

Inventory Performance improvements identified as Queensland Alumina Limited Installs SIAM

Installation at QAL Gladstone

The SIAM installation at Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) Gladstone went "live" in May 2005.



The Inventory Management team, Chris Stitt, Brian Warner, Jamie Cornwell, and Bruce McNaught.

SIAM's Materials Module and the Vendors Module have both been activated at QAL.

Since the SAP rollout some two years ago, QAL inventory management is once again approaching automation. QAL primary focus will be to improve inventory performance and then to optimise the investment.

QAL is running two licences of SIAM with the Inventory Controller (Jamie Cornwell) responsible for general inventory and equipment spares and Rotables Controller (Chris Stitt) responsible for repairable materials.



Massive Savings

Initial analysis reveals that overall inventory performance will be achieved through:

- Minimising stock outs
- Improve supplier performance in terms of PDT where potential exists
- Reducing surplus stock
- Implementation of the most appropriate management strategy for each inventory group.
- Assisting identification of potentially obsolete material

Supply Superintendent, Brian Warner, said that the main reasons for QAL choosing SIAM were as follows:

"We wanted a system that was flexible so that we could apply inventory management strategies that reflect our experience along with those supplied by the software tool."

"We needed a vendor with wide experience, and a reputation for commitment to customer service."

"SIAM, with its modern software platform, easy to use screen layout, readily customisable reporting tool and the fact that you could see how the recommended settings were calculated, made it an obvious choice"

"Comparatively, SIAM can be implemented and operating at less cost and in a shorter timeframe than its competitors"



The SIAM rollout has been a very smooth process with completion on time and within project budget.