



## Summary

<b>Industry:</b>	Food - Other
<b>Application:</b>	Stock Management
<b>Actual Saving:</b>	Improved stock control
<b>Payback Period:</b>	Ongoing



## ERIKS Onsite Solution Improves Stock Control

### ISSUE

A major food manufacturer identified the significance of locating a vendor-managed inventory (VMI) store inside the engineering workshop. The current location of the fast moving consumables resulted in long walk and wait times for the engineers.

In addition their current manual system was subject to poor organisation and stock errors leading to excessive or inadequate levels of some items.

As a result, engineers were spending valuable time locating and reviewing stock instead of working in the plant and contributing to Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE).

### SOLUTION

Following an in-depth discussion, ERIKS proposed the use of the ERIKS Easy Order System. The web based stock management tool manages over 800+ fasteners and consumable products using barcode technology. After agreeing minimum stock level requirements, the items would be checked and replenished every week by ERIKS - providing full stock movement history.

ERIKS moved the items into the new VMI area in a controlled manner to ensure full availability to the engineers during the move. The items were sorted by product group and stored in size order for fast location by the engineers.

Weekly management meetings were introduced to track usage and improvement areas for the VMI stores enabling the customer to quickly control runaway items. The project has now reduced consumption by 20% from the previous year.

### OTHER BENEFITS

- Increased efficiency
- Reduced 'walk & wait' times
- Improved productivity and stock control
- Cost savings associated with appropriate inventory levels

### FURTHER COMMENTS...

The customer is happy with the controlled usage pattern and reduced weekly spend. In addition, the new location has enabled higher productivity and reduced footfall to the stores.

### MORE INFORMATION

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