

Case Study – New G/L Implementation & Migration

Customer **Global Media Giant**
Industry **Media & Communications**

About Customer

The company is the world's number one nonfiction media company reaching more than 1.5 billion cumulative subscribers in over 170 countries. The company empowers people to explore their world and satisfy their curiosity through 100-plus worldwide networks, as well as leading consumer and educational products and services, and a diversified portfolio of digital media services

Business Challenge

Company was going public in September 2008. This resulted in to major changes in external reporting requirements. Statutory Auditors identified fully balanced financial statements requirements by many additional reporting dimensions in addition to company code. Plan to gradually phase out many special purpose ledgers to improve parallel and other reporting tools.

Various design considerations were required to meet business and technical factors such as the design solution should be able to fully meet current and future financial reporting requirements as well as large number of profit centers and cost centers needed to be restructured and renamed. Should take in account impact and complexity due to ongoing project of merger of many company codes and business community to be burdened least to populate extra fields during transaction postings. Additional business considerations were to have reduced time in reconciliation of FI data with CO and SPL, Reduce time for closing as well as Limit system down time.

QS&S Solution

Since, business is already live on SAP for more than decade, the New G/L implementation required 'Migration'. The complexity and sensitivity was heightened because of multiple ledgers being merged into New G/L in parallel with the requirements for Document Splitting for multiple characteristics.

After detailed review of the business processes and their integration impact with the financials a systematic solution approach was designed. Detailed questionnaire on SAP's Migration services, the Scenario 3 was decided as the Target solution. Migration Cockpit was used to perform the New G/L Migration.

Based on their experience, heavy emphasis was put on Proof of concept and prototype and accordingly it was developed and approved early on. To reduce the conversion time and complexities, it was planned that business community to clear open line items as much as they could before year end. Additional customer fields in the coding block in GLT0 table to enable users to populate these fields in production environment. Transport new GL configuration to production on migration date and turn on document splitting validation check with error message to stop incorrect population of reporting dimension fields. Efficient and effective

solutions were designed to meet many process complexities associated with Data conversion, company code merging, data cleaning, organizational rationalization and more.

Benefits

- ? Significantly improved reporting infrastructure to meet current and future needs
- ? Fully balanced books by entities below the company code
- ? Fast close and reduced TCO

Technology

- ? SAP Enterprise - version ECC 6.0
- ? SAP Application Modules – ERP Financials

Methodology

- ? The project was implemented using the customer-specific project methodology
- ? Considering the sensitivity, as data being changed in the production system, exhaustive testing was done. Three (3) rounds of testing was conducted prior to performing mass

Why QS&S?

- ? Acknowledged New G/L Experts in the industry
- ? Managed, handled many of the most complex Financials projects involving complex data migrations
- ? Designed and developed many proprietary tools (SLO type) and techniques to manage complex system conversion
- ? Most qualified team with Business, Functional and Technical Skills
- ? Deep knowledge and understanding of SAP processes, procedures and functions with their integration with Financials

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