MIT Center for Transportation & Logistics

CTL ROUNDTABLE:
SUPPLY CHAIN INVENTORY ANALYTICS

FACULTY CLUB, MIT CAMPUS   APRIL 18, 2013

8:00   *Registration & Continental Breakfast*   All

8:30   *Introductions, Ground Rules, & Survey Results*   Chris Caplice, MIT

9:00   *Session I – Segmentation, Scope, and Breadth*   Discussion opened by: TBD
        This session focuses on identifying how different firms
        view their inventory across their supply chain. What is the
        breadth and depth and how is it segmented?

10:00   *Session II – Organizational Issues*   Discussion opened by: TBD
        Who is responsible for inventory management in different
        firms? This session addresses organizational design for the
        management of inventory.   Is this handled in-house or
        outsourced? Centralized or decentralized? Treated as an
        advisor or dictator?

11:00   *Break*

11:30   *Session III – Metrics & Measurement*   Discussion opened by: TBD
        Inventory can be measured in a myriad of different ways.
        This session uncovers how firms track and monitor their
        inventory assets across their network.

12:30   *Lunch*

1:30   *Session IV – Key Drivers*   Discussion opened by:
        Because inventory can be used as a buffer, there are many   TBD, General Mills
        potential drivers ranging from poor forecasts, unstable
        demand, long order lead-times, etc. This session addresses
        the different underlying drivers of inventory across firms.

2:15   *Break*

2:30   *Session V – Tools & Solutions*   Discussion opened by: TBD
        The final session focuses on solutions. What tools have
        been tried? Whish are being used today? Are these
        integrated or standalone?

3:30   *Wrap Up and Next Steps*   Chris Caplice, MIT
        In this session we will try to collect the insights from the
        day and determine next steps for future research.

4:00   *Adjourn*