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Implementation of SAP PLM RD as Update to the existing SAP RM 2020

“Group-wide SAP S/4 HANA Upgrade in record time”

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The Customer

Zott SE & Co. KG is a traditional Bavarian family-owned dairy company, producing a variety of yoghurts, desserts and cheese specialties. Their products are available in numerous countries around the world. With a net turnover of 935 million EUR and 898 million liters of processed milk in 2020 and about 2,800 employees at present, Zott is amongst the leading dairies in Europe.

Business Needs

Zott is using SAP software for different business needs since 2007. As part of the digital transformation which leads to an S/4 HANA database usage, a migration from the existing Recipe Management module to SAP Recipe Development had to be implemented.

The Challenge

The introduction of the new S/4 HANA generation at Zott induced a complete revamp of the group-wide existing R&D landscape. Facing the additional challenges of the Corona pandemic, this ambitious plan was realized by the collaborating teams of GRAMONT Germany, the Zott IT department and Zott R&D experts within planned time and budget.

The Solution

GRAMONT implemented SAP PLM with special focus on processes in Recipe Development and a successful data conversion and migration. Therefore, all recipe related data had to be converted to a format which is satisfying the requirements of the HANA database structures.

Normally, introducing the new technology in Zott's process landscape, which had been growing over the past 13 years, would take three years. Due to the pressure placed on this transformation, and the necessity of creating a new technical platform for further optimizations, the goal was to complete the introduction in only 12 months by handling many different parts of the project in parallel.

“We succeeded because everyone managing the different interfaces supported us by giving our RD project priority” says Zott's Department Manager of Fruit Product Development.

Now that Zott has a forward-thinking system ready for all of the company projects, they will require IT support in the coming years. We at GRAMONT are proud to be part of that journey.