



ALLERGAN

AUTOMATING SOX COMPLIANCE WITH SAP® BusinessObjects™ PROCESS CONTROL

Allergan Inc., a multispecialty healthcare company, needed help managing compliance with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The SAP® BusinessObjects™ Process Control application provided comprehensive process management and allowed Allergan to automate many controls. PricewaterhouseCoopers led the implementation, helped by SAP Consulting.

QUICK FACTS

“SAP BusinessObjects Process Control does everything we thought it would do and even more than we expected. The implementation was very functionality-driven, and we’re excited about expanding the use of automated controls in the future.”

Bart Brock, Sr. Project Manager, Allergan Inc.

Company

- Name: Allergan Inc.
- Location: Irvine, California
- Industry: Life sciences
- Products and services: Specialty pharmaceuticals and medical devices
- Revenue: US\$4.4 billion
- Employees: Approximately 8,000
- Web site: www.allergan.com

Project Objectives

- Implement a robust solution for managing Sarbanes-Oxley Act (SOX) compliance processes end to end, including auditing, monitoring, and testing of controls
- Build an integrated compliance platform for all regulatory requirements

Key Challenges

- Reduce risk of financial misstatements and noncompliance
- Automate testing and compliance processes to save time
- Reduce reliance on IT in compliance processes

Solutions and Services

- SAP® BusinessObjects™ Process Control application
- SAP Consulting

Why SAP Solutions and Services

- Integration with the SAP software that runs the business
- Positive experiences with SAP products
- Availability of preferred implementation practices

Implementation Highlights

- Engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to lead project
- Formed synergistic team consisting of PwC, SAP Consulting, and internal personnel
- Consolidated controls prior to implementation
- Began with a highly successful 2-week pilot
- Completed project on schedule and within budget

Key Benefits

- Migrated all processes to SAP BusinessObjects Process Control
- Automated many controls
- Achieved user-driven operations with minimal IT involvement
- Increased efficiency of SOX compliance processes
- Improved overall SOX compliance capability
- Integrated with the SAP BusinessObjects Access Control application to build a harmonized segregation-of-duties management process

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