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How Does Process Automation Simplify, Standardize, and Streamline Transportation Management?

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CREATING 450 RAIL AND TRUCK SHIPMENTS EACH DAY

United Sugars Corporation is a leading sugar provider in North America, supplying industrial and retail sugar buyers nationwide. In fact, the company supplies **approximately one-fourth of the total U.S. sugar demand**. Today, United Sugars is dedicated to on-time deliveries that meet or exceed customer expectations, as well as supporting other efficient business processes that save time and valuable resources. With distribution being a critical component, the company sought modern technology solutions to boost accuracy and speed up its shipments. Specifically, United Sugars' goals were to increase electronic collaboration, reduce redundancies, and automate its transportation processes — from order creation to transportation planning to freight payment.

UNITED SUGARS STREAMLINED ITS TRANSPORTATION BUSINESS BY ACHIEVING 90% PROCESS AUTOMATION TO BOOST EFFICIENCY.

United Sugars implemented the SAP® Transportation Management and SAP Event Management applications with support from Westernacher & Partner Consulting Inc. to:

- Automate rail freight order routing

- Better control of freight rail spend through consolidation, rate negotiation using simulation and what-if analysis, higher asset utilization, and reduction in expeditions and overheads

- Enable standardized transportation processes and operations, tightly integrated into core business processes

- Manage rail planning for scenarios including those for Rule 11, which requires rail rates to be transparent

- Carry out sales order–based planning, what-if scenario planning, and delivery-based execution

- Improve accounting by integrating costing with billing and financials, and enable accurate costing and settlement

- Automate invoice verification, dispute management, and invoice posting in its core SAP ERP application

- Optimize invoice management for multiple carriers, and enable carrier rebates management

- Credit carrier invoice postings from SAP Transportation Management

- Integrate with external railroad systems to track the movements of railcar resources

*"Using SAP solutions, we've increased our freight spend savings, improved process automation and information flow, and improved our data management. Today, we are a **more efficient shipper**, and that saves us time and resources."*

— Roger Perala, Senior Director of Business Systems, United Sugars Corporation