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SAP SPM 3.0 Implementation for an American manufacturer of batteries and personal care products

About the company

The client is an American manufacturer of batteries and personal care products, headquartered in Town and Country, Missouri. Its most well-known brands are Energizer and Eveready batteries, Schick, Wilkinson Sword, Persona and Edge shaving products, Playtex feminine hygiene and baby products, and Hawaiian Tropic and Banana Boat sunscreen products.

Business Objectives

- Strategically leverage SPM RDS to lay the foundation for the successful implementation of the delta customizations.
- Over 70% of budgeted hours allocated to offshore resources to significantly reduce cost.
- Significant level of customizations to deliver the global spend reports

Business Situation

- This solution will enable the customer to analyse global spend using data from multiple procurement systems across North America, Europe and Asia; providing the opportunity to optimize spend performance and procurement business processes globally.
- Spend data at Energizer existed in multiple disparate systems, maintained at geographically distributed locations.
- These include four SAP ECC transactional systems, ISCALA, JD Edwards, and QAD.
- Obtaining accurate overall spend from all of these systems in a timely fashion was an onerous task.
- Considering the different data structures in these systems, it was even more difficult to get accurate data to make meaningful analysis and gain actionable insights.

The solution

- All unique and complex requirements were prototyped in the sandbox to ensure the feasibility of the solution. These were showcased to the business users to make them comfortable with the tool
- The Stellium BW and BO teams worked closely together to ensure that the best of both the tools could be utilized to meet the requirements
- A pilot was carried out in the production set-up with live data at an early stage to identify the factors contributing to any performance issues

Business Benefits

- o   One common database for all of Energizer's disparate systems
- o   Ability to analyse global spend data across all geographies and to achieve potential cost reductions"
- o   Significantly streamline the process for accumulating spend data and reduce the amount of effort and errors
- o   Custom hierarchy to analyse spend data at all levels to greatly improve sourcing decisions
- o   Provides a global platform for improvements in the quality of transactional and master data