

Activity-Based Cost and Environmental Management

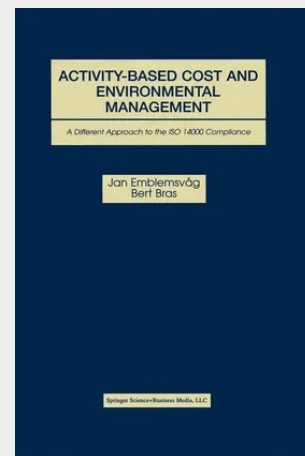
A Different Approach to ISO 14000 Compliance

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