

# **Accounts Payable Solutions**

**Nutritional Supplements Manufacturer** 

Streamlined the various Accounts Payable operations including invoice processing, statement reconciliation, updating vendor information etc. and sanitized client's AP tool to ultimately enable the Balance Sheet to capture current and accurate liabilities

# Accounts payable solutions for nutritional supplements manufacturer

#### Situation

- The client was experiencing an increasing backlog of invoices in their AP management system leading to late payments and out of period financial statement adjustments
- Partnered with the client to augment their accounting capabilities and streamline the Accounts Payable operations through invoice processing, AP mailbox management, payment prioritization etc. (utilizing AP Management tools MediusFlow and ReadSoft)

### Accordion Value Add

- Processed vendor invoices by ensuring 3-way matching (invoice, purchase order & receipts) and reconciling quantities and prices across these documents
- Ranked all vendors by reviewing total spend & recency, and reconciled over 600 statements for all critical and major vendors
- Prioritized weekly vendor payments based on past dues, and vendor payment inquires/escalation over mail
- Managed the AP mailbox by responding to vendor outreach about payment inquires, AR statements, and new invoices
- Created automated process to retrieve data for all received invoices, approved purchase orders and receipts for quickly tracing invoice history

### Impact

- Statement reconciliation ensured the AP management tool is sanitized and financial statements reflect accurate information. The client was additionally able to recover over \$250k due to this activity as old and missing credit memos were recovered from vendors and applied against vendor accounts.
- Payment prioritization and AP mailbox management ensured that critical vendors are paid on time. This made sure that the client was not put under "credit holds" by their vendors and therefore lowering the risk of operations getting delayed
- Accurate general ledger account coding resulted in reduction in expense reclassification after period close from \$200k to \$10k per month.

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### Methodology/ approach



- Created reports to retrieve data for all received **invoices**, approved **purchase orders** and **receipts**
- Analyzed invoice age, payments terms, processing stage to identify corrective actions to reduce unvouchered invoices within MediusFlow
- Reached out to respective vendors for bill of lading and proof of delivery
- Reached out to the buyers/receiving team for missing receipts or purchase orders
- Reached out to management team for authorization on deviations



Reconciliation

- Identified all vendors with payments within the last years and total cumulative invoice amount over of over \$5,000
- Sent out requests to share latest AR statements to all identified vendors
- Reconciled the statements against these vendor accounts on the AP management tool
- Requested and added invoices not on the tool
- Sanitized the tool by removing all orphaned receipts and duplicate invoices



**Setting SOPs** 

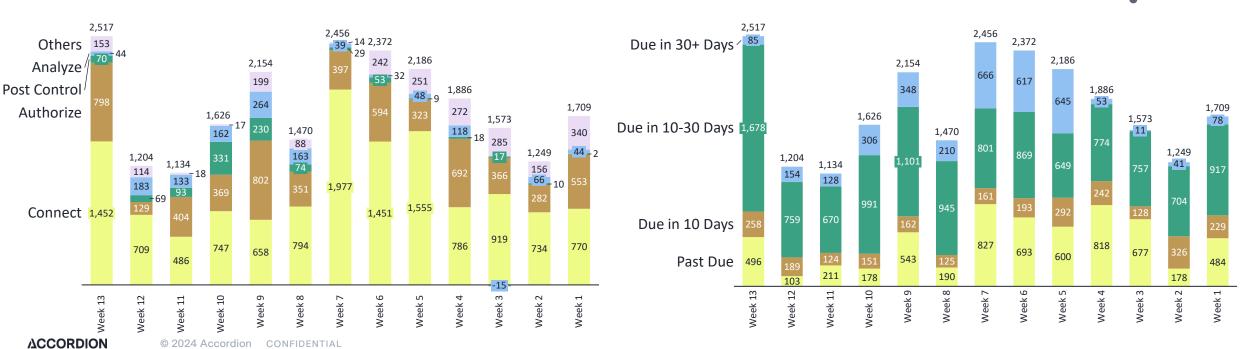
- Analyzed current tool automation level and determined that over 60% of invoices were being entered and processed manually
- Identified operations that need to be standardized such as processing prepaid invoices & credit memos, attaching BOLs to freight invoices etc.
- Identified process to ensure accurate general ledger coding for purchase orders and other expenses by setting up accounting templates

## A/P reporting

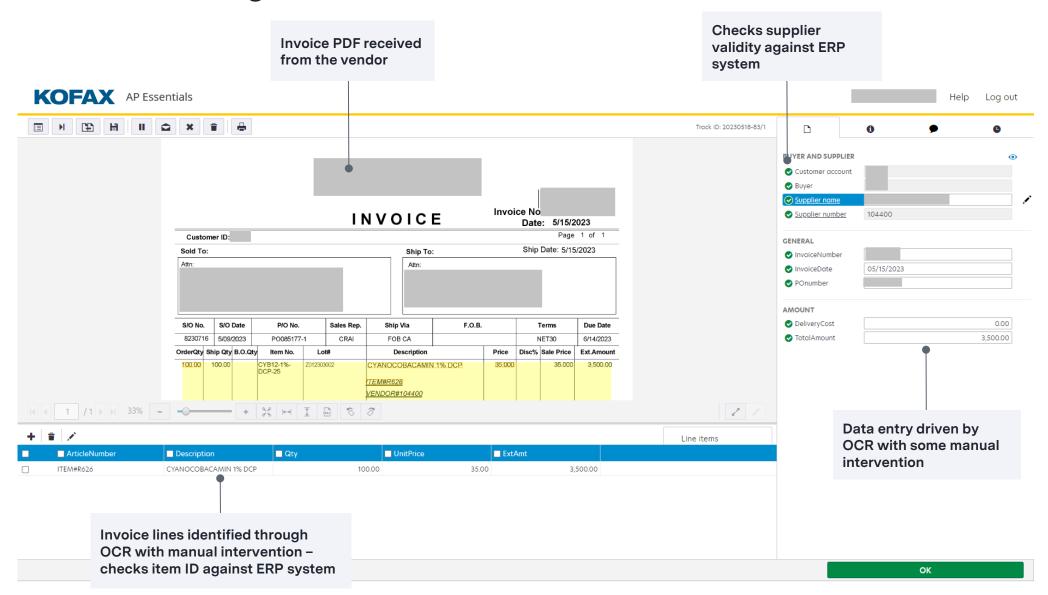
Tasks	Open Invoices	Past Due	Due in 5 Days	Due in 5-10 Days	Due in 10-20 Days	Due in 20-30 Days	Due in 30+ Days	
Connect	\$786,869	\$163,192	\$20,222	\$11,188	\$110,692	\$326,439	\$155,135	Current stat
Authorize	\$541,628	\$338,744	\$9,464	\$72,137	\$86,109	\$35,173	\$0	Invoices trac
Authorize Deviations	\$57,295	\$59,057	\$5,507	-\$45,378	\$36,464	\$1,645	\$0	daily basis
Distribute	\$253,880	\$19,693	\$13,984	\$116,678	\$21,461	\$82,064	\$0	)
Post Control	\$5,763	\$4,902	\$0	\$0	\$225	\$636	\$0	
Analyze	\$76,761	\$30,522	\$0	\$5,935	\$7,500	\$31,604	\$1,200	Weekly trend
Final Integration	\$2,409	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,409	\$0	and due date
Total	\$1,724,606	\$616,110	\$49,178	\$160,561	\$262,451	\$479,971	\$156,335	progress







### Readsoft invoice ingestion





### Mediusflow invoice processing

