



SUCCESS STORY

VOITH

“With SNP Transformation Backbone, we were able to successfully consolidate our company codes with only minimal manual programming effort.”

Heinz Vennekel, Head of Business Process and IT, Voith Paper GmbH & Co. KG

Successful Consolidation of Company Codes

About Voith

Voith sets standards in the energy, oil and gas, paper, raw materials as well as in transport and automotive markets. Founded in 1867, today Voith is one of Europe's largest family-owned companies, with over 42,000 employees, 5.7 billion Euros in revenues, and locations in over 50 countries around the world.

The group division Voith Paper possesses the knowledge and engineering experience to supply advanced technologies for the processing of virgin and recycled fibers. For many decades, Voith Paper has offered trendsetting solutions to meet the high standards of its customers with regard to fiber quality.

The Challenge

As part of a reorganization with entry into the commercial registry, in July 2012 Voith Paper decided to consolidate a number of its divisions' company codes into one SAP® ERP system.

The company codes of Voith Paper Automation GmbH & Co. KG (VPAH) and Voith Paper Fiber & Environmental Solutions GmbH & Co. KG (VPR) were to be merged with that of Voith Paper GmbH & Co. KG in Heidenheim. At the same time, the company code of Voith Paper Automation GmbH & Co. KG, St. Pölten (VPAS) was to be merged with that of Voith Paper GmbH in St. Pölten (VPS). The merger was scheduled to go into effect on the date of their entry into the commercial registry, backdated to October 1st, 2012. The company code 2013 (VPAH) and 2030 (VPR) were to be switched to company code 2011 (VPH) and the company code 2021 (VPAS) to code 2020 (VPS). This included the entire history – meaning all master and transaction data also needed to be switched.

In order to distinguish between the different historic data, Voith Paper wanted to fill the division field (GSBER) of the transaction data with the name of the old company code during the migration. Within the scope of this company code merger, a change to the sales organization was also planned and carried out (VKORG 2013 -> 2011/VKORG 2030 -> 2011/VKORG 2021 -> 2020).

The Solution

Voith Paper and SNP AG had already worked together on a range of business landscape transformation projects in the past. As a result of this successful and long-term partnership, Voith Paper decided to use SNP's Transformation Backbone® software for the upcoming company code merger. SNP Transformation Backbone is the world's first standard software which automatically analyzes and implements changes in IT systems in a standardized manner.

Thanks to SNP's support, Voith Paper was able to consistently reorganize its data from the different company codes. It took just a single weekend to go live and, as a result, downtime was reduced to a minimum and the productive systems were only offline for a short period. SNP Transformation Backbone makes exact predictions about the transformation project and detailed planning of a business scenario possible – as well as the ability to estimate the required cost with absolute certainty. As a result, the project was carried out successfully on time and within budget.

The Advantages

- Consistent reorganization of all relevant data
- Short downtime
- Go live on one weekend
- Implementation of the project on time, within budget and in scope

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