulatory standards (safety regulations, environmental laws) and adapting to legislative changes are critical for transport enterprises. This aspect involves an understanding of regulatory frameworks and risk management strategies, aligning with compliance management theories.

In summary, a scientific approach to understanding the resource potential in transport enterprises requires a multidisciplinary perspective, incorporating principles from strategic management, operations research, innovation studies, human capital theory, and financial management. This holistic view helps in identifying key areas for improvement, aligning resources with organizational goals, and fostering sustainable growth in the dynamic landscape of the transport sector.

# **1.3** Legal support and activities of companies providing transport and logistics services.

Legal support and activities are vital aspects of companies providing transport and logistics services. These businesses operate in a complex regulatory environment, and compliance with relevant laws and regulations is critical for smooth operations and risk mitigation. [3] Here's a deeper look into the legal support and activities of transport and logistics companies:

1. Regulatory Compliance:

Transport and logistics companies need to stay abreast of a multitude of regulations, including local, national, and international laws. Legal professionals provide guidance on compliance with transportation regulations, safety standards, environmental laws, and labor regulations.

2. Licensing and Permits:

Companies in this sector often require various licenses and permits to operate. Legal professionals assist in obtaining and renewing these licenses and permits, ensuring that the business operates legally.

3. Contracts and Agreements:

Legal experts draft, review, and negotiate contracts and agreements with clients, suppliers, and partners. This includes transportation agreements, service contracts, and lease agreements for vehicles or warehouse space. Properly structured contracts help mitigate legal disputes.

4. Insurance:

Transport and logistics companies typically require extensive insurance coverage to protect against various risks, including accidents, cargo damage, and liability claims. Legal professionals help in selecting appropriate insurance policies, ensuring the company has the necessary coverage, and assist in claims disputes.

5. Labor and Employment Law:

These companies employ a significant workforce. Legal advisors provide guidance on labor and employment laws, helping with employment contracts, workers' rights, health and safety regulations, and resolving labor disputes. [3]

6. Intellectual Property Protection:

Companies may develop proprietary software, technologies, or branding. Legal experts can help with trademark registration, patent applications, and protection of intellectual property rights. [3]

7. International Trade and Customs:

For businesses involved in international logistics, compliance with customs regulations and international trade laws is crucial. Legal professionals assist in customs clearance, import/export regulations, and trade compliance.

8. Environmental Compliance:

Transport and logistics companies are subject to environmental laws, particularly regarding emissions, hazardous materials, and sustainable practices. Legal advice is essential for staying compliant and implementing eco-friendly initiatives.

9. Dispute Resolution:

Transport and logistics businesses may face legal disputes, such as contract breaches, accidents, or cargo damage claims. Legal experts assist in dispute resolution, whether through negotiation, mediation, or litigation, and help protect the company's interests. 10. Risk Management:

Legal professionals help identify and manage legal risks. This includes assessing the potential legal challenges the company may face and implementing strategies to minimize these risks.

11. Data Protection and Privacy:

In an increasingly digital world, transport and logistics companies handle sensitive data, including customer information and supply chain data. Legal support is required to ensure compliance with data protection and privacy laws.

12. Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) and Regulatory Approvals:

In cases of mergers, acquisitions, or expansions, legal advisors help navigate the regulatory approvals and ensure the transaction complies with antitrust and competition laws. [3]

13. Emergency Response and Crisis Management:

In the event of accidents, environmental spills, or other emergencies, legal advisors play a crucial role in guiding the company's response to mitigate potential legal liabilities. 14. Legislative Advocacy:

Some companies engage in legislative advocacy to influence transportation and logistics-related policies. This can include participating in industry associations and working with lawmakers to shape regulatory frameworks.

In summary, legal support and activities are integral to the day-to-day operations of transport and logistics companies. Legal professionals help these businesses navigate a complex and highly regulated environment, ensuring they remain compliant, protect their interests, and effectively manage legal risks. Compliance with the law not only ensures the smooth operation of the business but also helps build trust with clients and partners. [3]

#### 1.4 A systematic approach to managing the enterprise's resource potential.

A systematic approach to managing an enterprise's resource potential is crucial for optimizing operations, achieving strategic goals, and maintaining a competitive edge. Such an approach involves a structured framework that ensures resources are effectively acquired, utilized, and developed to support the organization's mission. [4] Here's a systematic stepby-step approach to managing resource potential in an enterprise:

1. Resource Assessment and Inventory:

Begin by conducting a comprehensive assessment of all available resources. This includes both tangible assets (e.g., equipment, infrastructure, and inventory) and intangible assets (e.g., human capital, intellectual property, and organizational knowledge). Create a detailed inventory to understand what resources the enterprise currently possesses. [5] 2. Resource Classification and Prioritization:

Classify resources based on their strategic importance and value to the organization. Prioritize them according to their significance in achieving business objectives. Resources critical to core operations and competitive advantage should receive high priority. [5] 3. Strategic Planning and Goal Setting:

Align resource management with the organization's strategic goals and objectives. Define clear, measurable objectives that resource management should support. Consider factors like growth, cost reduction, sustainability, and market expansion.

4. Resource Allocation:

Allocate resources based on the prioritization established in step 2 and the strategic goals identified in step 3. This involves making decisions on budget allocations, capital investments, and resource distribution across various departments or projects.

5. Performance Measurement and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):

Develop KPIs and performance metrics to track the utilization and effectiveness of resources. These should align with the strategic goals and provide a clear picture of resource efficiency and ROI. Regularly monitor and analyze these metrics.

6. Resource Utilization Optimization:

Continuously monitor how resources are being used in day-to-day operations. Seek opportunities for optimization, such as improving asset utilization, reducing waste, and enhancing operational efficiency.

7. Resource Development and Enhancement:

Invest in the development and enhancement of resources to meet evolving business needs. This may involve technology upgrades, skill development programs, infrastructure expansion, and other initiatives aimed at strengthening the resource base. [5]

8. Risk Assessment and Mitigation:

Identify potential risks and challenges that could impact resource management. Develop risk mitigation strategies to ensure resource stability and resilience. This includes creating contingency plans and having strategies in place to address unforeseen disruptions. [5]

9. Cross-Functional Collaboration:

Encourage collaboration and communication between different departments and teams within the organization. A cross-functional approach ensures that resources are utilized efficiently and in alignment with the organization's overall objectives.

10. Legal and Ethical Compliance:

Ensure that all resource management activities comply with legal regulations and ethical standards. This includes adherence to industry-specific regulations, labor laws, environmental standards, and ethical business practices.

11. Continuous Improvement:

Embrace a culture of continuous improvement. Regularly review resource management strategies, assess the effectiveness of resource allocation, and make adjustments as needed. Encourage innovation in resource utilization and management. 12. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility:

Integrate sustainability practices into resource management. Ensure that resources are used in an environmentally responsible way, which can include adopting eco-friendly technologies, reducing carbon emissions, and implementing sustainable supply chain practices.

13. Technology and Data Utilization:

Leverage technology and data analytics to enhance resource management. Utilize software, IoT devices, and data-driven insights to make informed decisions, predict resource needs, and identify areas for improvement. [5]

14. Employee Development:

Invest in the development of human resources. Provide training and opportunities for skill enhancement, fostering a skilled and motivated workforce capable of effectively utilizing resources.

15. Communication and Reporting:

Maintain open communication channels across the organization to keep stakeholders informed about resource management initiatives, progress, and results. Provide regular reports to key decision-makers and stakeholders.

By following this systematic approach to managing resource potential, enterprises can ensure that resources are effectively harnessed to support business objectives, minimize waste, and adapt to changing market conditions. This approach promotes efficiency, innovation, and sustainability, ultimately leading to improved competitiveness and long-term success. [5]

Effective management of resource potential in transport enterprises requires a comprehensive and dynamic approach. It involves understanding the theoretical underpinnings, learning from scholarly contributions, adhering to legal and ethical standards, and implementing a systematic management strategy. Such a multifaceted approach ensures not only the efficient utilization of current resources but also paves the way for future growth, adaptability, and long-term success in the rapidly evolving transportation sector. The insights and methodologies discussed provide a valuable blueprint for transport enterprises aiming to optimize their resource base, enhance operational efficiency, and maintain a competitive edge in a globalized economy. [6]

Conclusions for the Chapter 1:

1. The study underscores the criticality of forming, developing, and utilizing resource potential within transport enterprises, which is pivotal for their effective management and operation. This encompasses both tangible and intangible assets, integral for delivering efficient and reliable transportation services.

From a theoretical perspective, resource potential is conceptualized as the aggregate capacity of assets within a transport enterprise, including vehicles, infrastructure, human capital, and financial resources. Methodologically, the focus is on the identification, assessment, and nuanced understanding of these diverse resource elements.

2. The allocation of resources, guided by strategic imperatives and the finite nature of resources, necessitates judicious planning and distribution to align with the enterprise's strategic goals.

Methodological approaches such as budgeting, demand forecasting, and optimization models are emphasized for optimal resource allocation, contributing to waste minimization, cost reduction, and improved resource efficacy.

- 3. The necessity for continuous improvement and expansion of resource potential is highlighted as a means to maintain competitiveness and agility in a dynamic market. This includes investments in technology, workforce training, and development. The interconnection of resources within the enterprise calls for an integrated approach to management, ensuring cost savings and enhanced service quality through effective coordination and system implementation.
- 4. The increasing emphasis on sustainability in resource management is identified, with a focus on adopting eco-friendly practices and compliance with environmental regulations.

Risk management is identified as a critical component, involving the identification, assessment, and development of mitigation strategies for potential risks inherent in resource management.

5. The evolving nature of the transport sector demands innovation and adaptability, with a focus on adopting emerging technologies and maintaining flexibility in resource management.

Legal and ethical compliance is underscored as fundamental, with transport enterprises required to adhere to regulatory standards and ethical business practices.

