

Systems Scale With Your Business

New Savcor Meka ERP User in Versowood

Versowood Group as one of the leading Finnish private owned producer and processor of solid wood is a long-term partner of Savcor Forest. Versowood uses the Savcor Meka ERP System, which is easy to extend when a company grows. Versowood's newest Meka ERP user is A. Jalander's pallet factory in Muurla, Finland.

Versowood's and Savcor Forest's cooperation that covers the entire supply chain began already more than ten years ago. As Versowood has grown by acquisitions and organic growth the cooperation has broadened and the ERP system has been scaled accordingly. Over the years many new plants have been added to this business-critical system. More than 20 Versowood plants are using the system at the moment.

- Mutual positive attitude towards innovations, industry expertise, and customer focused mindset have been the key factors to a productive partnership also in challenging times and have always guaranteed the best results, says Mr. **Ville Kopra**, CEO, Versowood Group.

New plant level for A. Jalander

A. Jalander's pallet factory produces pallets and wooden packaging. The renewal of the ERP system was started at the factory in spring 2012. Analyzing a customer's needs is always the first step in system customizing. The system must be flexible and must take into consideration the new plant's products and product types.

Development of the pallet factory's ERP system differed from the corporate's previous system establishments because a new plant level was created for the factory. From now on two or more plant levels, instead of only one level, can be created in the ERP system, which

enables both factory and corporate level monitoring in the Business Intelligence reporting.

Almost all of the functions in the pallet factory's ERP were renewed by the Savcor Meka ERP. However, the project did not involve Kokkola shipping clearance operations, which is also part of A. Jalander's business.

Smooth cooperation

Smooth cooperation and open dialogue are crucial when delivering a system to a new customer or plant, in order to adapt the system to meet a customer's needs as well as possible.

Open communication is needed in merging customer's needs (for example product and operation information) and the system potential (for example operating principles and information input).

Vesa Rantanen, System Specialist from Versowood, and **Sanna Leskinen**, Project Engineer, from Savcor Forest, were the Project Managers in this project.

- Working with Savcor went smoothly, and we shared the same understanding of cooperation with Savcor's project manager. Savcor's special advantage is their industry expertise, says Mr. Vesa Rantanen, who also had good development ideas during the project.

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- Cooperation was good. Vesa Rantanen has a long system experience, which was very useful in the project. He was able to challenge us in a good way in the project. Such feedback is always welcome, to enable us to develop our processes to the right direction. Pallet factory's personnel was also very active in getting familiar with the system features and found an appropriate way of using the system especially for their business model.

Implementation proceeded according to planned schedule. The start-up was

speeded up by professional project managers, background work done at Savcor, pre-existing parameters as well as information on new parameters, products and customer data, input into the system in advance.

Training for the A. Jalander personnel was carried out in late 2012, and the new system was started at the factory in January 2013.



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A. Jalander Oy is a part of the Versowood Group. A Jalander produces standard pallets, that is Fin- and Eur-pallets and also PRS-pallets (pallet return system) used mainly by chemical industry, as well as customer related, tailor made no-return pallets, which can be stamped for export with a ISPM 15 stamps. In order to serve customers the best possible way, the production range includes also pallet collars, packing covers and packing plywood, cut to size and stamped, if required.