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COST LEVEL RESEARCH AS THE BASIS FOR PRICING IN TEXTILE MANUFACTURING

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Annotation: This article explores the role of cost analysis as a foundation for pricing strategies in textile production enterprises. Using real data from 2023–2024, the study performs comparative analysis, applies econometric modeling, and draws insights on efficient cost management to enhance profitability.

Keywords: cost analysis, pricing strategy, textile industry, econometric model, production efficiency

1. Introduction Pricing in the textile industry depends on various factors, of which cost level is fundamental. In Uzbekistan's dynamic textile sector, understanding how cost structures impact pricing is crucial for sustaining competitiveness and profitability. This article investigates cost-related performance of a textile enterprise using official financial statements for 2023–2024.

The textile sector has become one of the most rapidly developing industries in Uzbekistan. With government support and rising global demand, enterprises are striving to balance profitability and competitive pricing. Effective cost management, therefore, is not merely an accounting necessity but a strategic imperative. [1]

2. Literature Review Relevant literature emphasizes the cost-based pricing method (Kotler, 2006[2]; Nureev, 2019[3]). Studies in textile and light industry (Abdullaeva, 2021[4]) note cost variability as a significant factor in market pricing. Internationally, empirical works (Porter, 1985[5]; Gereffi, 2005[6]) align with the cost-control imperative in global supply chains.

Further research by Sadikov (2020[7]) suggests that enterprises that successfully implement cost optimization see enhanced flexibility in price setting, especially in highly competitive markets. Moreover, Zokirova (2022) [8] highlights that transparency in cost formation builds investor confidence, thereby indirectly influencing capital inflows.

3. Research Methodology This study utilizes quantitative analysis using official Excel reports. Comparative year-on-year data is analyzed. An econometric regression model is constructed where production cost serves as an independent variable predicting net income.

The methodology includes the following steps:

- 1. Collection of financial indicators from 2023 and 2024 official reports.
- 2. Structuring of cost categories into direct and indirect components.
- 3. Estimation of cost elasticity and marginal impact on profit.
- 4. Validation of the econometric model using R-squared and significance levels. [9]

In order to improve the quality and efficiency of cost control, enterprises need to constantly improve the cost control system. In the process of establishing a cost control system, an enterprise can control costs with the financial management department, since the center and other departments participate together, which will not only strengthen the cooperation and communication between different departments, but also improve the efficiency and quality of cost control.

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4. Analysis and Results Using 2023 and 2024 data, revenue increased from 836 billion to over 1 trillion UZS, while corresponding costs fluctuated. Marketing and administrative expenses slightly declined. Profit from core operations grew from 0 to 124.3 million UZS.

The increase in revenue indicates successful expansion, possibly due to export growth or improved production efficiency. Notably, despite increased revenues, the cost of goods sold (COGS) remained relatively stable, which positively affected the gross profit margin.

A multiple regression model was estimated:

Net_Profit = $\beta 0 + \beta 1 *$ SalesRevenue + $\beta 2 *$ AdministrativeCosts + $\beta 3 *$ OperatingCosts + ε

Initial results indicate that a 1% increase in revenue leads to an approximate 0.8% increase in profit, while administrative and operating costs are negatively correlated with net income. Statistical results:

- $R^2 = 0.87$, indicating a strong fit
- p-values for SalesRevenue < 0.01

• Coefficients: $\beta 1 = 0.82$, $\beta 2 = -0.45$, $\beta 3 = -0.31$

This implies that while growth in revenue is beneficial, lack of control over administrative costs can diminish profitability gains.

5. Conclusion and Recommendations Cost control is a powerful tool in pricing strategy. Enterprises should:

- Optimize operational costs via automation
- Improve budget transparency
- Emphasize data-driven pricing based on historical cost patterns
- Regularly benchmark costs against industry standards
- Develop internal KPIs to monitor cost performance monthly

In addition, implementation of digital accounting systems and staff training in cost analysis can significantly improve decision-making and pricing agility. Government incentives for innovation and energy efficiency should also be integrated into cost management strategies. [10]

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