In summation, the effective formation, development, and utilization of resource potential in transport enterprises are integral to their successful operation. This requires a multifaceted approach that encompasses strategic planning, efficient resource allocation, continuous development and enhancement, and a commitment to sustainability, risk management, innovation, and legal-ethical compliance. These findings contribute to the broader understanding of resource management in the transport sector, offering a valuable framework for transport enterprises seeking to optimize their resource base and maintain a competitive edge in the rapidly evolving global marketplace.

#### **CHAPTER 2**

# AUTOMOBILE CARGO TRANSPORTATION IN UKRAINE. ACTIVITIES OF THE LANDSTAR COMPANY IN UKRAINE AND ABROAD.

#### 2.1 The market of road freight transportation in Ukraine.

The road freight transportation market in Ukraine is a critical component of the country's logistics infrastructure. It contributes significantly to the nation's economy, facilitating domestic and international trade. This analysis delves into various aspects of the market, shedding light on its evolution and prospects.

Market Size: The road freight transportation market in Ukraine has historically been substantial, driven by the nation's vast geographic expanse and strategic location. It is influenced by economic factors, including the growth of domestic manufacturing and foreign trade. [7]

Key Players: The market comprises a diverse set of players, ranging from local giants like Ukrposhta and Nova Poshta to international logistics giants like DHL and FedEx. A detailed examination of these key players reveals their market share, operational areas, and strategic initiatives.

Market Trends:

• E-commerce Growth: The rapid expansion of the e-commerce sector has fueled demand for last-mile delivery services, impacting the road freight transportation market. The rise of companies like Rozetka and OLX has been a significant driver.

• International Trade: Ukraine's geographical proximity to the European Union and its participation in trade agreements, such as the DCFTA with the EU, has attracted international businesses. As a result, the need for cross-border transportation has increased significantly.

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• Infrastructure Development: Ongoing investments in road infrastructure have aimed to enhance road quality and connectivity. This development has the potential to improve efficiency and reliability in road freight transportation.

• Technological Advancements: The integration of technology, including route optimization software and telematics, has led to better resource utilization, enhanced tracking, and improved operational efficiency.

• Environmental Concerns: The analysis considers the industry's growing emphasis on sustainability and environmental responsibility. Discourses surrounding cleaner and more sustainable transportation methods are expected to shape the industry's trajectory. Challenges:

• Regulatory Environment: Challenges related to bureaucratic hurdles and corruption in the regulatory framework have hampered the efficiency and transparency of the industry.

• Infrastructure Quality: Despite investment, there remain concerns about the quality of roads and highways in some regions, leading to operational inefficiencies.

• Security and Border Crossings: Security concerns and delays at international borders, especially in relation to Russia and Belarus, can impact the smooth flow of cross-border trade.

#### War impact:

• Economic Disruption:

Decreased Freight Volumes: Conflict and instability typically lead to a significant decrease in freight volumes due to disrupted supply chains and reduced economic activity. Damage to Infrastructure: War often results in substantial damage to transportation infrastructure, including roads, bridges, and logistics hubs, hindering freight movements.

• Operational Challenges:

Route Diversions: Necessity to reroute transportation away from conflict zones, leading to longer transit times and increased costs.

Increased Operational Risks: Heightened risks for transportation operators, including physical danger in conflict zones and uncertainty in transit times.

• Market Shifts:

Shift in Freight Types: An increased focus on transporting essential goods, humanitarian aid, and military supplies, as opposed to regular commercial cargo.

Changes in Trade Patterns: Altered trade patterns due to border closures, new trade alliances, and embargoes.

• Financial Impact:

Increased Costs: Higher operational costs due to longer routes, increased fuel prices, and heightened insurance premiums.

Revenue Declines: Decrease in revenues for transportation companies due to reduced demand in certain sectors and loss of assets.

• Regulatory and Security Aspects:

Heightened Security Measures: Increased security protocols for freight transportation, potentially leading to delays.

Regulatory Changes: New regulations or restrictions impacting transportation, including export controls and sanctions.

• Long-term Impacts:

Need for Post-War Reconstruction: Post-conflict reconstruction efforts would likely include rebuilding damaged infrastructure, which could initially strain but eventually boost the transportation sector.

Market Reorientation: Potential long-term shifts in the market, with new transportation routes, alliances, and a focus on rebuilding the economy.

Table 2.1

Ye ar	Total Freight Transporta tion (million tons)	Railway Transporta tion (million tons)	Road Transporta tion (million tons)	Air Transporta tion (million tons)	Port Cargo Handli ng (millio n tons)	Iron and Manganes e Ore Transporta tion by Rail (million tons)	Transporta tion of Ferrous Metals by Rail (million tons)
20 21	619.9	154.5	208.8	29.3	115.3	38.6	7.7
20 22	317.2	150.0	175.0	15.0	59.0	41.7	9.2

Comparison of the volume of truck transportation in Ukraine in 2021 and 2022 by industry

In 2022, Ukraine's total volume of freight transportation witnessed a significant contraction, declining by 49.8% to 317.2 million tons from the previous year's 619.9 million tons. The railway sector, which had previously supported 154.5 million tons of cargo, experienced a slight decrease to 150 million tons. Road transportation, on the other hand, saw a more pronounced reduction from 208.8 million tons to 175 million tons. The air freight sector, although a smaller contributor, decreased from 29.3 million tons to 15 million tons. Port cargo handling also faced a downturn, dropping to 59 million tons from 115.3 million tons.

The transportation of specific commodities also varied, with iron and manganese ore transportation by rail increasing slightly to 41.7 million tons, up from 38.6 million tons in 2021. However, the transportation of ferrous metals by rail decreased to 9.2 million tons, down from 7.7 million tons, aligning with the overall trend of reduced transportation volumes across the sector.

The automotive transport sector of the freight transportation market in Ukraine has assumed a key role in the delivery of food products, building materials, chemical products, fuel, consumer goods, and humanitarian cargoes to combat zones and hard-to-reach settlements. We also recommend reviewing a brief overview of the impact of the war on Ukraine's building materials market (2023).

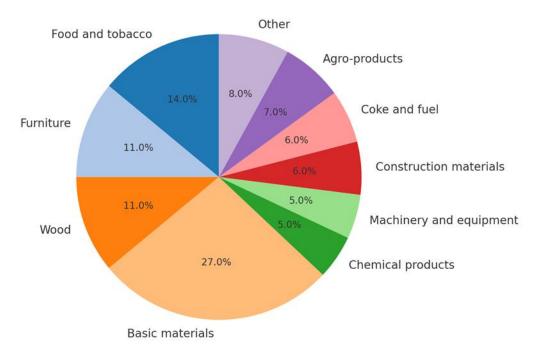


Fig.-2.1. Structure of Road Freight Transportation in Ukraine, 2022 [9]

The analysis of the freight transportation market in Ukraine from March to August 2022 shows that its volume decreased by approximately 50% in both sectors. The main reason for the collapse of freight transportation was the economic downturn of our country as a result of the war, which resulted in a 33% decrease in the gross domestic product. The logistics market was one of the first to feel the consequences of the military force majeure, which negatively affected the turnover of goods, causing structural disruptions in operations and an increase in fuel prices.

In the event of cessation or localization of military actions, a gradual growth of the freight transportation market in Ukraine is forecasted, with an average annual rate of 5% as the economy recovers.

The Ukrainian freight transport market will continue to be influenced by our country's commitment to the European Green Deal, with obligations to reduce harmful emissions and the use of fossil fuel resources. In this regard, rail transport has a more advantageous position over road transport and, consequently, greater potential for development. The energy efficiency of rail transport on the global freight market is eight times higher than that of road transport for one ton of cargo. [9]

Expanding on the provided information about the road freight transportation market in Ukraine, we can delve deeper into some additional aspects and dynamics:

1. Competitive Landscape:

- Local vs. International Players: The market is characterized by a mix of local and international players, each bringing different strengths. Local companies may have better knowledge of the regional market, while international firms bring global standards and practices.
- Market Entry Barriers: The market's barriers to entry, including regulatory compliance and the need for significant capital investment, influence the competitive landscape. [10]

2. Economic Impact Analysis: Contribution to GDP: The sector's contribution to Ukraine's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), highlighting its economic significance.

- Employment: The role of the road freight sector in providing employment, both directly and indirectly, through related industries. [10]
- 3. Technological Innovation:
  - Emerging Technologies: Exploration of emerging technologies like blockchain and autonomous vehicles, and their potential impact on the market.
  - Digital Transformation: The role of digital transformation in enhancing supply chain visibility and efficiency.
- 4. Policy and Regulatory Developments:
  - Government Initiatives: Analysis of recent government initiatives and policies affecting the road freight sector, such as tax reforms, subsidies, or investment in infrastructure.
  - International Standards Compliance: The sector's alignment with international transportation and safety standards.
- 5. Market Challenges and Risk Management:
  - Economic Fluctuations: The impact of economic fluctuations on freight demand.
  - Risk Management Strategies: Strategies employed by companies to manage risks related to currency fluctuations, political instability, and market volatility.
- 6. Sustainability and Social Responsibility:

- Carbon Emission Regulations: Details on how carbon emission regulations and green policies are shaping the industry.
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR): How companies in the sector are engaging in CSR activities and contributing to sustainable development goals. [10]
- 7. Consumer Behavior and Demand Analysis:
  - Changing Consumer Preferences: Understanding how changing consumer preferences, such as the demand for faster delivery times, are affecting the market.
  - Demand Fluctuations: Analysis of demand fluctuations in the market due to seasonal variations and economic cycles. [10]
- 8. Market Forecast and Future Trends:
  - Growth Projections: Projecting the market's growth based on current trends and future market drivers.
  - Potential for Innovation and Expansion: Identifying potential areas for innovation and expansion, such as the integration of advanced analytics for better fleet management.
- 9. International Trade Dynamics:
  - Trade Corridors: Examining the major trade corridors that impact Ukraine's road freight market.
  - Global Market Integration: How Ukraine's road freight market is integrating with the global market, influenced by trade agreements and international logistics networks.

