

# Directly integrated: warehouse automation and production connection with SAP EWM / MFS

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- **Company introduction**
- Initial situation
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- Conclusion project progression

- Established approximately 100 years ago
- Family-run company in the food industry
- Four strategic business areas
  - **The Stockmeyer Group:** meat processing
  - **fine food alliance:** delicatessen and convenience foods
  - **saturn petfood:** pet food
  - **conSup convenient supplies:** international trading
- Approximately 1.6 billion euros in group sales (2009)  
of which saturn petfood generated approx. 460 million euros
- Approximately 3.600 employees within heristo AG



stockmeyer gruppe



# Presence saturn petfood in Europe



# Key Figures: Scale and Range of Supply



- Total number of products: 1,335
  - Animal groups: pets - dogs and cats
  - Categories: private label, premium, standard
  - Wet food, dry food, snacks and bakery products
- Delivery notes processed per year: 38,100
- Average number of pallets: 21 Euro storage positions per delivery
- EDI rate: > 40 %





# Locations saturn petfood



Hattem

Bremen

Nettetal

Blaufelden

● Wet pet food ● Dry

## Own logistics subsidiary: serv.io



**serv.io** gmbh: Established January 2004

- **Warehouse management**

Warehouse structure, stock management, control of stock movements, inventories

- **Goods receipt and goods issue processes for finished goods**

Goods receipt / goods issue posting, putaway / stock removal, picking, process support by connecting external systems

- **Planning and monitoring picking and packing**

PACK services (product range creation, controlled stacking), rough workload forecast, Warehouse Activity Monitor and control of fully-automatic high-rack storage areas

- **Integration of/connecting with saturn systems**

HU (handling unit) management, batch management, interfaces to service providers and sales/production planning, production, quality management

- **Transportation processing**

Transportation planning / implementation, calculation / billing of freight costs



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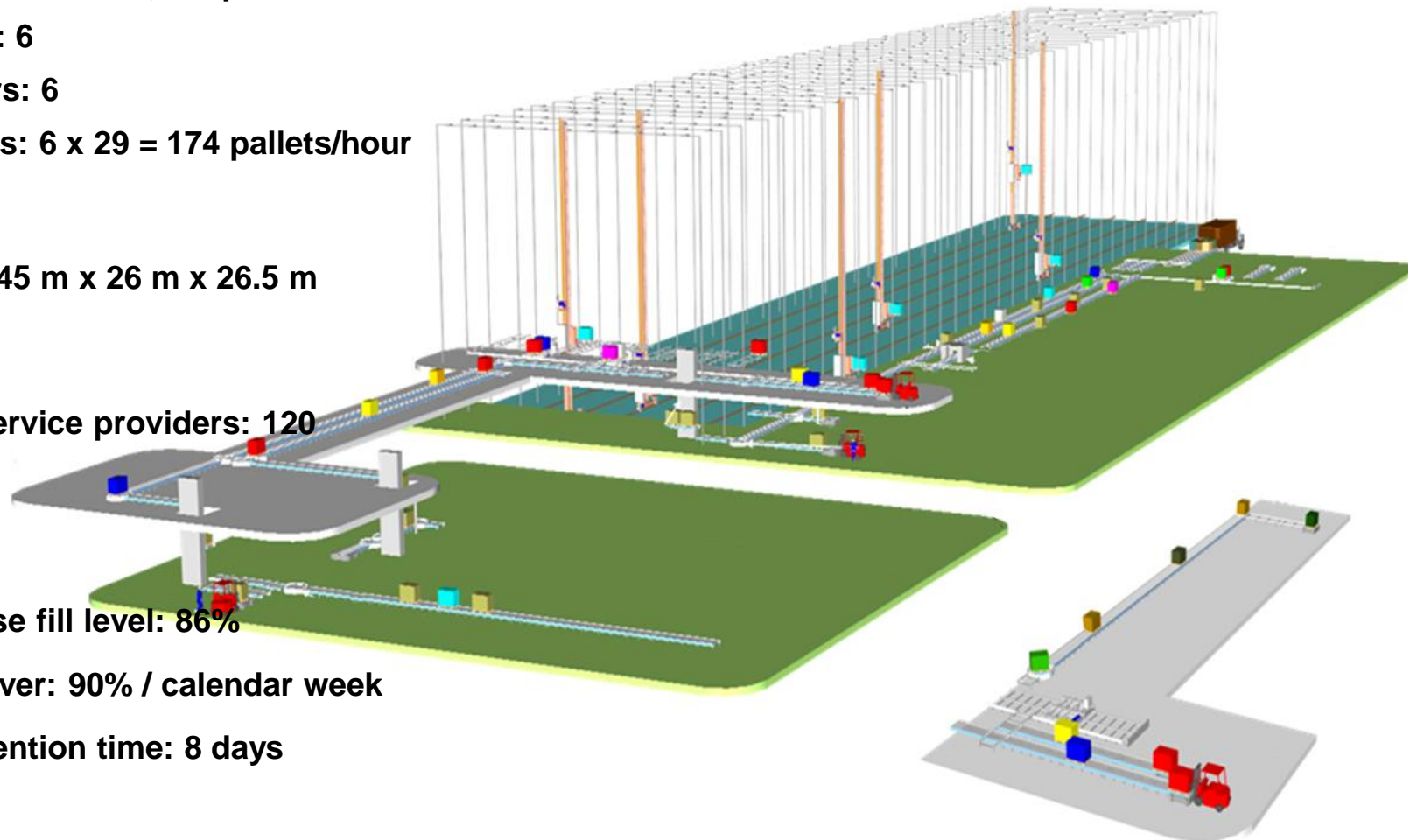
# Key Figures for High-Rack Storage Areas

