

## VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

# VERSUM MATERIALS: IMPLEMENTING SAP S/4HANA FOR BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION



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Versum Materials is a specialty materials company that was spun off from Air Products in 2016. Our focus is on being ready for the future and ready to help customers advance, and we're passionate about working closely with our customers to help them drive innovation.

We were transitioning from being a business unit within an industrial gas company to being a standalone specialty materials company serving the semiconductor industry. In order to be as efficient as possible from the outset, we needed the systems to support this business shift and the standup of our new, modern company.

Accenture demonstrated a level of industry knowledge and experience, which we felt would be invaluable for our transition and transformation. Perhaps just as important, Accenture brought to bear tools and assets focused on SAP S/4HANA that were really some of the best in the market. Accenture proposed a very strong team of resources, some of whom came directly from its co-development program with SAP and had actually worked on the S4 product that we were going to implement prior to its release.

We worked with Accenture to deliver a full rollout of SAP S/4HANA version 1610 Enterprise Management across three regions and 14 countries. This included a standardized solution design based on industry-leading practices. Through Accenture's partnership with Apple, we also worked with them on the development of an iOS application designed and built specifically for our needs, integrating SAP and iOS components for efficient mobile cylinder tracking on our new system.

The tools and templates for SAP S/4HANA and the chemical industry knowledge that Accenture brought were invaluable, truly accelerating the benefits and reducing the risk of our program. Accenture was a true partner, and whenever we ran into challenges, we were able to work together to resolve them.

We launched the S4 project, and in just 15 months we were able to move off of our transition services agreement with Air Products, without disruption to our global supply chain. The container management mobile app was particularly fast. In just 14 weeks the team delivered the vision of what we required, which simply wasn't available anywhere else.

We're in a much better position to optimize operations, work with a competitive cost structure and use real-time analytics to quickly get accurate information to those who need it. And, our people are happy with the outcome—which is key to our future success.

Perhaps most importantly, as a standalone company we now have a solid foundation for operating on our own, and we're able to truly focus on further optimization and innovation going forward—to help drive continued success for us and also for our customers.

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