# Are You Ready for the Fourth Quarter?

Achieving Unprecedented Collaboration Across Competitors in the Supply Chain

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The story of an international 3PL operation that purchased and implemented a Sales and Operations Planning (S&OP) solution with exceptional results





### Agenda

- □ Introduction
- The Problem
- The Solution
- **S&OP** Vendor Selection
- □ Solution Implementation
- Results Achieved

**Q&A** 





### Introduction to Technicolor Supply Chain Services

- Largest 3PL for Home Entertainment with operations spanning 9M+ sq. ft.
- Capacity to manufacture 2B units per year, distribute 6M consumer packaged goods per day to 40K destinations and process daily returns of 1.4M units
- Clients include Disney, NBC Universal, Paramount, Warner Bros., Microsoft, Activision, Electronic Arts, Capcom, THQ, etc.
- Retailers include Walmart, Amazon, Costco, Netflix, Kmart, Target, Best Buy



### The Problem

### The Business Challenge

Demand Exceeded Capacity in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2010





## **Factors Leading Up to the Business Challenge**

- Increase in Client Demand
- Customer Forecast Accuracy
- Actual Performance vs. Planned Capacities
- Unforeseen Impact of Business Variables







# The Solution

Identify, select, and implement a sales and operations planning (S&OP) solution that facilitates entry of client retail forecasts, maps SKUs to required manufacturing, packaging, and distribution processes, and provides the ability to proactively balance supply and demand across 38 North American production centers accountable for producing \$1.8 billion dollars of annual revenue.



## **Required Solution Capabilities**

- **1.** Receive Forecasted Demand from Clients
- 2. Receive Forecasted Capacity from Production Centers
- 3. Associate Forecasted Demand to Forecasted Capacity
- 4. Report Demand/Capacity Levels Across Production Centers
- 5. Support "What If" Scenario Sensitivity Analysis
  - Proactively Balance Forecasted Supply and Demand

#### S&OP Solution Components





### Surveying the Landscape for S&OP Vendors





## **Qualifying Considerations for S&OP Vendor / Solution**

- Cost
- Ease of Use
- Functional Fit
- Delivery Timeframe
- Vendor Responsiveness
- Ability to Meet "Phase 2" Requirements





## **Vendor Selection Process – 3 Months**

- March Initial RFI via e-mail & phone
  - ➢ 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Vendor Down Selection
- Early April Iterative Requirements Definition / Vendor Demos via WebEx

> 2nd Round of Vendor Down Selection

- Mid April RFP Development / Vendor On-Site Demo Preparations via WebEx
- Late April RFP Release / On-Site Vendor Demos / Scoring of Non-Price Criteria
- May RFP Receipt / Evaluation & Scoring of All Selection Criteria

Vendor Selection, Reference Checks, and Contract Negotiation



# **Vendor and Solution Decision**



Pelyco Systems is the leading provider of Collaborative Visibility Solutions and Spreadsheet Management Solutions for logistics / supply chain intensive companies.





#### Pelyco's SmartSpreadSheet & Smart S&OP Help to Answer the Following:

- 1. Do we have sufficient capacity to service forecasted demand?
- 2. Can we take on additional work and/or new customers?
- 3. If specific production centers are overallocated, when will this be alleviated?
- 4. What would happen if we moved specific orders forward or backward on the production schedule?
- 5. What would happen if we increased production center capacity or balanced demand across sites?



#### **SmartSpreadSheet Extends Excel**

Excel spreadsheets are used by 150 million business people for planning, reporting and analysis, BUT Excel has some serious limitations as an enterprise application Rogue Processes





power, flexibility and simplicity, but complements them with features required for managing robust, mission-critical spreadsheets

### **SmartSpreadSheet Transforms Unmanaged Mission-Critical Spreadsheets into Enterprise Applications**



to manage approval and review processes. Here, changed data is highlighted and may be subject to approval.

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GENERATE MULTIPLE WORKSHEETS based on either grouping of customers, items, etc. Here, there is one sheet for each customer. System also supports a fixed format where each sheet has a different purpose.

DETAILED AUDIT TRAIL OF NOTES AND CHANGES in reports and/or worksheets to provide rich context for decisions.

#### DYNAMICALLY GENERATED CONTENT AND LAYOUT FROM MASTER TEMPLATES improve efficiency. Here, only items with trade spend show Units TPM and STPM...users don't see extraneous rows.





## **Implementation Schedule – 3-6 Months**

- MAY:
  - Functional Specifications Development & Approval 6/6
  - Budget Approval 6/7
  - Award of Business 6/8
- JUN-JUL  $\rightarrow$  AUG  $\rightarrow$  SEP:
  - Iterative Agile Development & Component Testing
  - End-to-End & Client Testing
- OCT:
  - Internal/External Client Training
  - Go-Live 9/26 (Internal) / 10/10 (External)



# **Implementation Challenges**

- S&OP Learning Curve
- Planning Team Re-Org
- Planning Process Re-Org
- Competition for Key Resources
- Customer Agreement on Forecast Template/Submission
- Forecast Data Quality



Overcome by Active Engagement of All Parties to Ensure Team Success



## **Results Achieved**

✓ Enhanced Demand Forecast and Capacity Visibility for Vendors, Clients, Sales Reps, Production Centers, and Retailers

- ✓ Improved Demand & Capacity Forecast Accuracy
- ✓ Ability to Effectively and Efficiently Model "What-If" Scenarios
- ✓ Reduced Supply Chain Planning Administrative Costs
- ✓ Reduced Stock-Outs / Increased Client Sales
- ✓ Improved Client Relationships
- Team-oriented Communication and Problem-solving



## **Testimonials**

"This project has been perceived as a real success by our customers. Senior client leadership has acknowledged that Technicolor made major strides in 2011 to improve its ability to manage supply and demand. The Pelyco Systems tool, along with our internal cross-studio initiatives, integrated perfectly. We are much more on top of our game in terms of order commitments, throughput, and communications...spending more time now on discussing future demand patterns...a noticeable shift from reactive to proactive management." **Technicolor VP, Global Studios** 

"One of the main comments / themes at today's meeting was that this project has led to an unprecedented meeting of film industry leaders working together to coordinate their efforts with the sole aim of maximizing the efficiency, output and relationship with their supplier, Technicolor. This project has created something that is certainly unique in our industry and we struggled to think of any other industries where you find 4 world class competitors gathering on a monthly basis to work together for everyone's benefit." **Technicolor Director, Account Management** 



# "Unprecedented collaboration across competitors in the supply chain"





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### **Questions & Answers**

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## **Thank You**

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