

Microsoft Dynamics
Customer Solution Case Study



Bangalore based company streamlines Sales, Planning and Production processes

Overview

Country or region: India **Industry:** Manufacturing

Customer Profile

Established in 1994, Rinac India Limited is the leader in the Indian subcontinent as the provider of Cold Chain and Clean room infrastructure.

Business Situation

The management at Rinac India felt an immediate need to establish a single, shared information system for the entire company, supplying coordinated information to both the management and employees as well as optimizing the utilization of the company's many competencies and those of its clients and partners.

Solution

Microsoft Dynamics $^{\text{TM}}$ AX 3.0 was implemented at the Bangalore head office and various branch offices across the country.

Benefits

- Lowers total cost of ownership
- Eliminate redundancies and automate processes
- Ease of use
- Enhanced staff optimization by 15 percent

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Rinac India Limited is the first Indian company to have developed an indigenous cold room of international standards. Rinac's proficiency is best reflected in its versatile product range that makes the 'Cold chain' concept a reality in India. In order to consolidate its position in the refrigeration industry, Rinac was on the lookout for an integrated business solution.

By implementing Microsoft® Dynamics™ AX 3.0 across its offices in India has ensured significant improvements in manufacturing, accounting, order processing, and inventory management. Rinac is now in a position to handle the sales orders and track wastage in materials. This has reduced the turn around time considerably for executing the sales orders and wastage percentage.





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Situation

Rinac India Limited is the first Indian company that offers continuous cooling solutions by providing the entire cold chain equipment from one single source. The company has two state-of-the-art production facilities in Bangalore along with various branch offices spread across India.

P. V. Balasubramaian, Managing Director, Rinac India Limited recalls, "Prior to the implementation of Microsoft Dynamics™ AX 3.0, we were using Tally." He adds, "We were unable to track customer data, material wastage, as well as excess and unused materials. We lacked a modular approach to products and pricing which further led to complex sales processes."

The company also faced various limitations by way of untimely consolidation of books across branches. "There were connectivity issues with our factory locations being remote. We also faced various limitations by way of disparate systems being deployed for various activities".

Disparate systems drained resources, reduced efficiency, and led to data errors. This affected employee productivity and morale as well as customer satisfaction and the bottom line.

To sustain its profits and its growth as a leader in the Indian refrigeration industry, Rinac required a robust solution that would seamlessly integrate all of its departments and divisions.

Solution

Keeping up with the fast paced growth of the refrigeration industry, the management at Rinac India was on the lookout for an integrated business solution. Rinac believed that the best way to reduce costs and increase efficiencies and profits was to

implement a modern and fully integrated business management system.

After evaluating several business management software solutions, Rinac decided to deploy Microsoft® Dynamics™ AX 3.0, an adaptable, all-in-one solution that scales as business grows. Microsoft® Certified Partner, Affordable Business Solutions (ABS) was chosen to be the consultant to conduct business process study, balanced score card, management dash board design and implementation of the solution.

"We chose to implement Microsoft
Dynamics™ AX 3.0 because we always
wanted to be associated with a trusted
company. The fact that Microsoft now caters
to the Small and Medium Business (SMB)
segment is very encouraging," says
Balasubramaian.

Balasubramaian reiterates, "ABS has been a single window for our IT and business consulting requirements. In fact, in addition to implementation of Microsoft Dynamics AX 3.0 they have also provided us with a detailed business process study, balanced score card roll out and it infrastructure design across the organization,"

Rinac appreciated Microsoft Dynamics AX for its flexible support of daily internal operations, as well as for its ability to facilitate information exchange between plants in Bangalore and branch offices across the country. Balasubramaian further adds, "With the hosted Dynamics AX 3.0 offering, we have completely outsourced the management of the application, server and back up to ABS."

Microsoft Dynamics AX 3.0 was implemented and customized within a period of five months in a single phase.

The implementation of the Accounts
Receivable (AR) and General Ledger modules
was replicated across its Ahmedabad,
Chandigarh, Chennai, Cochin, New Delhi,
Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and Pune
branch offices.

Some adaptations were required in the solution. For this, ABS created a consolidated sales order across all units. In addition, other customizations were done to the Bill of Materials such as cost price calculation and markup and connecting information to the relevant drawings.

The ability of the system to validate an enquiry through a Bill of Material and its tracking till the completion of the project has helped the company track the enquiries with the Bill of Material and the Job Transfer Sheets.

Benefits

By implementing Microsoft Dynamics AX, Rinac has created a common information structure for the company, made its order processing system more efficient, and improved procedures for purchasing, delivery, and customer invoicing. The change will help the company manage future growth.

Lowers Total Cost of Ownership

With the distributed application capability of Microsoft Dynamics AX 3.0, Rinac India is able to leverage the hosted model of application without investing much in IT-infrastructure. Balasubramaian emphasizes, "Having a partner like ABS (who have an indepth knowledge of the complete Microsoft suite of products) has helped us to make smarter business decisions while lowering our cost of ownership."

Eliminate Redundancies and Automate Processes

The implementation of a fully integrated ERP system has reduced redundancies across all business units be it sales, production or distribution. Rinac is also able to take full advantage of its material requirements planning system to automate its resource production and planning procedures. "These types of processes and automations have introduced efficiencies throughout the company," says Balasubramaian. The company also has streamlined resources and reduced its payroll.

Ease of Use

"Because the software is similar to Microsoft products already in place, employees adopted the solution rapidly using a familiar and intuitive interface," comments Balasubramaian.

Enhanced staff optimization by 15 percent

The employees are able to function in a more structured, disciplined and streamlined manner. Balasubramaian reiterates, "We have seen a significant rise of 15 percent in employee productivity. This has been a tremendous advantage to our operations across the country."

Future Plans

Rinac India Limited plan to implement the Human Resource (HR) and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) modules integrated with Microsoft Dynamics AX 3.0 shortly.

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