

A Leading Consumer Food Product Producer

Enhancing MRO Item Descriptions to Support Enterprise Asset Management



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Case Study

As a worldwide leader of pre-packaged consumer food products, grain-based products and additives as well as having joint ventures with producers of specialty foods, this organization recognized the importance of standardizing its maintenance, repair and operations (MRO) item descriptions in order to achieve maximum efficiency. It was paramount that the enhanced standardization support Maximo® Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) software, which the company had implemented.

Project Objectives

- Create a single standardized materials catalog in support of the Maximo implementation at 12 locations in the US consisting of over 140,000 items
- Identify duplicate items within and across facilities to facilitate standardized purchasing and inventory sharing
- Provide catalog management training, software tools and business process review to ensure long-term sustainability of catalog following project completion

Scope of Work

- Train personnel in the Standard Modifier Dictionary™ (SMD) methodology as well as Struxure® catalog management software; assist in the integration of Struxure with Maximo
- Provide technical field resources to obtain additional item characteristic information through on-site physical inspection of materials and equipment
- Generate Duplicate Item Reports for review, confirmation and cross-referencing

Project Benefits

- Standardized and enriched item descriptions to support the Maximo Asset Catalog, integrated with enhanced catalog search and management functionality through Struxure
- Identified and consolidated approximately 12,000 duplicate items that resulted in reduced inventory, procurement and warehousing costs
- Increased equipment availability and asset life



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