

INVOICE SOLUTION

Dyckerhoff

Challenge:

- » Solution for convenient invoice processing in SAP

Solution:

- » Outsourcing of scanning, data extraction and validation to a non-profit shared service provider
- » Invoice release via web portal

Benefits:

- » Consistent process reliability and significant reduction of workload in the specialist department
- » Savings on postal transport and paper copies
- » Fast project implementation



Dyckerhoff saves paper, energy, time and costs

In the building material industry, it is always a matter of developing new products for new applications and continuously optimizing existing solutions. This also applies to ready-mixed concrete: Being in the right place at the right time with the best quality is a core issue for Dyckerhoff. In this way, the customers can be sure to receive a solution that is exactly geared to their needs – produced in accordance with the highest quality standards, the principles of sustainable corporate management and the latest technological findings. Experience you can build on.

Alongstanding tradition requires constant improvement

Mr Schaaf, Head of Accounting, explains the internal motives for the project to optimize incoming invoices with AFI Solutions as follows:

“Since continuous process improvement is a strategic company vision not only in our production but also in other areas, we were already looking for solutions at the beginning of 2007 to be able to cope with the increased requirements in accounting due to restructuring in a better and more resource-efficient way.”

Prior to this, invoices were received in the subsidiaries in a decentralized manner. There the invoices were partially pre-assigned, signed by the approver and sent by internal mail to the central finance and accounting team in Wiesbaden.

As a consequence, the accounting department was informed rather late that an invoice was in the company and what invoice amounts were due. The invoice contents were entered and

posted manually in the SAP ERP system. Then they were scanned, linked to the SAP posting document and stored in the existing electronic archive in an audit-proof manner.

Saving of resources and costs

This process has become faster and more transparent by switching to early scanning, automatic invoice data extraction and electronic approval processes.

“Apart from typing, our problems with the lengthy mailing route, the confusing process control and the large number of invoice copies were to be eliminated”, resumes Mr Bialucha, project manager in accounting, in retrospect.

After market research and extensive

comparison of the leading suppliers, the decision was made in favor of a solution concept of AFI Solutions in cooperation with the Behinderten-Werk Main-Kinzig e.V. (BWMK), a sheltered workshop in Hesse.

“What spoke in favor of the AFI solution was above all the flexible, modular solution approach which made the cooperation with this external service provider possible”, emphasizes Mr Böhm from the SAP Competence Center and technical project manager at Dyckerhoff.

The BWMK is already operating successfully as a shared service center for scanning and electronic document processing for various companies in the association of the non-profit cooperative of workshops, the Genossenschaft der Werkstätten eG (GDW).

The BWMK also took on the inbox for the incoming invoices for Dyckerhoff as an external service provider. Directly after scanning, an automatic data extraction of the invoice documents is carried out, followed by a visual check of the recognized invoice data.



1884 Dyckerhoff supplies 8,000 wooden barrels of cement for the foundation of the Statue of Liberty in New York



Paperless processing of FI invoices

The invoice images including the invoice data are transferred to the SAP system of Dyckerhoff in electronic form and clearly displayed in the Monitor which is AFI's incoming invoice ledger in AFI Invoice.

By doing this, the invoices are available to the corresponding person in charge for verification and can be filtered, sorted and displayed in the convenient AFI Invoice Center. Release is carried out in the respective specialist department but not in the SAP Business Workplace.

Due to decentral structures, AFI's lean and flexible web portal solution is used. The traceability of all workflow steps is guaranteed by the workflow log.

After the fast and successful go-live, the FI invoices were processed paperlessly in the first stage. Succeeding the implementation of SAP MM, the second stage followed with the extension to order-related invoices.

Mr Böhm summarizes the subsequent stages: *“The rollout to further subsidiaries has now been gradually completed in follow-up projects so that finally all*

16 company codes and all international locations could process their invoices electronically.”

Digital is faster

An accounting department that uses hardly any paper saves valuable resources. Electronic invoice processing, verification and release with the AFI solution in SAP is faster, more convenient and transparent in any case. The fact that the integration of the regional shared service partner BWMK has also made the entire business process significantly leaner, faster and thereby more ergonomic demonstrates the win-win character of the solution concept for Dyckerhoff.

Dyckerhoff is an international producer of cement and ready-mixed concrete. The company has been producing Portland cement, hydraulic binders and specialty products since 1864. Dyckerhoff belongs to the Italian Buzzi Unicem Group since 2004.

Clear objectives, sustainable corporate management and technological know-how are the marks of the specialist. Today, the company is one of the leading international brands in the building materials industry.

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AFI Solutions GmbH is a leading solution provider for the digitization and optimization of document processes around SAP. The solutions cover the entire purchase-to-pay and order-to-cash process.

AFI is the only software manufacturer on the market that offers everything from a single source: With the RedPaperCenter as a managed service, companies can easily outsource the digitization of a wide variety of paper documents. In process optimization, AFI scores with SAP-integrated software solutions. The cloud-based DocumentHub as software as a service (= SaaS) completes the unique product portfolio.

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