

FASTER, MORE EFFICIENT AND MORE INNOVATIVE PROCESSES – SAP S/4HANA A CLEANLY IMPLEMENTED CONVERSION



Carrying out an SAP S/4HANA conversion remotely? As a well-practiced team, we have succeeded in these challenging times in working together to successfully carry out this complex project in regular remote coordination with our IT service provider. And we are especially proud of that!

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Challenges

- Complex introduction of numerous Fiori apps
- Mostly remote communications between the companies involved in the project
- Conversion of custom code and simplification items



Solutions

- SAP S/4HANA conversion using SAP Software Update Manager 2.0 in accordance with the SAP Conversion
- Guide Implementation of a total of 32 Fiori apps
- Introduction of eight add-ons, including it.x-press in the S/4 edition, it.DGMSuite and bulk and container



Benefits

- Customer-vendor integration with over 3,800 customers, creditors and contacts
- Easier incorporation of new SAP solutions
- Maintenance safety through updated system
- Use of modern Fiori Analytics apps
- Flexible app usage via mobile end devices
- Transparency about important KPIs in real time



Why NTT DATA Business Solutions?

- High-level expertise in SAP S/4HANA conversions
- IT service provider with over 30 years of experience
- Authoritative presentation during pre-sales phase



Industry: Chemistry

Products: Cleaning and maintenance products as well as cosmetic products

Employees: approx. 100 (2021)

Sales: over 22 million euros (2020)

Headquarters: Leopoldshöhe, Germany

Website: www.becker-chemie.de

170 GB data volume migrated



Progressive at Our Own Company As Well

Since its founding in 1928, Becker Chemie has grown into a well-known, tried-and-true cleaning products company. Every day, experts work to develop new cleaning and maintenance products for all purposes, including surfaces and floors, restroom or laundry facilities, or disinfection. In addition to ongoing research about effectiveness and skin compatibility, the company also strives for sustainable, resource-sparing production. The company's success can be attributed to a strategically smart focus and highest standards with regard to innovation and optimization. In order to design innovation cycles to be even faster in the future, Becker Chemie decided on a system conversion to SAP S/4HANA.

System Conversion to SAP S/4HANA

Since introduction onto the market of the newest ERP generation, companies around the world have been busy converting the expiring R/3 systems. After all, with the new SAP software, it is possible to streamline a range of processes in areas like materials management, human resources and finances. Anyone wanting to forge ahead with digitalization within a company cannot afford to ignore this new software. During a quick project run time of just seven months, Becker Chemie worked with Bielefeld-based IT service provider NTT DATA Business Solutions to implement three SAP S/4HANA conversions using SAP Software Update Manager in accordance with the SAP Conversion Guide. It started with conversion of the Sandbox systems, followed immediately by the development and productive systems. Despite challenging times in 2020, the conversion succeeded thanks to regular remote coordination. Communication had to be ensured among the various companies' project participants: Becker Chemie, Oetker, the conversion succeeded thanks to regular remote coordination. Communication had to be ensured among the various companies' project participants: Becker Chemie, Oetker Daten- und Informationsverarbeitung KG (OEDIV) and NTT DATA

Business Solutions.

Remote Project Opens the Doors to Innovation

While NTT DATA Business Solutions worked from a base in India to convert the custom codes and simplification items, the project was coordinated in Germany. Constructive collaboration resulted in the migration of 170 GB in data volume, the adaptation of 328 custom-code objects and the transfer of 3,800 customers, creditors and contacts in the course of customer-vendor integration. Now, 32 newly-integrated Fiori apps support Becker Chemie with daily business transactions and offer an outstanding overview of important KPIs in real time as well as analyses of open orders, warehouse stock, deliveries and more. The flexible use of mobile end devices is another plus. OEDIV [Oetker Data Information and Processing] participated in this project as managed cloud partner.

Additional Add-Ons for Business Success

For the finishing touch, additional add-ons were implemented to simplify the processes, especially in the area of logistics. Thus Becker Chemie now has the shipping solution it.x-press in the S/4 Edition, which ensures seamless connection of KEP service providers. With it. DGMSuite, the manufacturer gains additional advantages when handling hazardous goods, while the bulk and container cockpits support the inclusion of production and filling orders. The add-on takes on the creation of a process order as part of the production and filling of bulk goods into containers. With new functionalities of these and other add-ons, as well as technical achievements in the context of SAP S/4HANA, Becker Chemie has obtained a head start in the IT area. The manufacturer is using this future-proof system to set the course for long-term growth and innovation.

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