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SUCCESS STORY

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Herman Coetzee, Head Value Management Office, PPC Ltd.

SAP Consolidation to Optimize Processes and Costs

About Pretoria Portland Cement (PPC)

Pretoria Portland Cement (PPC) is the leading cement producer in southern Africa. Nine cement manufacturing facilities and three milling plants in South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Rwanda can produce around eight million tons of cement products each year. PPC also produces aggregates, metallurgical-grade lime, burnt dolomite, and limestone.

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The Challenge

In 2013, PPC decided to consolidate the SAP® instances in its plants in Zimbabwe and South Africa. SNP partner Britehouse SSD, in collaboration with SNP Professional Services, was awarded the contract for the tendered project. Only three months were envisioned for this project. The go-live was in February 2014. During this time, both companies were forced to continue their operations. It was thus necessary to use a consolidation method that would have the least possible impact on ongoing operations.

The consolidation project called for the migration of all financial and master data as well as the last two years of transaction history for the plant in Zimbabwe. These data were then to be transferred to the existing SAP landscape at the South African plant. The two different currencies (Zimbabwean Dollar and the South African Rand) also had to be taken into consideration for the financial data. Moreover, the business processes in Zimbabwe differed significantly from those in South Africa.

The Solution

PPC chose SNP Transformation Backbone® as its preferred solution. SNP Transformation Backbone is the world's first standard software that analyzes changes in IT systems and delivers standardized implementation, essentially making manual programming work superfluous.

The software automatically identified the complexities of consolidation beforehand and suggested appropriate solutions to manage these challenges. Because the project teams also worked closely together, the entire consolidation project was able to be successfully implemented on time and on budget despite the geographical distance between SNP and the local partner.

Other projects are being planned with SNP Transformation Backbone. The software is expected to be used for a consolidation.

The Advantages

- No manual programming work thanks to using standard software
- Successful implementation of the project on time and on budget despite complex challenges
- Successful collaboration between the project teams at PPC, Britehouse, and SNP throughout the entire project