

CPG take stock of Panacea logistics solution



Microsoft Windows 2000 Server, SQL Server 2000 & Microsoft Messaging integrated warehouse logistics implementation.

Benefits

As one of the country's leading specialist service-based systems integrators, Panacea has provided CPG with a total business solution including:

- A fully integrated finance & warehouse logistics solution
- Fundamental ROI on existing R/F infrastructure
- Comprehensive system & application support services
- Advanced tools for improved use of warehouse space
- Complete project ownership for total peace of mind
- Delivery of training to end-users.

Company overview

Established in 1974, CPG Logistics operate 475,000 sq.ft. of multi-user warehouses and successfully provides supply chain solutions to a blue chip client list.

Situation

CPG's business had expanded rapidly over a number of years and the need to exercise greater precision, access and control over product management had become more critical than ever.

Solution

Panacea delivered expert consultancy services, ERP application integration onto a Microsoft Server platform and end-user training to create a highly integrated and responsive real-time IT environment capable of meeting CPG's logistics requirements.

Outcome

Highly automated and sophisticated real-time inventory control has added enormous value to CPG's core warehousing and distribution services by creating greater visibility and easier accessibility in managing their customer requirements.



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"The whole system has performed to our expectation and has fulfilled all our requirements, and more... Panacea assured us of a smooth transfer between old and new systems and that's how it was.

From the outset we were highly confident and impressed with Panacea's approach, skills and ability to understand our business issues and corporate strategy. They treated us personally and in a professional manner and delivered a fast, friendly and reliable service."

*Tracy Tollervey
IT Business Analyst, CPG Logistics*



Panacea and CPG have enjoyed a business partnership as far back as 1996. At that time, Panacea supplied and implemented Sage CS/3 for company financials and stock control.

Meeting the business need

More recently, however, CPG became alert to business issues centred mainly around their inventory control and warehouse management areas of the business that needed to be addressed.

Panacea consultants conducted a business process evaluation and quickly identified solutions followed by appropriate recommendations. A strategy was agreed upon and a project manager appointed.

Getting down to business

Corporate strategy had guided CPG towards SAP/R3 with their Sage system running on UNIX. Panacea seamlessly migrated the UNIX-based CS/3 system to Sage Line 500 with Microsoft Windows 2000 Server and SQL Server 2000 providing the back office solution. The process caused minimal downtime and little interruption to CPG end-users.

Panacea's Datastream provided the real-time data exchange between CPG's core ERP business systems and Panacea's Warehouse Manager with both applications running on Microsoft's Windows 2000 Server platform. Wireless scanning and barcoding is linked through Microsoft Messaging to provide CPG with a highly responsive, precision-based, logistics environment.



Warehouse Manager v2.0

Panacea's **Warehouse Management & Barcoding System** is a powerful, fully featured solution running on Windows 2000 Server to provide true integration between shop floor and manufacturing or warehouse environments.

Warehouse Manager integrated seamlessly into CPG's Sage Line 500 system offering them the ability to intensively streamline its warehousing operations by offering a range of business benefits including:

- Total accuracy of input for precise bin location, tracking and control
- Utilisation of CPG's existing R/F equipment significantly reduced startup costs
- Accurate, real-time stock availability querying for informed decision-making
- Real-time update to Sage system to speed up sales order picking, stocktaking and putaway
- Realistic batch tracking
- Warehouse Viewer: Panacea's unique graphical viewer provides real-time coverage of warehouse activity.



"There is no doubt Panacea are our preferred software partner and we expect to continue our long-term relationship with them."

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