- Storage positions: 20,000 pallets
- Rack aisles: 6
- Rack feeders: 6
- Interleavings:  $6 \times 29 = 174$  pallets/hour

- L x B x H: 145 m x 26 m x 26.5 m

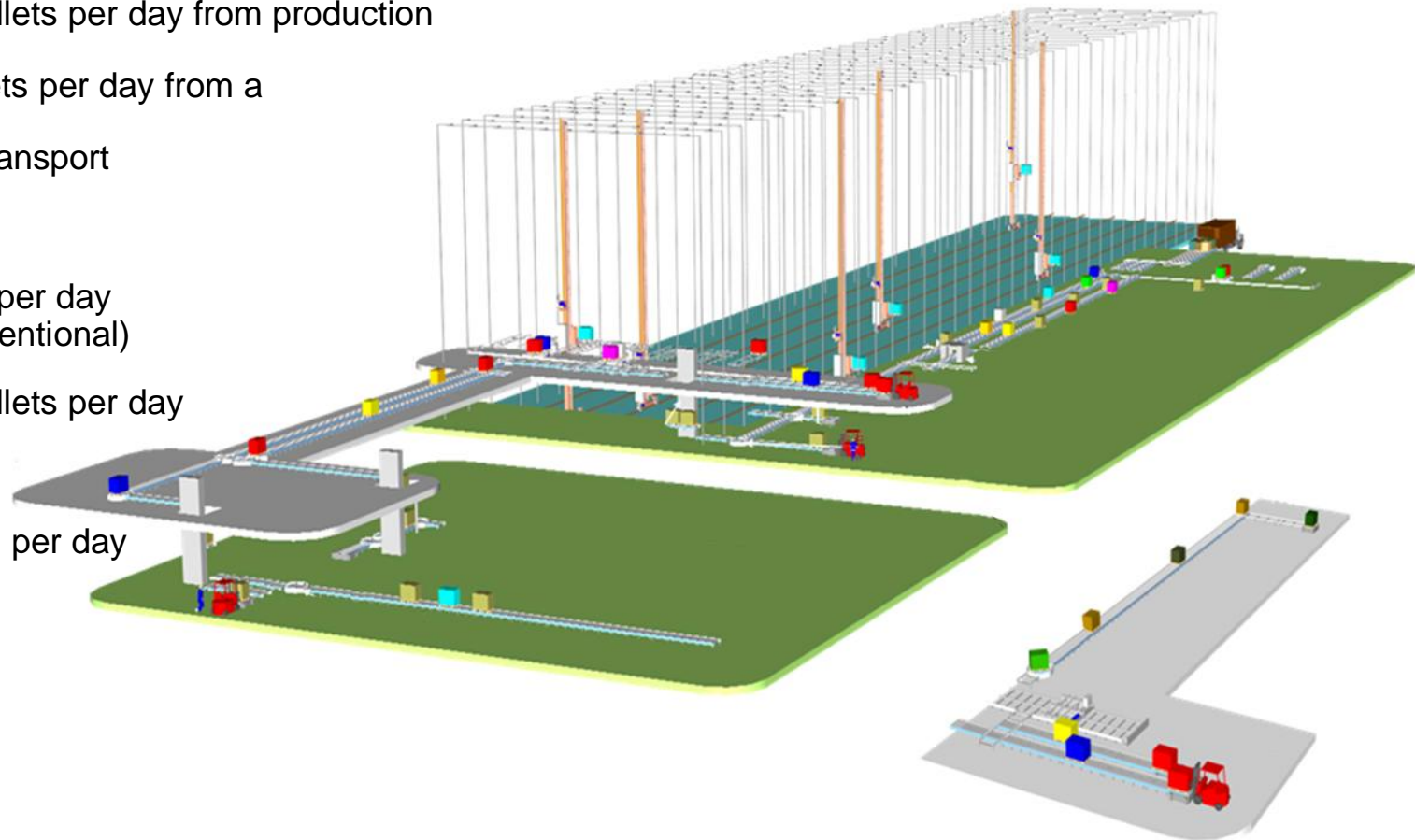
- Employees:
  - serv.io: 21
  - external service providers: 120

