

# AccTech Western Cape upgrades Sage 300 ERP for Dowson & Dobson Industrial



### Customer

Dowson & Dobson Industrial

### **Industry**

Manufacturing and distribution

### Location

South Africa

### **Solution**

Sage CRM, Sage 300 ERP and Sage RMS

After running a company for 106 years, and having developed a stable market share for itself, Dowson & Dobson Industrial was in need of implementing a modern ERP system that would enable the company to take its operation to the next level. "The perfect solution was found with the upgrading from their original DOS-based Dage 300 ERP solution to Sage 300 ERP Advanced, incorporating Sage's comprehensive Retail Management Solution (RMS) and Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system," says John Yorke, Director of Dowson & Dobson Industrial.

Dowson & Dobson Industrial was founded in 1906 and is associated with high-quality products and excellent service since the original company was started in the Cape. Today D&D Industrial distributes well-known and

trusted products such as Ridgid, Band-It, STAG, Wilkerson, Waircom, Deprag, Nederman, Trion and Mighty Seven throughout the African Continent. The company operates from its offices in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban, Richards Bay and Port Elizabeth in South Africa.

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## Challenge

Dowson & Dobson Industrial was in need of implementing a new modern system that would enable the company to take its operation to the next level.

### Solution

The implementation of Sage CRM and Sage 300 ERP fulfilled D&D Industrial's requirements of a simplistic and next generation solution that would grow as the company grows.

### Results

The integration is supported through all of D&D Industrial's national locations. The company's extensive infrastructure and national sales network, which has specific point of sale requirements, now has reliable and effective communication lines.

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An open invitation was put out to all of Cape Town's largest Sage business partners to tender for the supply of an ERP system that would be able to satisfy D&D Industrial's requirements of a simplistic and 'next generation' solution that would grow as the company grows. "AccTech Western Cape's depth of experience with the Sage product range, their business skills and modern training facilities motivated the choice. AccTech's national footprint enables them to support the system not only in Cape Town, but nationally and across the African continent," says Yorke.

Henri Hattingh, Chief Executive Officer of AccTech Western Cape says the implementation at Dowson & Dobson was preceded by a comprehensive company analysis. "D&D Industrial is an established company with a mature customer base, which meant there was no room for error in the choice and implementation of a replacement system to their original DOS-based Sage 300 ERP solution. The company has quite an extensive infrastructure network in which they run a national sales network with specific point of sale requirements that often have to be executed with unreliable communication lines," explains Hattingh.

# **About Sage CRM**

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