16.852J/ESD.61J Integrating the Lean Enterprise

Individual Assignment #2

Due: Wednesday, November 2, 2005

<u>Overview</u>

The goal of this assignment is to keep you up to date with recent and evolving developments in *Lean Enterprise research and practices*. The articles that you find may be used next year in this course.

<u>Deliverable</u>

Find one article related to *Lean Enterprises* (it could be in a journal or on the web) that has not been used during the semester. Focus on new developments in *Lean Research or Practices*. Give a brief summary (1 page) of the article, mention what relation it has to this course and where it should be included. Articles focusing on interfaces between different functions of an organization would be good (e.g., supplier relations, manufacturing, product development, human resources, finance, information technology, etc.). Also outline what additional knowledge you gained from the article in terms of people, processes or technology. More than one article will be welcomed. Clearly identify the source of the article and provide a paper copy of it. You can use the sources in the course pack to help you get started in your research.