

Haremar Plastics Manufacturing Wraps Up Another Year of Success With O2 Chemical ERP



CUSTOMER

Haremar Plastics
Manufacturing Limited

INDUSTRY

Polyethylene Products
Manufacturing & Distribution

LOCATION

Vaughan, Ontario

NUMBER OF LOCATIONS

One

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

100

SYSTEM

Sage MAS 500 ERP
O2 Process Manufacturing
O2 Mobile Warehouse

Haremar Plastics Manufacturing Limited first opened doors in 1965 in Vaughn, Ontario, Canada, as an importer of plastic film products. By providing customers with the highest quality products, using the best raw materials and the latest technologies and processing equipment, Haremar Plastics Manufacturing has grown into one of the most respected polyethylene film processors in North America.

Closing the Cost Gap

Since first implementing O2 Process Manufacturing and O2 Mobile Warehouse two years ago, Haremar Plastics Manufacturing has continued to see benefits from the ERP software. In fact, Vice President Mark Lichtblau feels as though they have only scraped the surface when it comes to the system's capabilities and expects to see even more benefits in the future.

Using O2's reports has allowed the company to better compare the gap between theoretical costs of batches and actual costs of batches, and thus close the gap. Lichtblau comments that, "It allows you to micromanage your business where it counts." As such, the company is able to focus on improving areas that need to be developed further. He also notes that, "It's very attractive to be able to track individual lots, to go through the whole cycle of the batch, and to know that what you have on your work orders is the same as what's going to shipping and receiving so that goods and raw materials can be selected."

Increased Communication & Sophistication

Haremar as also seen benefits elsewhere. Lichtblau adds that using O2 has also increased communications and the sharing of information among those working at Haremar — something that Lichtblau feels is "very positive as a culture and a department."

Also with the help of O2, Haremar has been able to broaden its base of customers. "We are able to attract more complex, or more sophisticated customers. Before, we were supplying products to printers, converters, and laminators. Now, we are a more sophisticated supplier to the food packaging industry, or potential medical packaging companies."

A Proven Asset In a Tough Economy

O2 Mobile and O2 Process Manufacturing have proven to be an asset in a tough economy. "During this past year, with this volatile economy, we've had methods of making our business more competitive by being smarter and sharper, versus by cutting costs. We've only had those tools because of the O2 systems we've been using," says Lichtblau.

Overall, using EVS products has been advantageous for the family-run company that has been in the same industry for over 45 years. "The EVS team and products have allowed us to look at our business from a different perspective and compete in the marketplace at a different level, in a different way, versus what we've been doing for the past 45 years," remarks Lichtblau.