**10 Factor Table – Death Zone Risk factors**

The following table provides a list of factors that may signal your project is operating in the death zone of project risk.

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| **Monitoring for signs that your project may be in the death zone** | |
| **Factor** | **Yes/No** |
| The project is big and/or ambitious |  |
| The project has a large number of residual risks |  |
| Issues are occurring that were not identified earlier as risks |  |
| The project is experiencing intersecting risks (‘the cocktail effect’) |  |
| There have been near misses (in the subject project, or earlier projects) |  |
| Staff turn-over on the project (or in the business) is high |  |
| Commercial optimism is high |  |
| There is low or no ‘sense of urgency’ when clear risks exist |  |
| Resources are inadequate or are being diverted to other projects |  |
| Maturity of experience and capabilities is low |  |

Three or more ‘yes’ responses is a cause for concern. Five or more ‘yes’ responses may mean you are running a very high risk of failure.