- Ø Warehouse fill level: 86%
- Stock turnover: 90% / calendar week
- Ø Pallet retention time: 8 days



# Key Figures for High-Rack Storage Areas

- **Goods receipt**
  - Up to 2,700 pallets per day from production
  - Up to 300 pallets per day from a conventional transport
- **Loading**
  - Up to 70 tours per day (shuttle & conventional)
  - Up to 2,800 pallets per day
- **Packing**
  - Ø 1,800 pallets per day



## Decision:

### Implementation of SAP ERP 6.0 at saturn petfood in 2010

- Because the “legacy system” was replaced by SAP ERP, a replacement solution for stock management and controlling picking and packing was required.
- It was necessary to connect the IT sub-systems for warehouse management and material flow control to SAP ERP (interfaces).
- Existing potential for optimisation in the high-rack storage and packing areas should be realised.
- Medium-term planning for handling third-party customers at serv.io requires new functions.
- At saturn, the serv.io logistics processes should be integrated at the same time as the implementation of the SAP ERP system (project risk).



# Project Goals



- Align/integrate the system landscape based on SAP
- Reduce implementation risks (SAP logistics systems before SAP ERP)
- Reduce interfaces and sub-systems
- Reduce maintenance effort / costs
- Support value-added processes (picking and packing)
- Transportation planning (if necessary, also for other subsidiaries of heristo AG)
- Create prerequisites for future third-party customer business
- Optimise material flows by means of improved IT support
  - Stock removal from production / putaway (HRSA strategies, use of storage space)
  - Picking and packing (product range creation, controlled stacking, replenishment)

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# Finding a Solution – Procedure (1)



## 1. Selection of SAP Special Expertise Partner: IGZ Logistics + IT

- Experience in distribution (SAP LES/EWM) and production (SAP MII/ME)
- > 100 references for SAP LES and SAP EWM
- > 100 SAP logistics specialists
- > 50 automatic HRSA (high-rack storage areas) / ASPSA (automatic small parts storage areas) in active operation with SAP EWM/LES
- No competitor products to SAP EWM and SAP LES (neutrality).

## 2. Implementation analysis for the SAP integration options for serv.io (HRSA)

- Carry out a feasibility study and implementation analysis
  - Assess ACTUAL situation (structures, processes, quantity structures)
  - Incorporate new, additional requirements
  - Outlay and time planning
- Create a rough target concept for SAP LES and SAP EWM
  - Compare the alternatives of SAP LES versus SAP EWM
  - Evaluation matrix of the solution variants
  - Differentiation according to the migration phases
  - Extend the project team to include active skilled personnel.



