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SUCCESS STORY

COLES

“SNP’s BLUEFIELD™ approach seemingly does the impossible of taking the old system of SAP and automating a large part of the migration of not only the data but all of the other parts and interfaces of our old system, ensuring that we could go live with S/4HANA.”

Roger Sniezek , Chief Information and Digital Officer at Coles

Coles stands up SAP S/4HANA Finance Core in 5 Months utilising the SNP BLUEFIELD™ Approach

About Coles

Coles is a leading Australian retailer, with over 2,500 retail outlets nationally. For more than 100 years the supermarket has been dedicated to delivering quality, value and service to the 21 million customers who shop with Coles each week.

The Challenge

Ahead of its demerger from Wesfarmers Group, Coles seized the opportunity to take a step forward in its ongoing digital transformation strategy. While divesting was a legal obligation as part of the sale, Coles chose to adopt a global core finance system that would not only enable efficiencies in Coles' Smarter Selling strategy but also provide a stable, secure and innovative foundation for the future.

A key component of the project was to maintain in-flight projects and empower future initiatives. This project was considered mission critical and included reporting flows onto the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX).

The Solution

The very ambitious five-month timeline to implement the new system was accentuated by the project falling on the year-end, the busiest time of the year for Coles. In order to meet these objectives, Coles decided to use SNP's Data Transformation Platform CrystalBridge to perform a BLUEFIELD™ migration, which enabled the selective data migration of only required data and customisations.

The Benefits

- Rapid & innovative implementation: Project completed in 5 months, encompassing 12 years of historical data and custom configuration
- No business disruption: Near zero downtime at cutover and only minimal change management required
- One Go Live: Simultaneous implementation of multiple projects

Key Facts

Project Type:	BLUEFIELD™ migration and S/4HANA conversion
Duration:	5 month
Scope:	S/4HANA upgrade including data history transfer, move to cloud and New General Ledger conversion
Data volume:	2.3 TB down to 900 GB
Company Codes:	107