



Mainsaver selected by Greencore for UK's largest malting complex

Greencore Malt has selected Spidex Software's Mainsaver CMMS to manage engineering maintenance at its flagship malting complex in Bury St Edmunds. This manufacturing facility, one of seven sites across four different countries, is the largest in the UK and one of the largest in Europe.

George Irving (Operations Director) is one of the senior management team that selected Mainsaver. "Greencore Malt is striving to be best-in-class and we want our customers to deal with us because they have complete confidence in the people and systems we operate with," he says. "We see the deployment of Mainsaver as an important factor in helping us drive the business forward."

There can be little doubt that Greencore Malt is making significant forward strides. In recent years, the company has made large-scale investment in new plant at Bury St Edmunds which enabled it to triple annual production capacity to some 160,000 tonnes. It has also gained ISO 9002, ISO 14001 and ISO 18001 accreditation.



A fundamental review of the maintenance function at Bury St Edmunds brought about further improvements, most notably the introduction of a 24-hour shift pattern for the engineering team. While this paid dividends in terms of improved plant reliability, it became clear that insufficient breakdown data was being recorded.

George Irving says "I need to ensure that we are getting value for money from our capital investments and supplier relationships. If certain equipment suffers repetitive faults, I need to have a discussion with that supplier armed with facts, not hearsay."

"Within continuous manufacturing operations like ours, you can't create time, you can only lose it. Production hours lost to machine failure can equate to significant sums of money – that's just too important to try and rectify based on anecdotal evidence. Mainsaver will provide me with the fault/cause data I need."

Maintenance Manager Andy Rush liked the look of the product from the outset. "Mainsaver appeared to fit our requirements extremely well in terms of functionality and ease of use, but we did need to see it working in a live environment. Spidex actually arranged for us to see Mainsaver operating at another malting facility, which was the perfect demonstration and convinced us we were selecting the right system. "

"I can see lots of benefits coming, but the key one for me is that for the first time, Mainsaver will enable me to offer full visibility of my department's maintenance programme to our colleagues, to external auditors and to our customers."

Ongoing evaluation of Mainsaver will continue post-implementation at Bury St Edmunds, with a view to rolling out to the remaining six sites in the Greencore Malt group.

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