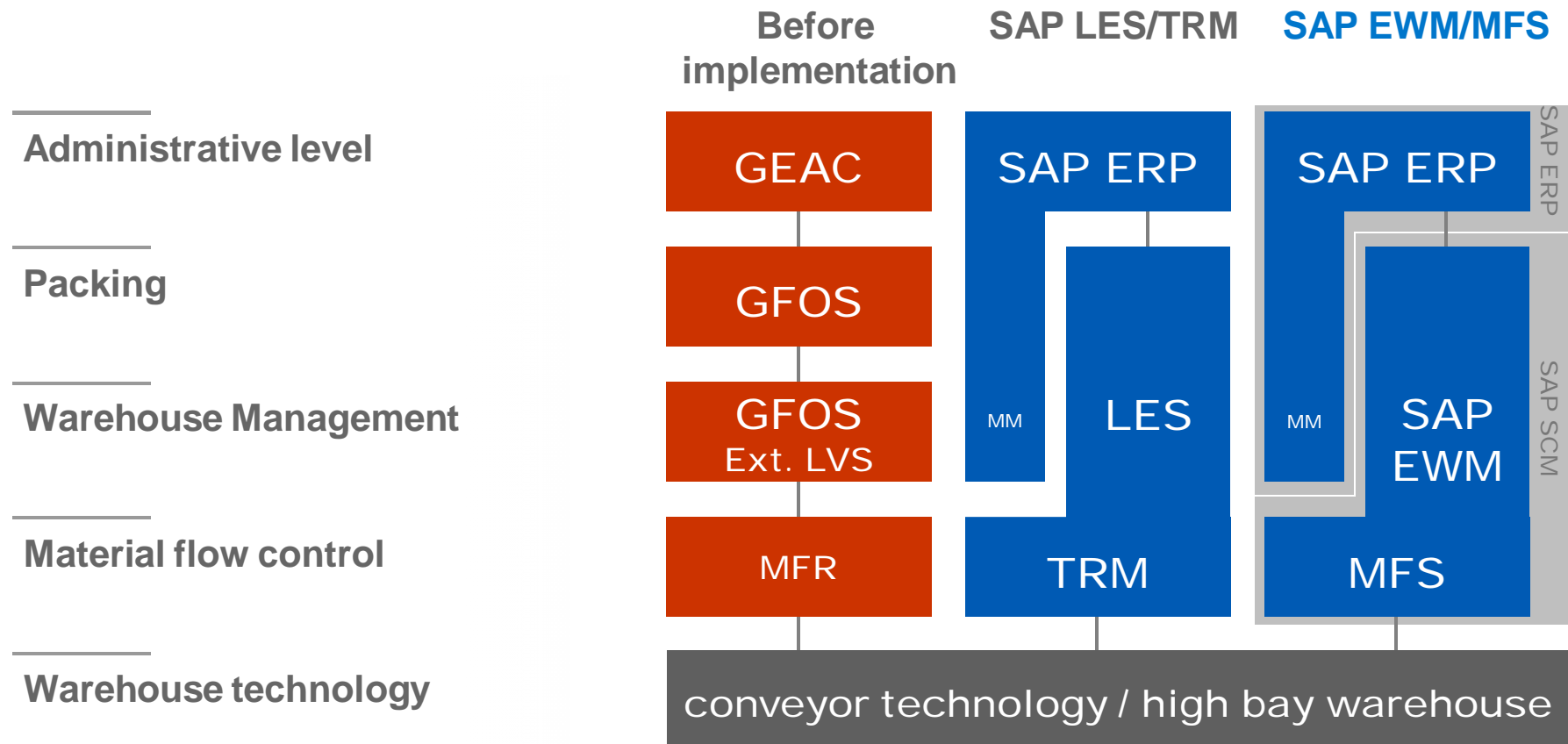
# Finding a Solution – Procedure (3)