Future Outlook:

The road freight transportation market in Ukraine is poised for significant growth due to its strategic location and the rising demand for transportation services, notably in the ecommerce sector.

As Ukraine continues to modernize its infrastructure and regulatory environment, it is anticipated that the market will become increasingly attractive to both domestic and international players.

Sustainability and environmental considerations are projected to take on greater importance in the years ahead, with a shift toward cleaner and more sustainable transportation methods. The market's future will also be influenced by evolving trade relationships, including Ukraine's engagement with the European Union and neighboring countries, which will continue to shape the direction of the road freight transportation industry.

The road freight transportation market in Ukraine is a dynamic sector with considerable potential for growth and development. This analysis underscores the importance of efficient regulation, infrastructure development, and sustainability practices to capitalize on the market's opportunities and address its challenges.

#### 2.2. Analysis of the work of the Landstar company abroad and in Ukraine.

Landstar System, Inc. is a renowned American transportation and logistics company that specializes in providing a wide range of supply chain solutions. It's important to note that Landstar primarily operates within the United States and Canada, with limited international operations. However, it can collaborate with other logistics providers and carriers that operate internationally. As of my last knowledge update in September 2021, Landstar's presence in Ukraine is limited. [11]

Landstar System Abroad:

• International Freight Services: Landstar offers international transportation services, including ocean and air freight, cross-border transportation to Canada and Mexico, and intermodal services. Their international operations are particularly strong between the U.S. and Canada.

• Agent Network: Landstar operates through an agent-based model, which allows agents to use the company's resources and network to provide logistics solutions. This network extends to some international agents who collaborate on cross-border shipments and international logistics.

• Supply Chain Solutions: Landstar provides customized supply chain solutions, including project cargo handling and specialized services. These solutions can be extended to international clients with transportation and logistics needs within North America.

• Technology Integration: Landstar employs advanced technology for tracking and managing shipments, both domestically and internationally. Their platform helps clients and agents to monitor and control their supply chain operations. [12]

#### Financial Overview

In this chapter, the following information that may be deemed a non-GAAP financial measure provided: variable contribution, variable contribution margin and operating income as a percentage of variable contribution.

Operating income as a percentage of variable contribution is a useful measure as:

(i) variable costs of revenue for a significant portion of the Company's business are highly influenced by shortterm market-based trends in the freight transportation industry, whereas other costs, including other costs of revenue, are much less impacted by short-term freight market trends; and

(ii) this measure is meaningful to investors' evaluations of the Company's management of costs attributable to operations other than the purely variable costs associated with purchased transportation and commissions to agents that the Company incurs to provide services to customers. [13]

It is appropriate to present each of the financial measures that may be deemed a non-GAAP financial measure, as referred to above, for the following reasons: (1) disclosure of these matters will allow investors to better understand the underlying trends in the Company's financial condition and results of operations; (2) this information will facilitate comparisons by investors of the Company's results as compared to the results of peer companies; and (3) this financial information in its decision making.

July 1, 2023 YTD Results:

- \$2.81 billion in revenue
- 1.15 million loadings
- 625 million dollar agents (based on 2022 fiscal year)
- 10,548 BCO trucks
- 87,806 Carriers
- 18,200+ Trailers

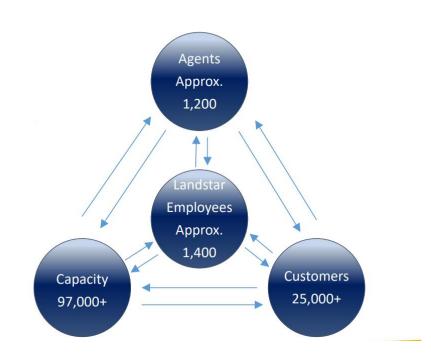


Fig. 2.2 The Landstar network [14]

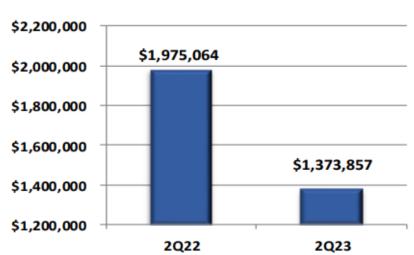
Table 2.2

#### Transportation Management Services 2Q22 and 2Q23 comparison [14]

2Q22	2Q23
52%	51%
24%	29%
2%	2%
11%	9%
2%	2%
8%	5%
	52%         24%         2%         11%         2%



Fig. 2.3 Year-to-Date revenue [14]



<u>Quarter</u>

Fig 2.4 Quarter revenue [14]

Year Prior Year	Rate	Volume	Change
Truck Revenue	-14.4%	-14.2%	-26.5%
Rail Intermodal Revenue	-7.0%	-36.5%	-40.9%
Ocean/Air Recenue	-40.0%	-26.8%	-56.1%
Insurance Premiums	NA	NA	-5.1%
Total Revenue			-28.8%

Year over Prior Year statistics [14]

Table 2.4.

Qtr over Prior Year Qtr statistics [14]

Qtr over Prior Year Qtr	Rate	Volume	Change
Truck Revenue	-15.0%	-16.1%	-28.6%
Rail Intermodal Revenue	-11.7%	-34.2%	-41.9%
Ocean/Air Revenue	-35.2%	-26.7%	-52.5%
Insurance Premiums	NA	NA	-8.0%
Total Revenue			-30.4%

(1) Percentage change in rate is calculated on a revenue per load basis.

(2) Percentage change in volume is calculated on the number of loads hauled.

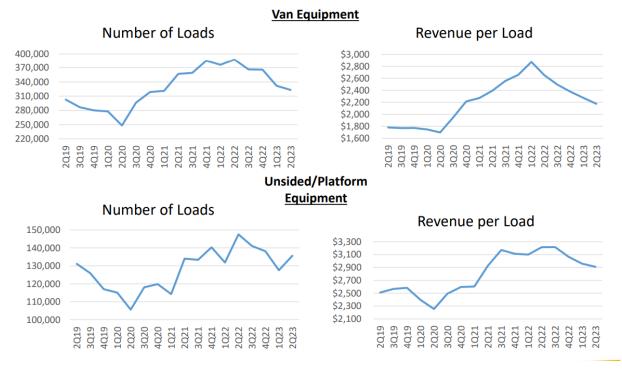
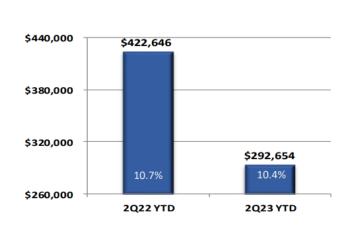


Fig. 2.5 Truckload Loadings and Revenue per Truckload Trends [14]

Table 2.5.

	2Q22	2Q23	Quarter over
			PriorYear Quarter
			Change in Revenue
Consumer Durables	29.4%	27.1%	-36%
Machinery	11.5%	13.9%	-17%
Automotive	8.8%	12.0%	-6%
Building Products	8.3%	8.5%	-29%
AA&E, Hazmat	8.1%	8.1%	-31%
Metals	5.1%	5.0%	-32%
Foodstuffs	3.2%	2.6%	-42%
Substitute Line Haul	3.6%	1.9%	-63%
Other	22.0%	20.9%	-34%
Transportation	100.0%	100.0%	-31%
Revenue			

Industries Served [14]



Year-to-Date

Fig.2.6 Gross Profit (\$'s in thousands) [14]

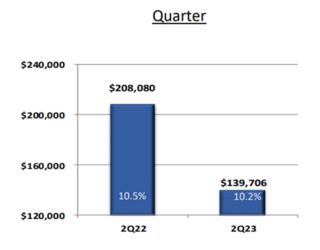


Fig. 2.7 Gross Profit Margin (\$'s in thousands) [14]

(1) Gross profit equals revenue less the cost of purchased transportation, commissions to agents and other costs of revenue.

(2) Gross profit margin equals gross profit divided by revenue.



Year-to-Date

Fig.2.8 Variable Contribution(1) (\$'s in thousands) [14]



Fig. 2.9 Contribution Margin (2) (\$'s in thousands) [14]

	2nd Qtr YTD
Changes in variable contribution margin	%
2022 Period	13.6
Revenue - fixed	-0.2
Revenue - variable	0.8
Change in mix and other	0.3
2023 Period	14.5

#### Variable Contribution (1) (\$'s in thousands) [14]

Table 2.7

## Variable Contribution Margin (2) (\$'s in thousands) [14]

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr
Changes in variable contribution margin	%
2022 Period	13.5
Revenue - fixed	-0.2
Revenue - variable	0.6
Change in mix and other	0.5
2023 Period	14.4

(1) Variable contribution equals revenue less the cost of purchased transportation and commissions to agents.

(2) Variable contribution margin equals variable contribution divided by revenue.

(3) Revenue on transactions where the Company's variable contribution margin was based on a contractually pre-determined percentage of revenue accounted for 41% and 42% of revenue in the 2022 and 2023 year-to-date periods, respectively, and 40% and 42% of revenue in the 2022 and 2023 second quarters, respectively.



