



SAP Business Transformation Study | Mill Products | Sappi Europe Limited

How Do You Build a Finance System for the Enterprise of the Future?

Sappi works closely with customers to provide relevant and sustainable dissolving wood pulp, paper (specialty, packaging, and graphic), paper pulp, and biomaterial products and related services and innovations. Through its investments in an ambitious R&D program, Sappi continues to unlock the potential of renewable resources to meet future demand for its products. The IT group at Sappi recently identified a need to prepare its core finance processes for the years ahead as well.

To realize this ambitious goal, Sappi implemented the SAP S/4HANA® Finance solution with experts and premium engagement services from the SAP Digital Business Services organization, who helped make migration and go-live successful. Now reporting has been vastly enriched, and manual reconciliations have been virtually eliminated. A single source of the truth has improved decision-making for local stakeholders. Sales representatives and customers can enjoy mobile reporting by means of new apps in the attractive and intuitive SAP Fiori® user experience.



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Simplifying Finance Through Collaboration with **SAP Digital Business Services**



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Industry
Mill products

Products and Services
Dissolving wood pulp and
printing and specialty papers

Employees
12,800

Revenue
US\$5.4 billion

SAP® Solutions
SAP S/4HANA® Finance solution,
SAP Fiori® user experience, and
SAP® ActiveEmbedded offerings
from the SAP Digital Business
Services organization

To transform its solution landscape for the digital age, Sappi engaged the SAP Digital Business Services organization and capitalized on premium engagement services to support implementation of SAP S/4HANA® Finance. Now the company has streamlined core finance processes for global rollout, and reporting has been enhanced and made available on mobile devices for faster and wiser decision-making.

Before: Challenges and Opportunities

- Replace aging point solutions with up-to-date financial processes
- Improve reporting capabilities in the SAP ERP application through a single source of truth across functions
- Prepare the way for a full implementation of SAP S/4HANA

Why SAP

- Extensive functionality from SAP ERP already operational
- Proven performance improvements with SAP S/4HANA Finance at the digital core of the IT infrastructure
- Deep product knowledge and digital transformation know-how from SAP ActiveEmbedded offerings
- Real-time reporting in SAP S/4HANA Finance for better decision support and faster approval processes

After: Value-Driven Results

- Timely and wise decision-making through streamlined reporting across the enterprise
- Better understanding of data-migration issues attained in a migration-planning workshop
- New skills in accounting and asset management delivered in empowerment workshops
- Knowledge transfer on data corrections through expert on-demand services
- Additional support during test cycles and go-live to improve final business results

“The close partnership with SAP and a sharp focus on execution in SAP Digital Business Services helped accelerate our project to a successful go-live. With SAP S/4HANA Finance, we heightened transparency across finance operations for quick and accurate decision-making and reporting.”

Didier Magnien, Director IT Europe and Global Applications, Sappi Ltd.

100%

Readiness to run live and deliver an enhanced user experience

Lower

Financial closing costs

Flexible

Reporting and analytics

Clearer

Transparency for financial governance

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