## 3. Create the bases for a decision in favour of implementing the project

- Scope of budget
- Migration strategy (big-bang versus phase concept)
  - Migration and go-live in an ongoing 3-shift operational process
  - Plant and system tests exclusively at weekends
- Project deadline scope
- Medium-term business strategy of serv.io
  - Extend warehouse and shipping capacities
  - Take on further logistics functions and services
- References (system solution, implementation partners)

# SCE architecture szenarios



## Key Factors in Favour of SAP EWM

### 1. Complex interaction of GFOS legacy system with control level

- Legacy system: Hardly any support options from own IT department
- SAP EWM: Open platform with PLC standard interfaces and own IT support provision

### 2. Manual intervention required to synchronise stock

- Legacy system: duplicated stock in ERP and WMS
- SAP EWM: comprehensive assurance that stock has been accurately entered since the system is fully integrated

### 3. External support for controlling the legacy system is insufficient

- Legacy system: No guaranteed support / rectification of Priority 1 issues
- SAP EWM: System support provided by own IT resources

### 4. Lack of hardware compatibility

- Legacy system: system failure risks / problems sourcing spare parts
- SAP EWM: optimum hardware compatibility

### Key Factors in Favour of SAP EWM

**5. Manual tonnage check without system support in the case of the legacy system**

- Legacy system: overloading is possible and consequently there are liability risks
- SAP EWM: system-supported tonnage check

**6. Stock transfers from HRSA with legacy system control not possible**

- Legacy system: stock transfers would have to be carried out by the WMS
- SAP EWM: provides fully-automatic stock transfer processes

**7. Further development of legacy system control not guaranteed**

- Legacy system: further development only if the customer wishes it
- SAP EWM: Very future-proof and high degree of investment protection



