

# Solutions Study



## **Solution: Manufacturing Plant Support For The Dannon Company, Inc.**

### **Situation**

Aspen was approached by The Dannon Company with a need for a raw materials distributor for their new manufacturing lines installed in Salt Lake City, UT. The materials would be just-in-time inventory (JIT) and would turn very quickly. The challenge was to make certain that we had the proper controls and processes in place. Due to a very tight lead time window for production, it was crucial for Aspen to send the plant the correct product with no non-conformity to ensure business continuity



*Aspen Warehouse in Salt Lake City, UT*



### **Strategy**

After detailed planning and collaboration among all parties involved, a strategy was formulated and implemented. Aspen would take receipt directly from the vendors, conduct inventory control, and carry out plant shuttles 7 days a week - all in unison with the customer's production schedule. To do this Aspen received a Dannon SAP (SAP is a Manufacturer of an Enterprise Resource Planning system) terminal on site with radio frequency (RF) scan equipment. Aspen's Integrated Technologies Department established the data connectivity between multiple sites so that the Dannon equipment was simple to install. Receipt and delivery information was then able to be entered into SAP so Dannon's production and purchasing departments have real time data visibility for their work in progress. Aspen also utilizes their own RF driven Warehouse Management System (WMS) to ensure proper rotation and inventory control of the product. The Integrated Technologies Department again stepped-in and performed a software enhancement to track serial numbers by Each, Case/Bundle, or at the Pallet level. Further integration efforts to completely automate the communication between Dannon's and Aspen's systems are underway.

To ensure consistency at all levels, daily meetings were scheduled between the two companies to recap the prior day and set target goals for the next production cycle. On a consistent weekly basis, meetings at the management level were set to overview the weekly results and plan for the next production period.

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### **Results**

The operation has been successful. The relationship has expanded to include the modification of one of the Aspen warehouses to hold perishable materials in a strictly controlled, refrigerated environment. A new dedicated driver-staff and fleet is now operating in a closed loop, transporting materials to the plant and returning with finished goods to their DC. Aspen continues to work closely with Dannon in providing strength and experience to their long term strategies within their Global Supply Chain.



Aspen is a top 100 third party logistics firm who has been in business for over 30 years and operates approximately 3 million square feet of modern refrigerated and ambient warehouse facilities along with their own fleet of trucks. Aspen specializes in a variety of value-added services, including co-packing, pick pack, just-in-time inventory management and time sensitive custom deliveries. Aspen is a specialist in the retail and healthcare supply chain and understanding the details involved with shipping to major retailers and grocery chains.

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