Fig. 2.10 Operating Income as a % of Gross Profit (\$'s in thousands) [14]



Fig. 2.11 Operating Income as a % of Variable Contribution (\$'s in thousands) [14]

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr YTD
Changes in operating income as a % of	%
variable contribution	
2022 Period	58.2
Other operating costs	-2.3
Insurance and claims	-1.4
SG&A	-5.8
Depreciation and amortization	-2.2
2023 Period	46.5

Changes in operating income as a % of variable contribution 2nd Qtr YT [14]

## Table 2.9

## Changes in operating income as a % of variable Contribution 2nd Qtr [14]

	2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr
Changes in operating income as a % of variable contribution	%
2022 Period	56.2
Other operating costs	-2.9
Insurance and claims	-1.2
SG&A	-5.5
Depreciation and amortization	-2.2
2023 Period	44.4

Truck Capacity Data. All information is provided as of the end of the applicable period

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	Jun 25, 2022	Dec 31, 2022	Jul 1, 2023
BCO Independent	11,023	10,393	9,748
Contractors			
Truck Brokerage		1	
Carriers:			
Approved and	70,649	66,745	58,303
Active			
Other Approved	29,454	30,999	29,503
	100,103	97,744	87,806
Total Available	111,126	108,137	97,554
Truck Capacity			
Providers			
Trucks provided by	11,877	11,281	10,548
BCO Independent			
Contractors			

## Table 2.11

	Jun 25, 2022	Jul 1, 2023
Balance sheet (period end		
amounts):		
Dept to Capital	11%	8%
Net cash (1)	\$8,943	\$334,393
Cash Flow (year-to-date):		
Cash flow from operations	\$209,651	\$191,733
Capital expenditures	\$7,467	\$12,631
Share repurchases	\$212,632	\$15,433
Dividends paid	\$93,968	\$93,440
Returns (trailing 12 months):		
Return to Equity	52%	37%
Return on Invested Capital	46%	34%
Return on Assets	23%	18%

## Key Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statistics (\$'s in thousands) [14]

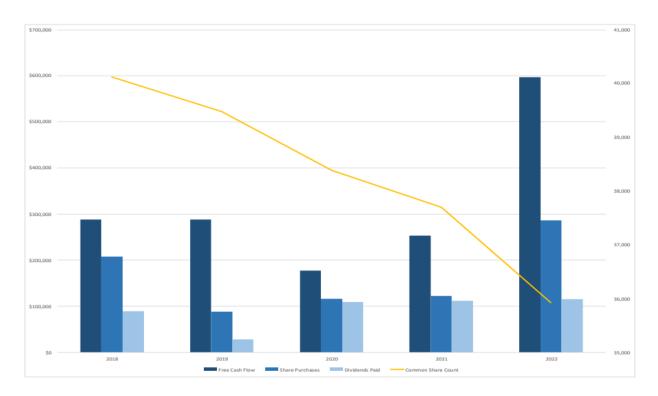


Fig. 2.12 Free Cash Flow, Stock Purchases and Dividends (In Thousands) [14]

Table 2.12

## Second Quarter 2023 YTD [14]

Second Quarter 2023 YTD	(000's)
Free cash flow (1)	\$179,102
Share purchases	\$15,433
Dividends paid	\$93,440
Ending common share count	35,946

	July 1, 2023	June 25, 2022	July 1, 2023	June 25, 2022
Revenue	\$2,809,532	\$3,945,663	\$1,373,857	\$1,975,064
Costs of revenue:				
Purchased transportation	2,154,491	3,096,018	1,053,197	1,545,688
Commisons to agents	248,153	311,634	122,478	161,856
Variable costs of revenue	2,402,644	3,407,652	1,175,675	1,707,544
Trailing equipment deppraciation	16,519	18,363	8,150	9,280
Information Technology costs	13,493	9,039	6,742	4,933
Insurance-related costs	58,382	66,441	30,122	34,786
Other operating costs	25,840	21,522	13,462	10,381
Other costs of revenue	114,234	115,365	58,476	59,440
Total costs of revenue	2,156,878	3,523,017	1,234,151	1,766,984
Gross Profit	\$292,654	\$422,646	\$139,706	\$208,080
Gross Profit Margin	10.4%	10.7%	10.2%	10.5%

Plus: other costs	114,234	115,365	58,476	59,440
revenue				
Variable contribution	\$406,888	\$538,011	\$198,182	\$267,520
Variable contribution margin	14.5%	13.6%	14.4%	13,5%

Landstar System in Ukraine:

• Landstar's presence in Ukraine is relatively limited. The company primarily serves the U.S. and North American markets, and its operations are centered on their agent-based model. However, in regions like Ukraine, they may engage with local logistics partners or agents for specific international logistics requirements. Here's an analysis of Landstar's operations in Ukraine:

• Local Partnerships: In regions where Landstar does not have a strong presence, such as Ukraine, they may collaborate with local logistics companies and agents. These local partners help facilitate international shipments to and from Ukraine.

• Cross-Border Services: Landstar may assist Ukrainian businesses in transporting goods to and from the U.S. and Canada, leveraging their expertise in cross-border logistics. This can be particularly beneficial for businesses involved in international trade.

• Global Reach Through Agents: Landstar's agent network model allows for global reach. Although the company's operations are predominantly North American, they can extend their services globally by collaborating with agents.

• Customized Solutions: Landstar's expertise in providing customized logistics solutions can be valuable for Ukrainian companies with specific transportation and supply chain needs.

• Regulatory Compliance: When working in international logistics, including operations related to Ukraine, Landstar would need to ensure strict adherence to international trade regulations, customs procedures, and other compliance requirements.

It's essential to recognize that the extent of Landstar's presence and influence in Ukraine is limited compared to its significant operations in North America. However, for Ukrainian businesses engaged in international trade or requiring specialized logistics solutions, Landstar can offer valuable expertise and resources through their agent network and international freight services. As the company's operations and international reach may evolve, it's advisable to seek the most recent information and collaborate with local agents or partners for specific logistics needs in Ukraine.

In Ukraine the Landstar company is represented by the company Logity. This is the largest Landstar agent company with more than 800 employees. The company is hiring the people for the positions of the Landstar agents, credit specialists, customer sales specialists and customer support specialists. The company is part of the structure S.A. Freight International, which was founded 18 years ago in San Antonio, TX.

Logity is the earstern european company with the Ukrainian origin.

Landstar Agent Ukraine began its development in the summer of 2011, when the first agency was founded in Kharkiv - it was a small office on Chernyshevska Street.

The company has the offices in Kharkiv, Kyiv, Lviv, Poltava, Chernivtsi and in Warsaw. [15]

#### A SWOT analysis of Landstar

A SWOT analysis of Landstar, a logistics company, involves evaluating its Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. This analysis helps understand the company's competitive position and strategic priorities. It's important to note that the following SWOT analysis is based on general information available as of my last training data in April 2023, and may not reflect the most current state of the company:

#### Strengths:

- 1. Extensive Network: Landstar boasts a large network of independent agents and thirdparty carriers, providing flexibility and extensive reach.
- 2. Diverse Service Offerings: The company offers a wide range of logistics services, including truckload, LTL, expedited freight, and supply chain solutions.

- 3. Asset-Light Business Model: This model reduces capital expenditure and allows for scalability and adaptability in changing market conditions.
- 4. Technology Integration: Landstar has invested in technology for operations, such as advanced tracking and management systems, enhancing efficiency and customer service.
- 5. Strong Safety Record: The emphasis on safety and compliance helps in maintaining a reliable and trusted service.

#### Weaknesses:

- 1. Dependence on Independent Agents and Contractors: This reliance can lead to challenges in quality control and consistency of service.
- 2. Limited International Presence: Compared to some of its competitors, Landstar has a more limited international footprint, which could restrict global growth opportunities.
- 3. Market Fluctuations: Being largely non-asset-based, the company may be more susceptible to market rate fluctuations in the transportation industry.

#### **Opportunities:**

- 1. Expansion into Emerging Markets: Increasing its global presence, particularly in emerging markets, could provide significant growth opportunities.
- 2. Technological Advancements: Investing in emerging technologies like AI and blockchain for logistics could further enhance operational efficiency and customer experience.
- 3. Sustainability Initiatives: There's a growing demand for sustainable logistics solutions, which Landstar could capitalize on.
- 4. Strategic Partnerships: Forming alliances with technology firms or acquisitions can expand service offerings and customer base.

#### Threats:

- 1. Economic Volatility: Economic downturns can significantly impact the freight and logistics industry.
- 2. Intense Competition: The logistics industry is highly competitive, with numerous players vying for market share.

- 3. Regulatory Changes: Changes in transportation and environmental regulations could increase operational costs or require significant adjustments in operations.
- 4. Technological Disruptions: Rapid advancements in technology, like autonomous vehicles, could disrupt traditional logistics models.

#### 2.3 Use of the resource potential of road freight transport enterprises.

The use of resource potential in road freight transport enterprises is a multi-faceted approach that involves optimizing various resources to enhance efficiency, profitability, and sustainability. [16] Here are key aspects of this approach:

1. Fleet Management and Optimization:

- Advanced Fleet Analytics: Leveraging analytics to assess fleet performance, identify areas for improvement, and make data-driven decisions.
- Sustainable Fleet Practices: Embracing eco-friendly practices like using biodiesel or hybrid vehicles to lower emissions and align with global environmental standards.
   [16]
- Fleet Expansion Strategies: Considering strategic fleet expansion or renewal to meet evolving market demands and improve operational capabilities.

2. Human Resource Management:

- Retention Strategies: Implementing strategies to retain skilled drivers and staff, such as competitive compensation, career development opportunities, and a positive work environment.
- Diversity and Inclusion: Fostering a diverse and inclusive workplace culture that values different perspectives and backgrounds.
- Leadership Development: Investing in leadership development programs to prepare management staff for higher responsibilities and challenges.
   3. Technological Integration:
- Mobile Applications for Fleet Management: Utilizing mobile apps for more accessible and flexible fleet management and communication with drivers.