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## Phase Concept

### **1st phase: Ahead-of-schedule migration to HRSA on 01.04.2010**

→ Minimisation of implementation risks for phase 2

### **2nd phase: Implementation of ERP integration on 01.11.2010**

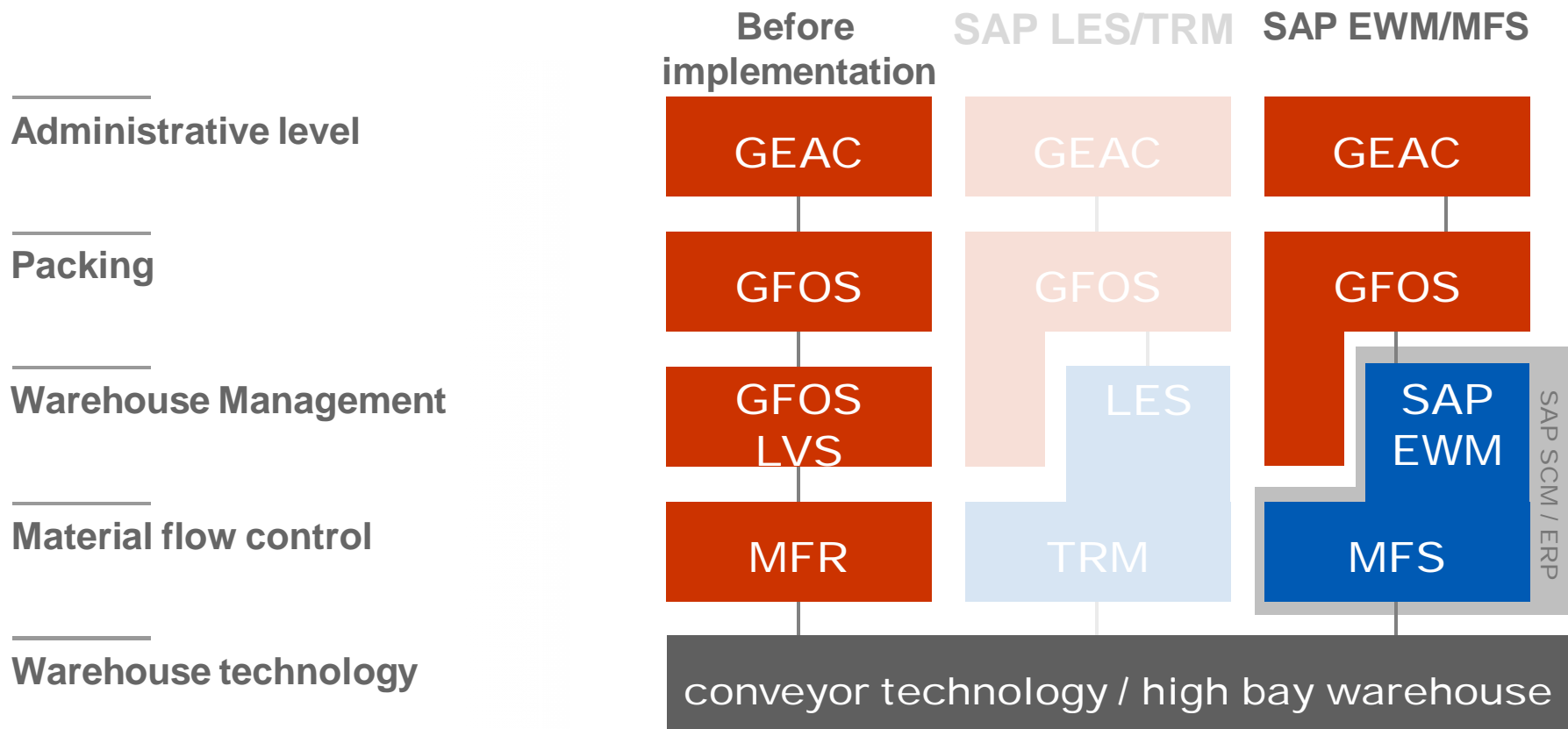
→ Recourse to experiences from phase 1

### **3rd phase: Use of further SAP functions**

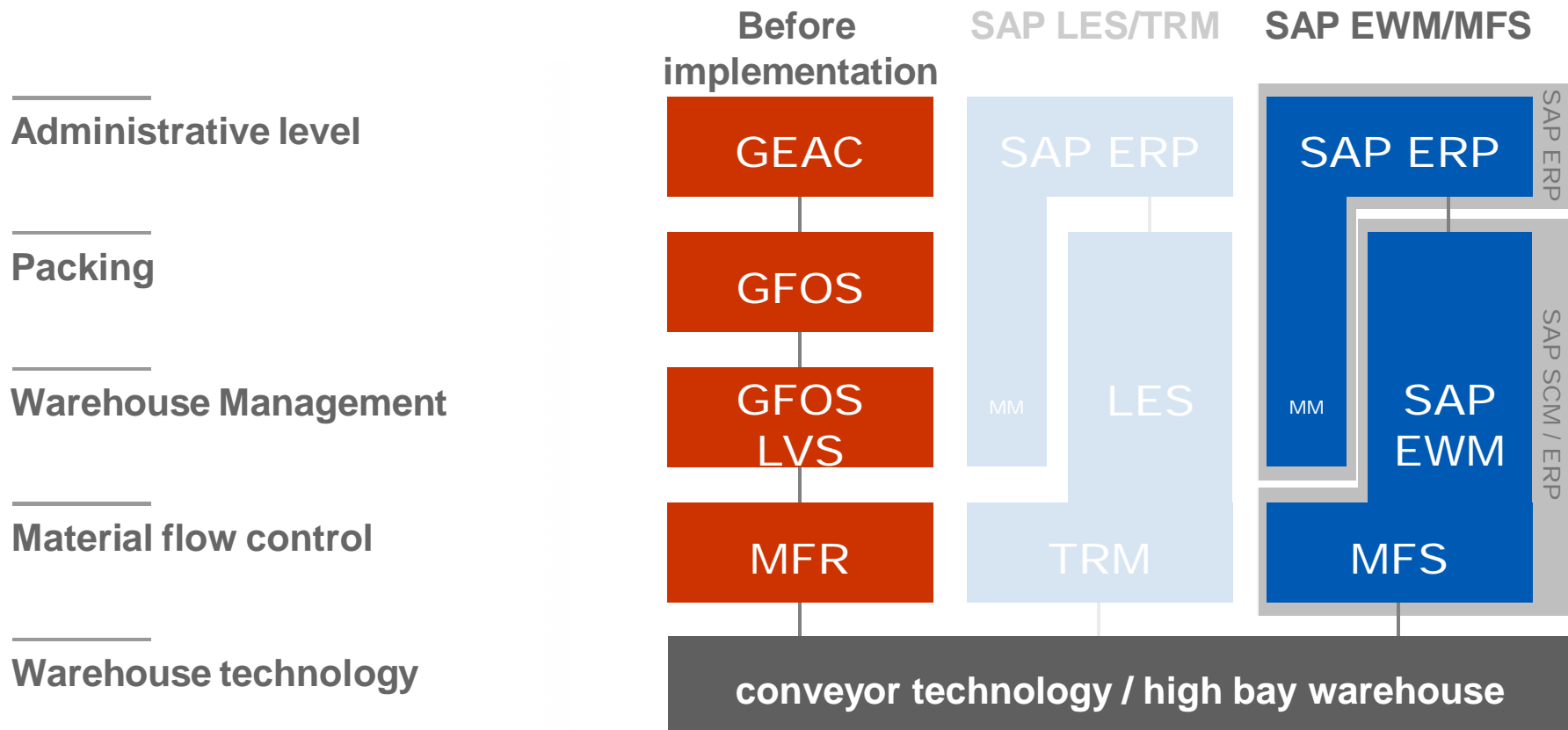
→ E.g. Transportation planning

→ E.g. Billing for services

# Implementation Phase 1 – replacement LVS / MFS



# Implementation Phase 2 – replacement GEAC / GFOS





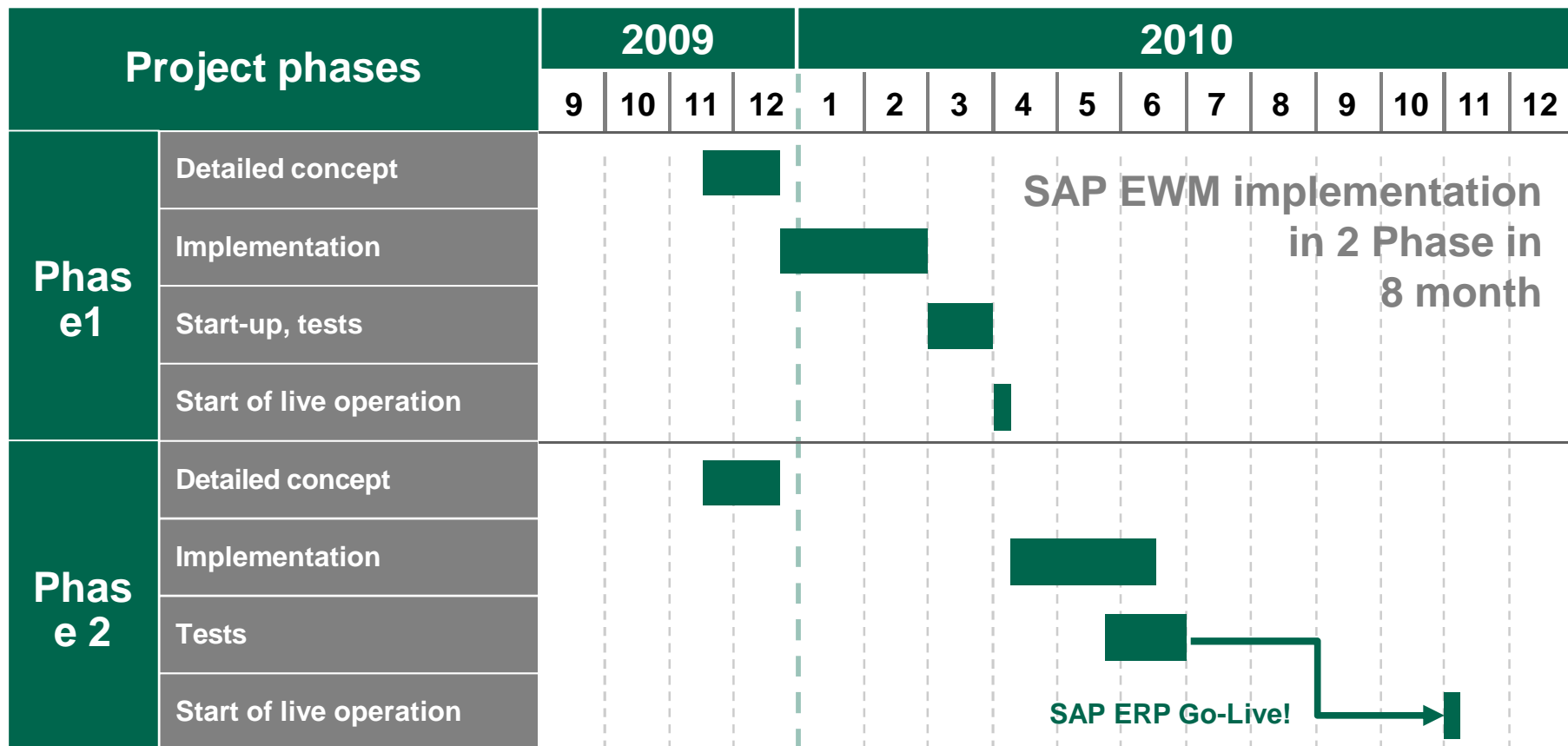
## Implementation of Phase 1

- **Migration of HRSA functionality to SAP EWM/MFS ahead of schedule**
  - Storage bin management and material flow control
  - Putaway / stock removal strategies
  - WMS evaluations / statistics
- **Basis for optimising high-rack storage areas in phase 2**
- **Not necessary to adapt GEAC/GFOS/PLC interfaces**
- **Planned go-live date: 01.04.2010**

## Implementation of Phase 2

- **Integration of SAP-EWM with SAP ERP (replacement of GFOS)**
  - Pick and pack functionality available in SAP EWM
  - Optimisation of internal material flow by way of more detailed information
  - Greater transparency since active movements are only in one system
  - Warehouse processes for internal picking and packing can be compared with warehouse processes for processing sales orders
