

Issue

Implementation of SAP R/3 at B. Braun Belgium

Customer

B. Braun Medical N.V./S.A.

B. Braun Medical N.V./S.A. in Diegem near Brussels is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the pharmaceutical and medical technology company B. Braun Melsungen AG with headquarters based in Melsung. Employing around 50 men and women in 1998, the Belgian subsidiary made a turnover of 760 million BEF.

Task

Process-oriented implementation of SAP R/3 (Modules: FI, CO, MM, SD)

Electronic integration of the external warehouse.

Realisation

Project Goals:

- Going live at 1 October 1999 (the former AS/400 solution was not Y2K-able).
- Integration of the external warehouse.
- Optimisation of the business processes (sales order processing, materials requirement planning).
- Stock optimization.
- Implementation of an EDI interface for communication with the producing companies within the group and the logistics partners.
- Consolidation and standardisation of the reporting system.

PIKON performed the following tasks:

- Training of the project team.
- Development of the Business Blueprint: The most important component was the description of business processes based on value chains to provide a good

overview of the interacting business areas within the company.

- Customizing: PIKON was solely responsible for the system settings. They were fixed in close cooperation with the group's IT department, which was later to take over the maintenance. Great importance was attached to the group using already existing settings in order to reduce maintenance expenses.
- Test: In cooperation with the qualified personnel.
- Training of the end users.
- Transfer of data from the legacy system.
- Development of the forms according to the country-specific requirements.
- Support of going live.
- After-sales-support and optimisation.

Highlights

- Price-finding process (country-specific requirements).
- Automated batch determination on the basis of the remaining shelf life.
- Electronic integration of the external warehouse (Pharma Logistics).
- Material requirements planning and inventory management (changeover from manual to technical material requirements planning including automated creation of the procurement proposals).
- Reporting optimisation based on the company guidelines.