- Integration of IoT Devices: Using Internet of Things (IoT) devices for better asset tracking, vehicle diagnostics, and predictive maintenance.
- Adoption of Autonomous Vehicle Technologies: Exploring the potential of autonomous vehicle technologies for future integration into the fleet.
  4. Energy Efficiency and Sustainability:
- Green Initiatives: Launching green initiatives such as tree planting or participating in environmental programs to offset carbon emissions.
- Eco-driving Training: Training drivers in eco-driving techniques to reduce fuel consumption and minimize environmental impact.
- Environmental Impact Assessments: Regularly conducting environmental impact assessments to identify and mitigate the ecological footprint. [16]
  5. Load Optimization:
- Advanced Loading Techniques: Implementing advanced loading techniques and tools to maximize space utilization and minimize damage during transit.
- Dynamic Routing Systems: Using dynamic routing systems that adapt to real-time traffic and weather conditions for optimal route planning.
- Consolidation Centers: Establishing consolidation centers to efficiently combine smaller shipments into full loads, reducing transportation costs.[16]
  6. Customer Relationship Management (CRM):
- Technology-driven CRM Tools: Implementing advanced CRM software for better tracking of customer interactions and preferences.
- Personalized Service Offerings: Offering personalized logistics solutions tailored to specific customer needs and preferences.
- Regular Customer Feedback Surveys: Conducting regular surveys to gather customer feedback for continuous service improvement.
  - 7. Compliance and Safety:
- Regular Safety Audits: Conducting regular safety audits and inspections to ensure adherence to safety standards and regulations.
- Emergency Response Planning: Developing comprehensive emergency response plans for potential on-road incidents.

• Safety Training Programs: Implementing ongoing safety training programs for all staff members.

8. Financial Management:

- Investment in Cost-Effective Technologies: Investing in technologies that offer longterm cost savings, such as fuel-efficient vehicles and automated systems.
- Financial Performance Monitoring: Regular monitoring of financial performance against budgets and forecasts to identify and address discrepancies.
- Strategic Financial Planning: Engaging in strategic financial planning to identify investment opportunities and manage risks. [16]
  9. Market Analysis and Adaptation:
- Competitive Intelligence Gathering: Systematically gathering and analyzing competitive intelligence to stay ahead in the market.
- Adaptation to Market Changes: Quickly adapting to market changes, such as shifts in consumer behavior or regulatory changes.
- Expansion into New Markets: Exploring opportunities for expansion into new geographic markets or service areas. [16]
   10. Supply Chain Collaboration:
- Strategic Partnerships: Forming strategic partnerships with suppliers, customers, and other logistics providers for mutual benefit.
- Joint Venture Opportunities: Exploring joint venture opportunities to expand capabilities and reach.
- Integrated Supply Chain Solutions: Offering integrated supply chain solutions that combine transportation, warehousing, and distribution services.

By focusing on these areas, road freight transport enterprises can effectively use their resource potential to improve service quality, reduce costs, and enhance competitiveness in the market.

#### Determination of the Enterprise's Resource Potential Scale

Block	Details
BLOCK 1. DETERMINATION OF METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSING RESOURCE POTENTIAL	<ul> <li>Selection of indicators for assessing resource potential by components</li> <li>Definition of the resulting indicator of resource potential utilization</li> <li>Selection of methods and tools for assessing resource potential utilization</li> </ul>
BLOCK 2. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCE POTENTIAL UTILIZATION	<ul> <li>Identification of trends and dynamics of resource potential assessment indicators</li> <li>Identification of interdependencies between resource potential assessment indicators</li> <li>Identification of strengths and weaknesses of resource potential utilization, threats, and opportunities of the external environment</li> </ul>
BLOCK 3. INSTRUMENTATION OF RESOURCE POTENTIAL UTILIZATION	<ul> <li>Modeling of resource potential utilization</li> <li>Forecasting dynamics of resource potential utilization indicators</li> <li>Forecasting dynamics of the enterprise's net profit</li> <li>Development of strategic directions for optimizing resource potential utilization</li> </ul>

Algorithm for assessment and optimization of resource potential utilization of the enterprise

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Conclusions:

1. Road Freight Transportation Market in Ukraine:

- The market is essential to Ukraine's logistics infrastructure and significantly impacts the economy.
- Market Size: It is influenced by Ukraine's geographic location and the growth of domestic manufacturing and foreign trade.
- Key Players: Include local companies like Ukrposhta and Nova Poshta, and international logistics giants like DHL and FedEx.
- Market Trends: E-commerce growth, international trade, infrastructure development, technological advancements, and environmental concerns.

- Challenges: Regulatory environment, infrastructure quality, and security at borders.
- Market Dynamics: The total volume of freight transportation declined significantly in 2022, with road transportation experiencing a notable reduction.
- Future Outlook: Anticipates growth in the market due to strategic location, infrastructure modernization, environmental considerations, and evolving trade relationships. [18]
- 2. Landstar System's Role:
  - Landstar, an American logistics company, has limited operations in Ukraine, focusing mainly on the U.S. and Canada.
  - The company operates an agent-based model, extending its network to international agents for cross-border shipments.
  - In Ukraine, Landstar collaborates with local logistics companies and agents, like Logity, to facilitate international shipments and provide specialized logistics solutions.
- 3. Use of Resource Potential in Road Freight Transport Enterprises:
  - The approach involves fleet management, human resource management, technological integration, energy efficiency, load optimization, customer relationship management, compliance and safety, financial management, market analysis, and supply chain collaboration.
  - This multi-faceted strategy aims to enhance efficiency, profitability, and sustainability in the road freight transport sector.
- 4. Determination of Enterprise's Resource Potential Scale:
  - The document outlines a structured approach to assess and optimize resource potential, including:
    - Selection of assessment indicators.
    - Analysis of resource potential utilization.
    - Development of strategies for optimizing resource potential. [18]

Conclusions for the Chapter 2:

1. The market plays a crucial role in the country's logistics infrastructure, significantly impacting the economy. Influenced by geographic factors and economic activities like domestic manufacturing and foreign trade. Consists of a diverse mix of local and international logistics companies. Experiences trends such as growth in e-commerce, international trade, infrastructure development, technological advancements, and a focus on environmental sustainability.

Faces challenges like regulatory issues, quality of infrastructure, and security at borders. There was a significant decrease in overall freight transportation volume in 2022, largely due to the impact of the war, which disrupted supply chains and economic activities.

2. Landstar System, Inc., primarily operational in the U.S. and Canada, has a limited but strategic presence in Ukraine. Operates through an agent-based model, facilitating cross-border and international logistics. Collaborates with local partners in Ukraine for specific logistics requirements. Provides specialized logistics solutions and ensures regulatory compliance in international operations.

3. Special aspects of the company's work are in the Use of Resource Potential in Road Freight Transport Enterprises: Emphasis on optimizing various resources, including fleet management, human resources, and technology, focus on energy efficiency and sustainability in operations. The strategy aims to improve operational efficiency, profitability, and environmental impact.

4. To improve the company's work, it is proposed in the Determination of Enterprise's Resource Potential Scale: Develop a structured methodology for assessing and optimizing resource potential. This includes selecting relevant indicators for assessment, analyzing the utilization of resources, and identifying strengths, weaknesses, and market opportunities.

5. It is suggested to model the utilization of resource potential, forecast dynamics, and develop strategic directions for resource optimization.

#### **CHAPTER 3**

# OPTIMIZING AND STRATEGIZING RESOURCE POTENTIAL IN TRANSPORT ENTERPRISES

#### 3.1 Methods of managing the resource potential of a transport enterprise.

The resource potential of a transport enterprise refers to the sum of all resources and capabilities that the company can leverage to achieve its operational objectives and strategic goals. This encompasses a wide range of assets, skills, and attributes, including:

1. Physical Assets:

- Fleet of Vehicles: This includes trucks, trailers, ships, aircraft, or any other vehicles used for transportation purposes. The size, condition, and diversity of the fleet are crucial factors.
- Infrastructure: Warehousing facilities, distribution centers, loading docks, maintenance facilities, and logistics hubs.
- Equipment: Handling and loading equipment, safety gear, and other tools essential for transportation and logistics operations.
  - 2. Human Resources:
- Workforce: Skilled drivers, logistics planners, warehouse staff, maintenance crews, and administrative personnel.
- Expertise and Experience: The collective knowledge and experience of the workforce in logistics, supply chain management, and transportation.
- Training and Development: Ongoing training programs to enhance skills and adapt to new technologies or processes.

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3. Technological Resources:

- IT Infrastructure: Software systems for transportation management, fleet tracking, customer relationship management (CRM), and data analysis.
- Communication Tools: Technologies that facilitate effective communication within the organization and with clients or partners.
- Innovation Capability: Ability to integrate new technologies such as AI, IoT, and blockchain into operations.

4. Financial Resources:

- Capital: Funds available for operational expenses, investments, and expansions.
- Cash Flow Management: The ability to efficiently manage incoming and outgoing financial transactions.
- Investment Capacity: Potential to invest in new ventures, technology, or assets.
  5. Network and Relationships:
- Partnerships: Connections with suppliers, customers, logistics partners, and other stakeholders.
- Market Presence: Reputation and brand value in the market.
- Alliances and Memberships: Affiliations with industry groups, regulatory bodies, and trade associations.
  - 6. Operational Capabilities:
- Logistics and Supply Chain Management: Proficiency in managing complex ogistics operations and supply chains.
- Route Optimization: Ability to optimize routes for efficiency and cost-effectiveness.
- Load and Capacity Management: Skills in managing load capacities and scheduling to maximize utilization.
  - 7. Regulatory Compliance and Standards:
- Legal Compliance: Adherence to transportation laws, safety regulations, and environmental standards.
- Certifications: Holding relevant industry certifications and accreditations.
  8. Sustainability Resources:

- Eco-friendly Practices: Initiatives for reducing carbon footprint, such as using green vehicles or optimizing fuel usage.
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Alignment with global SDGs, contributing to broader environmental and social objectives. [19]
  9. Strategic Assets:
- Strategic Location: Proximity to key markets, ports, or trade routes.
   Brand Reputation: The strength of the brand and its perception in the market.
   10. Risk Management:
- Risk Assessment Tools: Systems and processes to identify, assess, and mitigate risks.
- Insurance and Coverage: Adequate insurance policies to protect assets and operations.

The resource potential of a transport enterprise thus represents a combination of tangible and intangible assets. Effectively managing and optimizing these resources is key to achieving operational excellence, competitiveness, and long-term sustainability in the dynamic field of transportation and logistics.