  - No transitional IT solution required for picking and packing
  - Future independence from SAP ERP release upgrades
- **Planned go-live date: 01.07.2010**

# Framework Schedule for SAP EWM



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## Effects of the SAP EWM/MFS Implementation

- End-to-end integration from the SAP-ERP level to the PLC level  
→ Streamlining of the system architecture
- Internal SAP interfaces tailored exclusively to each other  
→ Operational reliability
- Middleware or sub-systems can be completely dispensed with  
→ Independence, flexibility
- Reduction in maintenance costs for application and baseline support  
→ Cost reduction
- Open platform for integrating further functions  
→ Flexibility, investment protection
- Optimised warehouse fill level, maximisation of putaway/stock removal capabilities  
→ Optimum utilisation of storage plant

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- **Extensive plant and functional tests before the migration are important (also bulk tests)**
- **Elaboration of and training for errors and malfunctions as early as the preparation phase**
- **Very important to have several days of on-site support in the run-up to the go-live date**
- **Competent consultants required for both “sides” of the interface (SAP EWM and SAP ERP)**
- **For a 3-shift process, a competent and communicative hotline provided by SAP is desirable**
  - Changing contact staff as a result of global OSS processing can create a long-drawn out and difficult situation if there are operational problems with the system.



- **Implementation of SAP SCM platform (EWM/TM) for the service provider, serv.io**
  - Strategic SAP platform for the logistics service provider
  - Continuous development guaranteed by SAP
  - High flexibility and independence from ERP for service provider requirements
- **Planning for Phase 3**
  - Mapping of transportation planning with SAP TM
  - Carrying out service billing in SAP
  - Implementation of planning functions
  - Connecting external customers

# Conclusion Regarding Course of Project



- The phase concept is the best approach because the different stages are spaced out with a specific timeframe and risks are minimised.
- Important !  
A strong SAP integration partner with several years of SAP EWM/MFS project experience
  - Reliability of project budget
  - Adherence to promised deadlines
  - Assurance that goals are achieved from a functional point of view
  - Benefiting from project experience from other SAP EWM/MFS projects (incorporation of implementation ideas in SAP EWM/MFS).



*The result is quiet impressive*



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A successfull  
team for  
SAP EWM!





*...that's what I think.*

Thank you!

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