

Boise Inc. Implements Real-Time Costing System from Enterprise Performance Solutions

ATLANTA (May 20, 2010) — Enterprise Performance Solutions, Inc., a leading provider of innovative cost management solutions to the process manufacturing industry, today announced the successful implementation of its EPS Real-Time Costing system with paper products manufacturer, Boise Inc.

The EPS Real-Time Costing system has been centrally installed for four Boise paper mills, located in Wallula, Wash.; Jackson, Ala.; International Falls, Minn.; and St. Helens, Ore. The implementation of the EPS Real-Time Costing system follows the successful installation of the EPS Product Cost Management system in 2007.

Benefits and features of the EPS Real-Time Costing system include:

- The system shows, in real-time, how production decisions impact the actual production cost, and thereby allows production managers and machine operators to take immediate action.
- Production cost, productivity and quality data is presented to production staff through the mill information system Proficy, providing a complete picture of the actual production performance.
- Accounting and engineering staff are able to more accurately maintain grade recipes and standard cost. Weighted average actual cost information by grade, basis weight and machine is available by jumbo reel, run, shift, month, and year.
- Engineering staff receives immediate feedback on consumptions, costs and productivity for trials, thereby making trial evaluations more efficient.
- Consumptions and cost information is available based on gross production (after the paper machine), but also for net production, where winder losses and wasted rolls have been included in the cost analysis.

“With EPS Real-Time Costing we have empowered our mills to see the correlation between production decisions and production cost, which is aimed in the long run to lower the grade cost and increase our profitability,” says Carl Withers, Budget and Forecast Manager at Boise Inc.

“The implementation of EPS Real-Time Costing system was very straightforward; it was primarily an effort to match the cost components in our existing costing system with the tags in our PI system.”

“With both the EPS Real-Time Costing and EPS Product Cost Management systems in place, Boise has very good tools to manage their actual and standard grade cost.” says Fredric Karlsson, President of Enterprise Performance Solutions. “The implementation of EPS Real-Time Costing built on the existing costing system installation, thereby leveraging that investment even further.”

About Enterprise Performance Solutions, Inc.

Enterprise Performance Solutions (“EPS”) is a leading provider of cost management and profitability analysis solutions to large international process manufacturers. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, the company was founded by leading experts in the cost management field with one mission – to provide clients with the most flexible, comprehensive and innovative software solutions, enabling them to more effectively manage costs and increase profitability.

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About Boise Inc.

Headquartered in Boise, Idaho, Boise Inc. (NYSE: BZ) manufactures packaging products and papers including corrugated containers, containerboard, label and release and flexible packaging papers, imaging papers for the office and home, printing and converting papers, newsprint, and market pulp. Our entire team of approximately 4,100 employees is committed to delivering excellent value while managing our businesses to sustain environmental resources for future generations.

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