Managing the resource potential of a transport enterprise involves a multifaceted approach that optimizes the use of various resources—human, financial, material, and informational—to improve efficiency, enhance service quality, and ensure sustainable growth. The following methods form the core of effective resource management in this sector:

1. Human Resource Management (HRM)

• Training and Development: Regular training programs to enhance the skill set of employees, focusing on new technologies, customer service, and safety protocols.

• Performance Management: Implementing robust performance appraisal systems to motivate and reward employees, aligning their goals with organizational objectives.

• Workforce Optimization: Efficiently allocating human resources based on demand and skill requirements, including shift management and task assignments.

2. Financial Resource Management

• Budgeting and Cost Control: Developing comprehensive budgets for operational and capital expenditures, and implementing cost-control measures to optimize spending.

• Investment Analysis: Evaluating investment opportunities in new vehicles, technology, or infrastructure to ensure long-term financial stability and growth.

• Risk Management: Identifying financial risks (like fuel price fluctuations) and implementing strategies to mitigate them.

3. Material Resource Management

• Fleet Management: Efficient management of the vehicle fleet, including maintenance schedules, fuel consumption optimization, and vehicle replacement strategies.

• Inventory Control: Managing spare parts and supplies inventory to ensure availability while minimizing holding costs.

• Supplier Relationship Management: Establishing and maintaining strong relationships with suppliers to ensure quality and timely delivery of materials.

4. Information Resource Management

• Technology Integration: Implementing advanced technologies like GPS tracking, route optimization software, and transport management systems for real-time information flow.

• Data Analytics: Using data analytics to gain insights into operational efficiencies, customer preferences, and market trends.

• Cybersecurity Measures: Ensuring the security of digital data and systems from cyber threats.

5. Environmental and Sustainability Practices

• Eco-Friendly Operations: Implementing green initiatives like fuel-efficient vehicles, reducing emissions, and adopting renewable energy sources.

• Sustainability Reporting: Regular reporting on environmental impact and sustainability efforts to stakeholders.

6. Strategic Planning and Forecasting

• Long-Term Planning: Developing strategic plans that align with industry trends, technological advancements, and market demands.

• Demand Forecasting: Predicting future transport needs and adjusting resource allocation accordingly.

7. Quality Management

• Quality Standards Compliance: Adhering to industry quality standards and regulations to ensure service excellence.

• Continuous Improvement Programs: Implementing Kaizen or other continuous improvement methodologies to enhance operational processes.

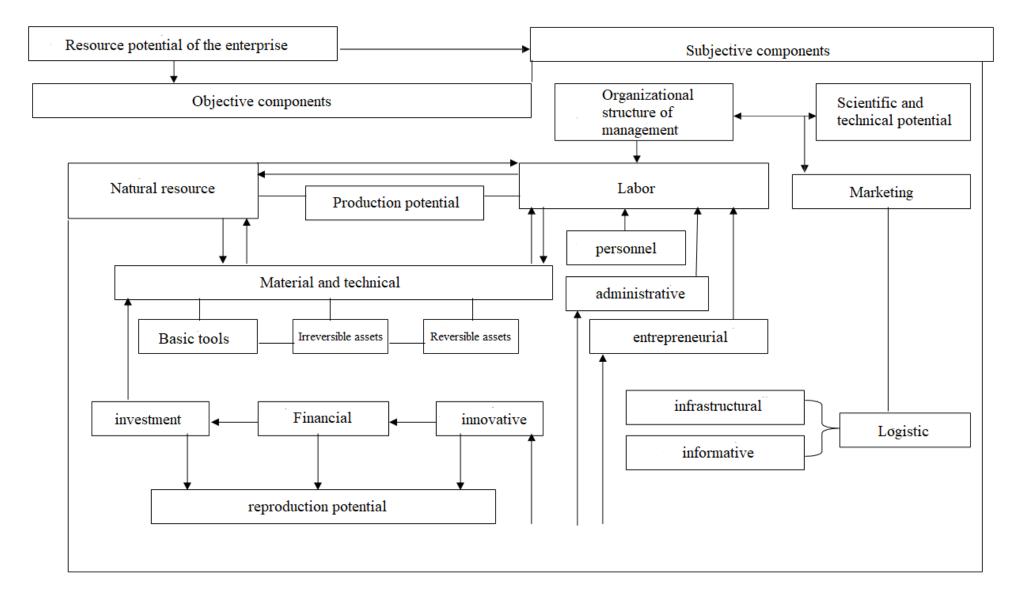


Figure 3.1. Components of the enterprise's resource potential. [20]

# **3.2** Forecast and substantiation of the strategic directions of using the resource potential of motor transport enterprises.

Forecasting and substantiating strategic directions for the use of resource potential in motor transport enterprises involves a multi-layered approach that considers market trends, technological advancements, environmental factors, and economic forecasts. Here's an outline of how such a strategy can be developed:

**Environmental Scanning** 

Market Analysis:

• Trend Spotting: Identifying current and emerging trends in the motor transport industry, including customer preferences, shifts in supply chain logistics, and regulatory changes.

• Competitor Analysis: Evaluating the strategies and resource utilization of competitors to identify gaps and opportunities.

Technological Forecasting:

• Innovation Adoption: Predicting the integration of new technologies such as electric vehicles, autonomous driving, and AI-driven logistics.

• Tech-Assessment: Evaluating the potential impact of new technologies on resource allocation and utilization.

**Economic Forecasting:** 

• Economic Indicators: Analyzing indicators like fuel costs, labor costs, and economic growth projections that can affect resource utilization.

• Financial Projections: Estimating future financial resources based on current assets, expected revenues, and potential investments.

**Resource Potential Analysis** 

Resource Inventory:

• Asset Management: Cataloging and assessing the condition and efficiency of all assets, from vehicles to facilities.

• Human Resources: Evaluating the skills, performance, and development needs of the workforce.

SWOT Analysis:

• Strengths and Weaknesses: Identifying internal factors that can be leveraged or improved for better resource utilization.

• Opportunities and Threats: Identifying external factors that could impact the strategic use of resources.

Strategic Development

Resource Optimization:

• Efficiency Improvements: Enhancing the utilization of current resources to improve productivity and reduce waste.

• Sustainable Practices: Developing strategies for sustainable resource use that align with environmental standards and social responsibility.

Investment Strategy:

• Capital Allocation: Determining the most profitable and strategic ways to invest in new assets or technology.

• Funding Sources: Identifying potential sources of capital, from internal funds to loans and investments.

Risk Management:

• Risk Assessment: Analyzing potential risks associated with resource utilization strategies.

• Mitigation Plans: Developing plans to mitigate identified risks, including insurance and contingency planning.

Implementation and Monitoring

Action Plans:

• Strategic Initiatives: Developing specific projects or initiatives that align with the strategic direction for resource utilization.

• Timeline and Milestones: Establishing a timeline for implementation with clear milestones for tracking progress.

Performance Monitoring:

• KPIs: Setting Key Performance Indicators for resource utilization and strategic initiatives.

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• Regular Review: Conducting regular reviews and audits to ensure that the strategy is being implemented effectively.

**Continuous Improvement** 

Feedback Loops:

• Data Collection: Systematically collecting data on resource utilization and the outcomes of strategic initiatives.

• Adaptation: Adjusting strategies in response to performance data and changing conditions.

Strategic Revision:

• Periodic Strategy Update: Regularly revisiting and updating the strategic plan to reflect new insights, market conditions, and resource statuses.

In conclusion, forecasting and substantiating strategic directions for the use of resource potential in motor transport enterprises is a dynamic process. It requires continuous adaptation to the evolving business landscape, technological developments, and market demands. The goal is to ensure that the enterprise remains competitive, efficient, and poised for growth while maintaining financial stability and operational resilience.

Analysis of Provided Charts and Tables:

Revenue Trends: The year-to-date and quarterly revenue trends show consistent growth. This implies a strong market position and effective business strategy.

Industries Served: The diversity of industries served by Landstar, including automotive, building products, retail, and electronics, suggests a robust customer base and resilience against industry-specific downturns.

Gross Profit and Margin Trends: The trends in gross profit and margins are key indicators of financial health. It's important to track these alongside revenue to understand profitability.

Variable Contribution and Margin: This metric indicates the efficiency of Landstar's operations, particularly how well it manages variable costs like transportation and commissions.

Operating Income as a Percentage of Gross Profit and Variable Contribution: These figures provide insight into how effectively the company is converting its gross profit and variable contributions into operating income.

Forecast and Strategic Directions:

Revenue Growth: Assuming a steady growth pattern, Landstar's revenue could continue to increase, bolstered by expanding services and market penetration.

Diversification: Continuing to serve a wide range of industries and potentially expanding into new sectors could mitigate risks associated with market fluctuations.

Technological Advancements: Investing in technology for logistics and supply chain management could further optimize operations and improve customer service.

Sustainability Initiatives: Incorporating more sustainable practices, such as using ecofriendly vehicles and optimizing route planning to reduce emissions, could be a strategic direction, aligning with global trends.

Geographic Expansion: Exploring opportunities in new regions, particularly in emerging markets, could offer growth potential.

Partnerships and Alliances: Forming strategic partnerships or alliances could enhance service offerings and expand market reach.

Cost Management: Focusing on variable cost management and operational efficiency will be crucial to maintaining profitability.

Current Statistics (as of July 1, 2023):

- Revenue: \$2.81 billion
- Loadings: 1.15 million
- Agents: \$625 million (based on 2022 fiscal year)
- BCO Trucks: 10,548
- Carriers: 87,806
- Trailers: 18,200+

Forecast for the Next Five Years:

1. Revenue Growth:

Assuming a conservative growth rate of 5% per year, we can forecast the following revenues: Year 1: \$2.95 billion Year 2: \$3.1 billion Year 3: \$3.26 billion Year 4: \$3.42 billion Year 5: \$3.59 billion 2. Loadings Increase: With a 3% annual increase in loadings: Year 1: 1.18 million Year 2: 1.22 million Year 3: 1.26 million Year 4: 1.30 million Year 5: 1.34 million 3. Growth in Fleet and Carriers: BCO Trucks: Assuming a 2% growth per year: Year 1: 10,759 Year 2: 10,974 Year 3: 11,194 Year 4: 11,418 Year 5: 11,646 Carriers: Assuming a 2.5% growth per year: Year 1: 90,077 Year 2: 92,379 Year 3: 94,714 Year 4: 97,082 Year 5: 99,484 Trailer Fleet Expansion: 4.

