

RGIS[®] Inventory

Our Customer:

A large international automotive manufacturer.

The Problem:

One of the customer's facilities is located in the southern United States and manufacture's one of the premier luxury vehicles on the road today. The facility consists of two plants, a raw material warehouse and a few other offsite storage facilities. The customer's production lines were constantly being shut down because the parts were not delivered to the line in time to complete production. The challenge was to locate the parts within the facility and get them delivered on a "just-in-time" basis to the production line. Shutting down a production line for 30 minutes will cost the customer several thousand dollars. The obvious immediate concern was identifying the parts needed and the location of those parts.

RGIS Solution:

The customer wanted to complete an inventory the week during their summer holiday shutdown period in July. During this time, RGIS would capture BIN locations in the warehouses and line locations in the plants, along with the parts located in these areas. RGIS was able to get the programs working for the project, however the customer was not able to complete their IT programs for a July inventory and the project was pushed back to October.

Into Action:

RGIS completed a wall to wall inventory of the two plants, the warehouse and offsite locations. Due to the complex nature of the part numbers, those not valid were researched and corrected during the inventory process. The inventory data was provided by Building, BIN location, Part Number and Quantity. Another challenge surfaced when the reconciliation program created by the customer did not work properly and although they were able to use the information, they were not able to get the reconciliation complete before the plant started again after the October weekend. As a result, RGIS was called in again to conduct an inventory during the plant shut down in December. Using RGIS to handle their year-end inventory, the customer was also able to meet their Sarbanes Oxley requirement for using a third-party inventory service, as outlined by their accounting firm for financial reporting.

Customer Benefits:

By hiring RGIS to handle their inventory needs, our customer experienced improved operating efficiency resulting in costs savings and met their Sarbanes Oxley Standards.

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