



CPG Leaps Forward with PowerAnalytics Fast, Consolidated Reporting for SAP Business One at Large Multi-Company Site

Benefits derived from CPG's PowerAnalytics solution:

Fast Consolidated Reports:

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Productivity:

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Speedy responsiveness to management's reporting needs:

"We can quickly respond to requests for information from managers."

More and Powerful New Reporting:

"Most companies do not have the ability to report the way that we can now."

Flexibility and Familiar Front End:

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"We can actually use our time for something more valuable—like analysis"

From Days to Minutes—Enabling Maximum Productivity: "I have seen a direct, powerful result from using PowerAnalytics—you go from spending days of consolidating to minutes!" says Andy Ludwig, VP & Chief Information Officer of CPG International. CPG staff can focus on business performance. "Having consolidated financials is critical, we spend less time on the exercise of consolidating companies and instead use that time on value-adding activities including analysis," explains Ludwig.

"We can quickly respond to requests for information from managers," Ludwig adds. His comment goes to one of PowerAnalytics' main benefits—the significant improvement in staff productivity that results from increased reporting capabilities: there's much less time clerking data and much more time focused on results. With increased productivity comes greater responsiveness to management's needs. In addition to reaching consolidated financials from their multiple SAP databases, CPG is producing a reporting package with financial data and metrics. As well, along with their vastly enhanced data-analysis capabilities, users are loading budget data into PowerOLAP in order to create variance analyses.

Reporting Flexibility—and Working in Excel: Ludwig cites the flexibility of reporting and the fact that staff can still work in the environment they are already know—Excel. "We are now creating reports we were not able to create before," says Ludwig.

The 'before' picture was very different from what they have now. The Finance staff had hit a wall vis-à-vis basic needs for consolidated company reports: The reports took a long time to run and were tedious to create. "It was a real burden, a pain in the neck. Any additional changes would trigger going through the same time-consuming, tedious routine again," Ludwig complains of the original consolidation system.

"It took them a half hour to run a single Profit & Loss statement," noted Frank Sposato of CPG's SAP solution provider, Accelbus. Fortunately, Sposato had a background in OLAP technology and a specific understanding about how PowerAnalytics could meet

CPG's needs: "The type of analysis and reporting that CPG needed could not be done in what is essentially a 'query-pass' reporting system that tosses data into spreadsheets and must be run again for each report."



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