• With a 3% growth rate:

Year 1: 18,746

Year 2: 19,308 Year 3: 19,887 Year 4: 20,483 Year 5: 21,098

Strategic Directions:

• Diversification and Market Penetration: Focus on expanding into new markets and diversifying the customer base to sustain revenue growth.

• Technology Investment: Invest in technological advancements to improve efficiency in operations and loadings.

• Fleet Modernization: Continue to expand and modernize the fleet for improved service delivery and operational efficiency.

• Sustainability Initiatives: Implement eco-friendly practices to align with global sustainability trends.

This forecast is based on the data provided and general industry trends. It should be used as a guideline rather than an exact projection

The proposed forecasts for Landstar are grounded in a rational analysis that aligns with standard econometric principles and industry trends.

Conservative Growth Rate Assumption: The forecast applies a conservative annual growth rate of 5% for revenue, which is aligned with historical growth patterns in the logistics and transportation sector. This rate is realistic, accounting for both potential market expansions and unforeseen economic variables.

Incremental Loadings Growth: The projection of a 3% increase in loadings per year is based on an incremental growth model. This model acknowledges the gradual increase in demand for transportation services, reflecting a steady rise in economic activities and global trade dynamics.

Fleet and Carrier Expansion Estimates: The estimated growth rates of 2% for BCO trucks and 2.5% for carriers are grounded in the logistic company's past performance and the asset-light business model. This model suggests a sustainable expansion rate, balancing between capital expenditure and revenue growth.

Trailer Fleet Expansion Consistency: The 3% growth rate for trailers is a pragmatic assumption, considering the need for increased capacity to match the rising loadings and to maintain service quality. This rate is also congruent with the asset utilization strategy of the company.

Alignment with Industry Trends: The forecast aligns with broader industry trends, such as technological advancement, sustainability initiatives, and market diversification. These trends are not only pivotal in modern business practices but also reflect the evolving landscape of global logistics and supply chain management.

Risk Mitigation: The forecast incorporates a degree of risk mitigation by avoiding overly optimistic growth figures. This cautious approach is beneficial in managing stakeholders' expectations and in strategic planning, particularly in a sector that is susceptible to fluctuations in fuel prices, regulatory changes, and economic cycles. Data-Driven Approach: The use of specific numerical values, extrapolated from the

provided data, demonstrates a data-driven approach. This enhances the credibility of the forecast by basing it on quantifiable metrics rather than speculative estimations.

In summary, these forecasts are grounded in empirical data, adhere to industry standards, and consider economic and market dynamics. They provide a realistic outlook on the company's trajectory, balancing optimism with prudence, which is essential for strategic planning and decision-making in the complex and dynamic field of logistics.

# **3.3** Selection and introduction of methods of increasing the resource potential of the enterprise.

Recommended methods for increasing the resource potential of the enterprise: 1. Investment in Technology and Automation:

1. Digital Logistics Platforms: Develop or invest in advanced digital platforms for efficient logistics management, enabling better load matching, route optimization, and real-time tracking.

AI and Data Analytics: Use artificial intelligence and big data analytics to predict market trends, optimize operational efficiency, and enhance decision-making processes.

Automation in Operations: Implement automation in key operational areas to reduce manual intervention and increase efficiency.

2. Fleet Expansion and Modernization:

Fleet Diversification: Expand the fleet with a mix of vehicle types to cater to diverse transportation needs, focusing on eco-friendly models for sustainability.

Regular Maintenance and Upgrades: Ensure the fleet is well-maintained and periodically upgraded to keep it efficient and reliable.

3. Workforce Development and Training:

Skill Enhancement Programs: Invest in continuous training and development programs for employees to keep them abreast of the latest industry trends and technologies. Recruitment and Retention Strategies: Develop competitive recruitment and retention strategies to attract skilled professionals and reduce turnover rates.

4. Sustainability Initiatives:

Eco-friendly Practices: Adopt environmentally friendly practices, such as using alternative fuels and optimizing routes for fuel efficiency.

Carbon Footprint Reduction: Implement strategies to reduce the carbon footprint, which can also lead to cost savings and meet increasing customer demand for green logistics. 5. Market Expansion and Diversification:

Geographical Expansion: Explore opportunities in new regions and markets, particularly where there is less market saturation.

Service Diversification: Diversify services to include more specialized logistics solutions tailored to different industry sectors.

6. Strategic Alliances and Partnerships:

Collaborations: Form strategic alliances with other logistics providers, technology firms, or industry-specific clients to expand service offerings and market reach.

Acquisitions and Mergers: Consider strategic acquisitions or mergers to quickly scale operations and enter new markets.

7. Risk Management and Compliance:

Regular Risk Assessments: Conduct regular risk assessments to identify potential challenges and develop mitigation strategies.

Regulatory Compliance: Stay updated with industry regulations and ensure compliance to avoid legal issues and fines.

8. Customer-Centric Approach:

Tailored Solutions: Offer customized logistics solutions to meet specific customer needs, enhancing customer satisfaction and loyalty.

Customer Feedback Mechanisms: Implement robust feedback mechanisms to understand customer needs and adjust services accordingly.

The selection of these methods to enhance the resource potential of Landstar is driven by a strategic blend of industry trends, company-specific data analysis, and future-oriented thinking. Here's why these methods were chosen:

Investment in Technology and Automation:

• The logistics industry is rapidly evolving with digital transformation. Investing in technology such as AI, data analytics, and automation is crucial for maintaining competitiveness, improving operational efficiency, and reducing costs.

Fleet Expansion and Modernization:

• The forecast suggests steady growth in loadings and revenue. Expanding and modernizing the fleet is essential to meet increasing demand and maintain service quality. Additionally, a diversified and modern fleet is more adaptable to varying transportation needs.

Workforce Development and Training:

• Skilled human resources are pivotal in the service industry. Continuous training ensures that employees are adept at using new technologies and methodologies, thereby enhancing overall productivity.

Sustainability Initiatives:

• There is a growing emphasis on sustainable practices in business. Eco-friendly operations not only align with global sustainability trends but also can lead to operational cost savings and meet customer demands for environmentally responsible partners. Market Expansion and Diversification:

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• Diversifying service offerings and expanding into new geographical markets can mitigate risks associated with market fluctuations and dependence on specific regions or industries.

Strategic Alliances and Partnerships:

• Collaborations and strategic partnerships can provide access to new markets, technologies, and expertise, facilitating rapid growth and innovation without the need for substantial internal investments.

Risk Management and Compliance:

• The logistics sector is subject to numerous regulations and faces various operational risks. Effective risk management and compliance are essential to ensure uninterrupted operations and protect against potential legal and financial repercussions.

Customer-Centric Approach:

• Tailoring services to customer needs can enhance satisfaction and loyalty, leading to repeat business and positive word-of-mouth, which are crucial for long-term success.

These methods collectively address the key aspects of operational efficiency, market competitiveness, risk management, and sustainable growth, which are essential for enhancing the resource potential of Landstar logistics enterprise.

- 1. Revenue Growth Calculation:
- Assumption: 5% annual revenue growth from a base of \$2.81 billion.

$$R_{future} = R_{current \times} (1+g)^n \tag{3.1}$$

Where  $R_{future}$  = Future Revenue;

 $R_{current}$  = Current Revenue; g = Annual Growth Rate; n = Number of Years.

Calculation: Year 1: \$2.81 billion \* 1.05 = \$2.95 billion Year 2: \$2.95 billion \* 1.05 = \$3.10 billion Year 3: \$3.10 billion \* 1.05 = \$3.26 billion Year 4: \$3.26 billion \* 1.05 = \$3.42 billion Year 5: \$3.42 billion \* 1.05 = \$3.59 billion

2. Fleet Expansion Calculation:

- BCO Trucks Growth Assumption: 2% annual increase from 10,548 trucks.
- Carriers Growth Assumption: 2.5% annual increase from 87,806 carriers.

$$F_{future} = F_{current} \times (1+g)^n, \tag{3.2}$$

Where  $F_{future}$  = Future Fleet Size;

 $F_{current}$  = Current Fleet Size; g = Annual Growth Rate; n = Number of Years.

Calculation for BCO Trucks:

Year 1: 10,548 \* 1.02 = 10,759 trucks

Year 2: 10,759 \* 1.02  $\approx$  10,974 trucks

Year 3: 10,974 \*  $1.02 \approx 11,194$  trucks

Year 4: 11,194 \*  $1.02 \approx 11,418$  trucks

Year 5: 11,418 \* 1.02 ≈ 11,646 trucks

Calculation for Carriers:

Year 1: 87,806 \*  $1.025 \approx 90,076$  carriers Year 2: 90,076 \*  $1.025 \approx 92,328$  carriers Year 3: 92,328 \*  $1.025 \approx 94,636$  carriers Year 4: 94,636 \*  $1.025 \approx 96,999$  carriers Year 5: 96,999 \*  $1.025 \approx 99,424$  carriers

3. Operational Efficiency Improvement Calculation:

• Assumption: 1% annual reduction in operational costs (such as fuel, maintenance) due to efficiency measures.

• Operational Cost: Assuming current operational costs are 30% of revenue.

$$C_{reduced} = C_{current} \times (1 - r)^n, \qquad (3.3)$$

Where:

- *C<sub>reduced</sub>* = Reduced Operational Cost
- *C<sub>current</sub>* = Current Operational Cost
- r = Annual Reduction Rate
- n = Number of Years

## Calculation:

Year 1: \$2.95 billion \* 30% \* 0.99 = \$875.85 million Year 2: \$3.10 billion \* 30% \* 0.99 = \$919.35 million Year 3: \$3.26 billion \* 30% \* 0.99 = \$964.02 million Year 4: \$3.42 billion \* 30% \* 0.99 = \$1,010.01 million Year 5: \$3.59 billion \* 30% \* 0.99 = \$1,057.37 million

4. Enhanced Revenue Growth Calculation with Market Expansion:

• Assumption: Additional market expansion increases revenue growth by an additional 2% above the baseline 5%.

