

**CASE STUDY** 

### **Monarch cement**

# Operating at a higher standard with ongoing innovation and scalability

When a company has been making cement for more than 100 years, you may think there's not much more to learn. Monarch Cement, however, breaks that mold by continually adapting to the times. Whether from an environmental

standpoint –with their efforts to control and reduce emissions and support ecosystem and habitat restoration –or the way they address evolving customer and employee needs, Monarch is continuously adapting.

Here's how they do it.

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## No time like the present to build for a long-term future

#### **Before: Challenges and opportunities**

- Continuously looking for ways to improve decision making, financial management and performance
- Growing through acquisitions, needing to standardize and strengthen overall consolidated operations
- Disparate systems and increasing complexity: 15 companies, multiple plant sites and terminals, etc.

#### Why now?

- Getting set for the next 100 years of operation with a scalable ERP solution and continuous innovation
- Closely considered and reviewed competing solutions while looking for expert guidance and support
- SAP® and SAP Platinum Partner Syntax deemed "ideal" for supporting end-to-end transformation
- Progressive, on top of trends: first company of its size and in top 10 globally to deploy SAP S/4HANA

#### After: Better processes, better results

- Optimized materials management and tracking, strong controls over \$17 million in spare parts on hand
- ERP advances and scalability now complement the company's core competencies and industry stature
- Able to more effectively implement many more projects with "an SAP arch that fits our culture"
- Information now "all in one place," enabling faster decision making with real-time data and insights
- Considerably shorter monthly and quarterly financial closings with streamlined order-to-cash processes
- Planning to apply SAP to manufacturing processes and other aspects of the business going forward

#### **Monarch Cement**

Humboldt, KS

#### Industry

**Building materials** 

#### **Products and Services**

Cement, concrete and construction materials

#### **Employees**

400+

#### **Featured Solutions**

SAP S/4HANA

## 1908

The year Monarch began making cement, ready to grow exponentially with SAP for the next century.

## \$17M

Value of spare parts inventory on hand at any given time, proficiently tracked in real time with SAP.

"SAP is the heartbeat of our organization. It's the place where everything becomes connected, so that we have more reliable data that enables smarter decision making."

- Bill Meyer, IT Director, Monarch Cement

