Philips SPEED: Accelerating Global Integration

Increased efficiency, improved business control and reduced cost of ownership

**The Situation**
The semiconductors market is truly global. Product development and manufacturing span all continents, and relocating labour-intensive manufacturing activities to Asian countries is an economic imperative. Flexibility in working with third-party suppliers and joint ventures is key.

NXP Semiconductors, earlier Philips Semiconductors, had diverse system architecture in place to support its “classic ERP” functionality. To regain a solid position as one of the top ten in the industry, Semiconductors needed to pursue a strategy of growth and cost reduction. An integrated system for the manufacturing environment of Semiconductors on a global basis was seen as a prerequisite for the execution of this strategy.

**The Solution**
In 2000, Philips decided to phase in an SAP-ERP system for all its manufacturing sites worldwide. A program, SPEED (Superior Production Execution through ERP Deployment), was launched. Based on SAP, it included ADEXA, SAP-Business Warehouse, SAP Plant Maintenance and Enterprise Buyer Professional standard applications. These are all highly integrated, supporting the manufacturing business processes. A set of common interfaces would enable each site to communicate effectively with the rest of the Philips network. SPEED was implemented on a site-by-site basis and rolled out globally. Upon completion, all legacy “ERP” systems used at the manufacturing sites all over the world would be eliminated.
The Result
With the implementation of SPEED, the following benefits are being achieved:

- Single global Business Control Model for manufacturing sites with standard systems, procedures, processes and documentation
- Reduced total cost of ownership by replacement of a multitude of almost end-of-life local legacy environments
- Increased efficiency and data quality by avoiding multiple keyboarding
- Improved business control as a result of more transparent, fully integrated processes and management information
- Improved delivery reliability and speed at the manufacturing sites as a result of more accurate demand planning techniques, better scheduling, reduction in cycle times, reduced inventory levels and accurate, timely and complete management information.

How NXP Semiconductors and Capgemini Worked Together
The key objectives that Semiconductors wanted to achieve were:

- reliable management information
- integration and consistency across all processes
- standardization and simplification of processes and systems
- reduce the number of systems and system interfaces
- flexibility to enable future growth and to adapt to new business requirements quickly
- substantial savings through central development and system support.

Philips needed a partner to implement SPEED, one based in Europe but with the global capacity, scope, project management skills, experience, resources and, above all, commitment to make the deployment work. Philips selected Capgemini to collaborate with the semiconductor division to plan and manage the project, develop and implement common global business practices as well as create an operating model supported by common, integrated systems.

To reduce the project's complexity, a phased approach was chosen. The first phase (SPEED I) started in 2000 and focused on the purchase to pay and management accounting and control processes. The kernel was finalized in 2001 and by 2006 SPEED I was implemented at all the manufacturing sites. The SPEED II kernel development started in 2003 and was finalised in 2004. The SPEED II scope included all manufacturing planning and execution processes for the front-end manufacturing sites.

By mid-2006, implementation of the last front-end manufacturing site had (SPEED II) started. The finalization of the SPEED III kernel for the back-end manufacturing sites will be finalized in 2008. At that point, all manufacturing planning and execution processes for the back-end manufacturing sites will be supported by a fully integrated standard, global SPEED system.

Capgemini has implemented SPEED in Europe, Asia Pacific and North America, mobilising top-quality resources from 16 countries.

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