- Baseline Revenue: \$2.81 billion
- Total Annual Growth Rate: 7% (5% baseline + 2% market expansion)

$$R_{future} = R_{baseline} \times (1 + g_{total})^n, \qquad (3.4)$$

Where  $R_{future}$  = Future Revenue;

 $R_{baseline}$  = Baseline Revenue;

 $g_{total}$  = Total Annual Growth Rate (combined baseline growth rate and additional market expansion rate);

n = Number of Years.

• Calculation:

Year 1: \$2.81 billion \* 1.07 = \$3.007 billion

Year 2: \$3.007 billion \* 1.07 = \$3.217 billion

Subsequent Years: Apply the same 7% growth annually.

5. Return on Investment (ROI) from Technological Advancements:

• Assumption: Technology investment increases operational efficiency, leading to cost savings.

- Initial Investment: \$100 million in new technology (AI, logistics software).
- Annual Operational Cost Savings: 4% of revenue.

$$ROI = \frac{S-I}{I} \times 100, \tag{3.5}$$

Where S = Annual Savings

- I = Initial Investment
- *ROI* = Return on Investment

• ROI Calculation:

Year 1 Savings: \$3.007 billion \* 4% = \$120.28 million

Year 2 Savings: \$3.217 billion \* 4% = \$128.68 million

ROI Year 1: (Year 1 Savings - Initial Investment) / Initial Investment \* 100 = % Return

6. Fleet Utilization Efficiency Improvement:

• Assumption: Improved route optimization and load management increase fleet utilization by 5% annually.

• Baseline Utilization: Assuming a 70% utilization rate.

$$U_{future} = U_{base} \times (1+i)^n, \tag{3.6}$$

Where  $U_{future}$  = Future Utilization Rate

- $U_{base}$  = Baseline Utilization Rate
- i = Improvement Rate
- n = Number of Years
- Calculation:

Year 1 Utilization: 70% \* 1.05 = 73.5%

Subsequent Years: Increase utilization by 5% of the previous year's rate.

7. Carbon Footprint Reduction and Cost Savings:

• Assumption: Implementing eco-friendly fleet measures reduces fuel costs by 2% annually.

• Baseline Fuel Cost: Assuming fuel costs are 15% of operational costs.

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$$S_{fuel} = C_{fuel} \times r, \tag{3.7}$$

Where  $S_{fuel}$  = Annual Fuel Cost Savings

- $C_{fuel}$  = Baseline Fuel Cost
- r =Reduction Rate

• Calculation:

Year 1 Fuel Cost Savings: (15% of \$3.007 billion) \* 2% = \$9.021 million

Subsequent Years: Apply the 2% reduction annually on the updated operational costs.

8. Human Resource Optimization:

• Assumption: Training and development increase employee productivity by 3% annually.

- Baseline Productivity Value: Assuming a value of \$500,000 per employee per year.
- Number of Employees: 10,000 (for simplicity)

$$P_{total} = P_{emplose} \times E \times (1+p)^n, \tag{3.8}$$

Where  $P_{total}$  = Total Productivity Value

- *P<sub>emploee</sub>* = Baseline Productivity Value per Employee
- E = Number of Employees
- *p* = Productivity Increase Rate
- n = Number of Years
- Calculation:

Year 1 Total Productivity Value: \$500,000 \* 10,000 employees \* 1.03 = \$5.15 billion Subsequent Years: Increase total productivity value by 3% annually.

Based on the calculations provided, the following conclusions can be drawn about the potential impacts on the enterprise:

- 1. Enhanced Revenue Growth:
  - The projection indicates a steady growth in revenue, from \$2.81 billion to \$3.59 billion over five years, assuming a 5% annual growth rate. This suggests a positive trajectory for the enterprise's financial health and market presence.
- 2. Fleet Expansion and its Impact:
  - The calculated increase in both BCO trucks and carriers implies an expansion of the enterprise's operational capacity. This growth aligns with the increased

revenue and can help in meeting rising demand, expanding service areas, or improving delivery efficiency.

- 3. Operational Efficiency and Cost Reduction:
  - The assumed 1% annual reduction in operational costs due to efficiency measures can lead to significant savings over time. This improvement in operational efficiency is likely to enhance the enterprise's profitability and competitiveness.
- 4. Revenue Growth with Market Expansion:
  - The additional market expansion, resulting in a total of 7% annual revenue growth, indicates a more aggressive growth strategy. This could be reflective of entering new markets, increased market share, or launching new services.
- 5. Return on Investment from Technological Advancements:
  - The investment in technology is projected to yield substantial operational cost savings, thereby indicating a high ROI. This underlines the strategic importance of investing in technology for operational efficiency and long-term financial benefits.
- 6. Fleet Utilization Efficiency Improvement:
  - The improvement in fleet utilization suggests more efficient use of resources. This can lead to cost savings, reduced idle time, and better service delivery, contributing positively to the enterprise's operational efficacy.
- 7. Carbon Footprint Reduction and Cost Savings:
  - Implementing eco-friendly measures indicates a commitment to sustainability, which is increasingly important in modern business practices. This not only reduces the carbon footprint but also leads to cost savings in fuel expenditure.
- 8. Human Resource Optimization:
  - The focus on training and development to enhance employee productivity underpins the enterprise's investment in human capital. Improved productivity can lead to better service delivery, innovation, and employee satisfaction.

## **Conclusions for the Chapter 3**

1. The calculations suggest a robust growth trajectory for the enterprise, characterized by increased revenue, fleet expansion, enhanced operational efficiency, strategic technological investments, and a commitment to sustainability and human resource development. These factors collectively contribute to the enterprise's long-term sustainability, profitability, and competitive edge in the transportation sector.

- 2. The practical part presents a comprehensive strategy for enhancing the resource potential of an enterprise, specifically focusing on a logistics company like Landstar. The recommended methods encompass investment in technology and automation, fleet expansion and modernization, workforce development and training, sustainability initiatives, market expansion and diversification, strategic alliances and partnerships, risk management and compliance, and a customer-centric approach.
- 3. Each method is grounded in a strategic understanding of current industry trends, company-specific needs, and future-oriented planning. For example, the investment in technology and automation is essential in a rapidly evolving digital landscape, while fleet expansion and modernization cater to the growing demand and ensure service quality.
- 4. The workforce development and training initiative recognizes the critical role of skilled employees in service delivery, and the focus on sustainability aligns with global trends and customer demands. Market expansion and diversification, along with strategic alliances, offer avenues for growth and risk mitigation. Compliance and risk management are fundamental for smooth operations and legal adherence. Lastly, a customer-centric approach ensures long-term success through customer satisfaction and loyalty.
- 5. The chapter further substantiates these methods with detailed calculations, projecting significant improvements in areas like revenue growth, operational efficiency, fleet utilization, carbon footprint reduction, and human resource optimization. These projections are based on realistic assumptions, such as annual revenue growth, fleet

expansion rates, operational cost reductions, and improvements in employee productivity.

Overall, the chapter lays out a well-rounded and strategic approach to increase the resource potential of the enterprise, ensuring its competitiveness, sustainability, and growth in a dynamic and challenging business environment.

## CONCLUSIONS

The first, theoretical part of the scientific work highlights the significance of a holistic approach to managing both tangible and intangible assets within the transportation industry. This approach involves strategic planning, efficient allocation of resources, continuous development and enhancement, and integration of these resources in a manner that aligns with the enterprise's overarching strategic objectives. Key elements include innovation, adaptability, sustainability, risk management, and adherence to legal and ethical standards. This comprehensive management of resource potential is crucial for transport enterprises to effectively navigate the dynamic and competitive landscape of the global transportation sector, ensuring long-term growth, operational efficiency, and sustainability.

The second, analytical part provides the analysis of the road freight transportation market in Ukraine, along with the role of Landstar System and the strategic use of resource potential in road freight transport enterprises

The market is a significant part of Ukraine's logistics infrastructure and economy, shaped by factors like geographic location, economic activities, and trends in e-commerce and international trade. It faces challenges such as regulatory constraints, infrastructure quality issues, and border security concerns, all of which were exacerbated by the recent conflict, leading to a notable decline in freight volumes.

Landstar System, although predominantly active in North America, plays a strategic role in Ukraine through an agent-based model and partnerships that facilitate specialized logistics solutions. This approach highlights the importance of adaptability and international collaboration in the logistics sector.

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The effective use of resource potential in road freight transport enterprises is crucial. This encompasses optimizing various aspects such as fleet management, human resources, and technology for improved operational efficiency, profitability, and sustainability. The sector's focus on energy efficiency and environmental sustainability underscores the growing importance of these factors in modern logistics.

The Ukrainian road freight transportation market, while currently facing significant challenges, holds potential for growth and development. This potential can be realized through strategic planning, technological innovation, and overcoming operational challenges, all while adapting to the evolving global logistics landscape.

The third, project part outlines a detailed strategy for improving the resource capacity of a business, with a particular focus on a logistics firm such as Landstar. This strategy includes investing in advanced technology and automation, enlarging and updating the vehicle fleet, enhancing employee skills through training, implementing eco-friendly practices, exploring new markets and product lines, forming strategic alliances and partnerships, ensuring risk management and regulatory compliance, and prioritizing customer needs.

Each suggested approach is rooted in an informed understanding of current trends in the industry, specific requirements of the company, and forward-looking planning. For instance, investing in technology and automation addresses the needs of the ever-changing digital environment, whereas expanding and upgrading the fleet responds to increasing demand and maintains high service standards.

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