Mohawk Industries

Failed ERP Go-Live

Project Summary

Mohawk Industries is an \$11.8B flooring manufacturer with 43,000 employees and operations in 18 countries. As part of a major digital transformation launched in 2019, Mohawk embarked on replacing its legacy AS400 CAMS system with S/4HANA on Linux, leveraging the BTP integration platform. The Go-Live involved the implementation of S4 to replace the Order Management Systems for the NA Flooring Business. Notably, the project proceeded without a major systems integrator, marking its first significant core ERP Go-Live.

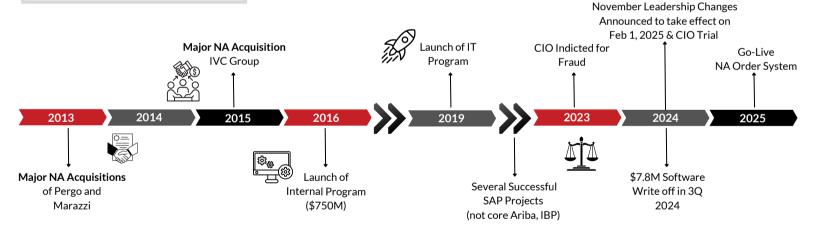
The initial Go-Live appeared successful, but issues soon emerged in shipping and billing, forcing a reversion to the legacy system. Despite this rollback, the company estimates the impact on their 2025 first quarter operating income from extraordinary costs will be between \$15 Million and \$20 Million and they anticipate a sales impact of \$25 Million to \$50 Million in the first quarter. The cost of failure is roughly 50% of next Quarter Operating Income and 5% of next Quarter Sales.

Sales vs Cost to Fix 40 35 30 (Wg) 25 20 15 10 5 Q4 24 NA Flooring Operating Income Q1'25 Costs to Fix the Problem

Key Decisions

- Pressure to meet deadline may have rushed
 Go-Live
- 2. Readiness assessments and key safeguards may not have been fully leveraged
- 3. Complex legacy integrations may have created complications
- 4. Potential distractions from ongoing legal situation involving former CIO

Project Timeline



Company Background

- Headquartered in Georgia
- Operates in 18 countries
- \$11.8B in revenue
- 34 NA Warehouses
- 43,000 employees
- Sponsorship of H1B Visas

Key Takeaways

- Never Rush a Go-Live
- Ensure Legacy System Compatibility
- Invest in Proper Business Operation Controls and Monitoring
- Prioritize Readiness and Independent Risk Assessments
- Have a Contingency Plan
- Invest in Business Simulation Cycles

Possible Contributing Factors

- Budget and schedule pressure
- Lack of true readiness awareness
- System logic failures
- Loss of supply-chain integrity
- Business simulation cycles
- Business & operating controls monitoring
- Independent reviews

