



Lafarge  
Paris, France  
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#### Industry:

Construction and Engineering

#### Annual Revenue:

US\$20.5 billion

#### Employees:

77,000

#### Oracle Products & Services:

JD Edwards EnterpriseOne  
Financials Management  
Manufacturing and Supply  
Chain Management

**“Standardizing our management procedures on Oracle’s JD Edwards ERP solution improved internal controls in all four lines of business. We are more efficient and have new levels of traceability of our financial and logistical flows.”** – Véra Ingallati, ERP Skills Center Director, Lafarge

## Lafarge Standardizes Financials, Supply Chain across All Lines of Business

Founded in 1833, Lafarge is the world leader in construction materials, ranking No. 1 in the world in cement and roofing, No. 2 in granulates and concrete, and No. 3 in plaster. The group has a presence in 75 countries, and is listed on the Paris and New York stock exchanges. Lafarge believes in growth through sustainable-development that reconciles industrial efficiency, value creation, protection of the environment, respect for people and cultures, and saving natural resources and energy.

### Challenges

- Standardize Lafarge’s IT tools and management systems on one enterprise resource planning (ERP) solution for all four of its major lines of business: cement, roofing, granulates and concrete, and plaster
- Leverage the new standardization to optimize and harmonize procedures across lines of business and management and across its geographical base

### Solution

- Deployed Oracle’s JD Edwards EnterpriseOne ERP solution, standardizing financial, procurement, sales management, production, and logistics processes enterprise wide
- Using the ERP solution to institute common organizational structures among all groups while giving each division sufficient autonomy to meet local needs
- Using a single, uniform chart of accounts, reducing errors and closing time
- Made it easy to comply with Sarbanes-Oxley regulations by providing easy traceability of financial flows and purchases
- Simplified sales-management processes
- Reduced transportation costs via synchronized supply chain management procedures
- Enabled traceability of products throughout the order life cycle
- Produced better customer knowledge, giving management valuable insight into customers’ preferences for better sales and service