Groundbreaking HR transformation at Timken using SAP technology

Video Transcript

Accenture helps Timken implement SuccessFactors and Employee Central
The program is helping to align a global workforce via the cloud and provide analytics.

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Project overview
The scope of the project was quite broad. We basically decided to implement Employee Central as well as the complete SuccessFactors suite across the whole organization. At the time, was about 21,500 active people, 33 countries, and we replaced many old systems and came onto one integrated system.

Pioneering solution
We had the opportunity to implement Employee Central with Employee Central Payroll. We were the first to bring that integration forward. It was difficult, it was challenging, but at the end of the day, we were able to accomplish it and to do something that no one else has done, and that’s pretty exciting.

Destination: Analytics
We’re very excited about some of our future modules, analytics being the most prevalent for us. With analytics, this is really the culmination of all the work that we’ve done over the 18 month project. Analytics is what is the end goal. Analytics is what is going to give us the value to the organization, it will be the piece that truly the organization will be able to look at and to say where are we, what do we need to do, where are the issues, how can we solve business problems, how do we support the business? Analytics is the reason that we did this.

How Accenture helped
The transformation to the SuccessFactors at the speed at which we did it was through very careful planning, very strong execution, and that’s where we use partners like Accenture to help us make sure that we can accomplish it. We dedicated the resources, we dedicated the time and the commitment of the organization, we used the experience set out of Accenture, bringing all those pieces together, that’s what enables you to accomplish the speed at which we were able to implement.

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When we went through cutover, it was a very interesting time. We basically started on November 30th of 2013 and started to move all of our data from our existing systems over, and by the, roughly the 10th of December, we had all the data in, validated, and ready to run. We immediately kicked off Employee Central Payroll and then started to run payroll on the 16th of December. A very fast timeframe, very set of dedicated work, very structured process we went through, and we were very successful with it.

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