

COMBINING ISOLATED SYSTEMS TO STANDARDISE PROCESSES AND IMPROVE DATA INTEGRITY WITH SAP ERP



The communication from the consultants was excellent and they displayed an extensive depth of knowledge. Best of all, they were extremely approachable and always there when we needed them.

Steve Fenton, Information Manager, Johnson Matthey Battery Systems



Challenges

- Multiple source systems resulting in a complex ERP landscape
- No single source of truth for reporting
- Legacy system was no longer fit for purpose after rapid growth of the company
- Data integrity issues



Benefits

- Standardised processes across finance functions
- Unified source of data for financial reporting across the group, which led to better decision making
- Project completed on budget and within the tight deadline of two months



Solutions

- SAP ERP with the following modules:
 - Financial Accounting (FI)
 - Controlling (CO)



Why NTT DATA Business Solutions?

- Previous positive experience of working with NTT DATA Business Solutions
- Extensive experience in implementing SAP ERP



Industry: Manufacturing

Products: Batteries for automotive applications, power tools, the energy storage sector, e-bikes, and mobile power

Number of employees: 12,500 (JM Group PLC)

Turnover: 10,714 million (JM Group PLC)

Website: www.jmbatterysystems.com

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Modern Technology Requires Up-to-Date IT

Johnson Matthey Battery Systems (JM Battery Systems) is a leading supplier of batteries for electric and hybrid vehicles, processing over 70 million cells a year. Part of the Johnson Matthey group, the organisation also manufactures batteries for e-bikes, power tools, and mobile technologies.

The company has deployed SAP solutions at its manufacturing site in Poland since 2014. However, JM Battery Systems UK was still running a non-SAP legacy system comprising multiple platforms. This resulted in issues with data integrity. Overall, the organisation's software was outdated, disjointed, and no longer fit for purpose. It sought to upgrade to SAP, thereby unifying its data and processes.

The Right Solution; the Right Partner

In response to its challenges and requirements, JM Battery Systems opted to standardise on an SAP ERP platform. The organisation chose NTT DATA Business Solutions as its partner as it is a leading provider of SAP solutions with extensive experience in delivering SAP to global companies. It had also previously guided JM Battery Systems' Polish division through its own implementation project—and with great success.

The organisation's UK branch had a similarly positive experience with NTT DATA Business Solutions. The two parties collaborated to implement the new software on budget and within the tight two-month deadline. "In fact, we had a day and a half left over, which we will use to plan the next phase," explains Steve Fenton, Information Manager at Johnson Matthey

"The consultants were highly responsive to our requirements. Their SAP support in the UK and Poland was delivered under a single SLA that helped make everything run very smoothly."

Building on Strong Foundations

JM Battery Systems' new SAP ERP solution has delivered standardised processes across all finance functions. This facilitates collaboration throughout the company, cutting costs and saving time and effort. The updated software has also provided a unified source of information for analytics, solving the previous data integrity issues. The organisation can now count on reliable reporting to help drive decision making.

"We can now easily consolidate financial figures and comply with group-wide standards."

JM Battery Systems rolled out Financial Accounting and certain aspects of Controlling in phase 1. Phase 2 is scheduled for 2017 and will see the full implementation of the Sales & Distribution and Materials Management solutions. The battery pack manufacturer will again call on the expertise of NTT DATA Business Solutions, whose consultants are now familiar with their needs.

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