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## Standard costing and cost control in Nigerian oil and gas industry

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### **Abstract**

*The purpose of this study was to investigate the relationship between standard costing and cost control in Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry. This was achieved through a review of extant literature and development of hypotheses. The population for the study consisted of petroleum marketing companies listed in the Nigerian Stock Exchange Factbook of 2012. In order to generate the necessary data for this study, both primary and secondary methods of data collection were adopted. The primary data were collected through the administration of a questionnaire designed in five-point Likert Scale, while the secondary data were sourced from the Nigerian Stock Exchange Factbook of 2012. The findings generated in this study revealed that a significant relationship exists between standard costing and cost control. It was observed that the more a firm practices standard costing, the more efficient is the firm in material, labour, and overhead costs. Based on the above findings, we recommended that oil and gas firms in Nigeria should adopt and apply standard costing in their accounting system so as to ensure the efficient use of resources for effective control of costs..*

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