Agriculture - Capital Planning

Line of Business

- CFO's office, Finance arm from different business, Operation

Data Sources

- ERP and Flat files

Connection

- SQL Server

Project Duration

- 8 months

Status

- Live

No. Users Live

- ~500

One of the largest food and agriculture pioneers with more than 13,000 employees distributing products to more than 60 countries globally.



Challenge

Customer was using MS Excel as the main platform for Capex Planning, which is lack of key functionality such as auditing, workflow and process, security handling, combination of BI/Planning, as well as some key planning features such as Currency Conversion. There were multiple processes for Capex Planning, each group was doing the process slightly different from others.



Solution

Leverage SAC for the Capex Planning Process which extract actual data from data source, use Analytics Application for new project information creation, project budget submission/approval and trigger SharePoint folder creation, and conduct planning/Forecast, and wrangling actual and planning data for BI report.



Outcome

SAC becomes the central platform for not only Capex Planning and Forecast, but also a main platform for project creation/approval and spend allocation. With this configuration, data is being sync-ed and flowed in real time, and customer will always have single source of truth.



Dynamic Approval Workflow

The new workflow process was a key part of their overall capex planning strategy. This made the process more efficient overall while still allowing for planning flexibility and adjustments.

- Moved from manually-managed approvals to automated system approvals
- Approvals are linked directly to each capex project, planned values, and later adjustments
- · Faster reviews of the consolidated plan and streamlined planning audits