# A SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSFORMATION THAT REDUCES COSTS AND IMPROVES SERVICE



As a leading company in the consumer goods sector, our customer manufactures a wide range of consumer goods and personal care products, which are sold in approximately 180 countries worldwide. In 2005, the company approached DHL to develop a Lead Logistics Partnership that would transform the supply chain of its production facilities in Turkey, Africa and the Middle east. The LLP program focused on delivering new value through the continuous optimisation, implementation and management of the supply chain. This design and management effort was complemented with day-to-day control of all transport operations and the provision of supply chain visibility of all movements both inbound and outbound.

# **CUSTOMER CHALLENGE**

The company has 11 manufacturing sites in Turkey, Egypt, Nigeria, Morocco, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and South Africa. The inbound to manufacturing supply chains were completely independent to each location, thus lacking a united approach. Another challenge came from finished goods being supplied to the same region from a variety of manufacturing sites around the world. This led to a number of inefficiencies both in terms of costs and delivery time.

# Customer Challenge

- Disconnected supply chains across 11 manufacturing sites in the Middle East and North Africa
- Service and cost inefficiencies
- High supply chain risk caused by limited transparency

# **DHL Supply Chain Solution**

- Design, develop and implement a fully integrated network
- Process driven central Control Tower to co-ordinate region's inbound operations
- Satellite Control Towers in all manufacturing regions
- Central Total Logistics Cost Management (TLCM) team that relentlessly identifies and delivers new value to P&G

#### **Customer Benefits**

- Improved supply chain visibility and reduced risk
- Reduction of transportation costs, transit times, inventory levels, demurrage, customs and other tax cost
- Control and reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Increased On Time in Full and Case Fill Rate

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# DHL SUPPLY CHAIN SOLUTION

As the Lead Logistic Provider, DHL Supply Chain developed an optimal and fully integrated regional network design that considered all our customer's regional supply chain requirements. We implemented a centrally managed Control Tower Operation in Turkey with satellite Control Towers in each country of manufacture. Operations are managed and controlled with a web-based DHL Transportation Management System. The central team looks after order planning, supplier management, load planning, carrier management, booking, event update, track and trace. Meanwhile teams in each manufacturing country work closely with the local customer to ensure a fully aligned and consistent approach and take care of the final stages of the logistics process and customs management.



# **CUSTOMER BENEFITS**

Through the LLP solution, our customer has seen a substantial improvement in logistics cost and service levels. Logistics management and process disciplines have significantly increased the percentage of "Shipment On Time in Full" (OTF), where both the right quantity and quality is delivered on the agreed delivery date. Improved Case Fill Rates reduced penalty costs that typically incurred when containers took too long to unload. Also, an optimal and integrated network has delivered a considerable reduction in prime transportation  $\mathrm{CO}_2$  emissions. Finally, improved customs and regulation compliance support has helped drive major reductions in transit time, inventory and overall logistics cost.

"As a global company, we were looking for a Lead Logistic Provider, who could help us improve efficiency in our operations around the world. We found in DHL a true partner, with a global network, industry experience and operational knowledge helping us achieve our goals. DHL guided us and restructured our supply chain, which resulted in substantial financial and time efficiencies."

Regional Programme Manager, leading consumer goods manufacturer

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