

#### **BVR** Technologies







# **Esterline** (NYSE: ESL) Overview

Global Aerospace & Defense
\$1.2 Billion Annual Revenues
More than 10,000 Employees Worldwide



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#### Operations

- 1944 founded as Beaver Gear Works, a precision gear cutting company
- 1960's Production of the first aircraft indicators
- 2003 Esterline Technologies Corp. acquired BVR Aero Precision

#### **Product Offerings**

- Avionics Computers
- Actuation Systems
- Digital Position Sensors
- Precision Gears and Gear Assemblies
- Select Build to Print



BVR Technologies is a wholly owned subsidiary of Esterline Technologies Corporation headquartered in Bellevue Washington.

Esterline Technologies Corp. is a specialized manufacturing company serving principally aerospace and defense markets. Approximately 80% of total revenues are generated from aerospace/defense markets.

BVR is located approximately 1 hour 15 minutes drive via interstate highway from O'Hare Airport (ORD) and 15 minutes from Chicago Rockford International Airport (RFD). RFD is serviced by select major airlines .

### **BVR** Technologies

- 24,000 square foot facility
- BVR Technologies employs 81 personnel
- Providing design and DO-178B flight critical software
- Supported by vertically integrated mechanical, electromechanical manufacturing and assembly
- Driven by a strategic, lean enterprise environment.
- BVR has invested heavily in product development, new facilities and equipment, and personnel
- FY 08 revenues \$18M and growing



#### Applying ARAS PLM BVR's Objectives

- Introduce a Consistent Part Numbering System
  - Previous system based on a mix:
    - Supplier part numbers
    - Internal part numbers
    - Customer part numbers
    - Mil-Spec numbers
  - All Documents have a sequentially assigned item number
  - All\* Parts have a sequentially assigned item\_number
- Eliminate Paper-based Change Management System
  - Introduce search capability
  - Take advantage of (and organize!) the mix of data items

### Planning is Key to Success

*"I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable." - Dwight D. Eisenhower* 

- If you wait for a "Perfect Plan" you'll never start
- Develop an Idea of what "DONE" looks like
- High level list of the major tasks and dates
  - Revisit and re-scope as needed
  - Tactical freedom to adapt and rework ideas as needed
  - Keep eye on what "DONE" looks like
- Needed Help, Got Help
  - Hired Crucis Technologies to assist in implementation

## Phased High Level Planning

		BVR Technologies - Aras Implementation							
		PHAS	SE 1	PHASE 2		PHASE 3		Phase 4	
	Deliverables	Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual	Planned	Actual
1	New BVR Part Numbering Specification	х		QCP PR					
2	Part Attribute Mapping and Classification Doc.	х	partial	Flatten?					
3	Transition Plan to new part numbering scheme	х		х	х				
4	Installation and Workstation turn up	х	х			х			
	System Management Plan (Backup, Security and								
5	Survivability)	х		Х	Х	Х			
6	Zoll Prototype		Х			Х			
7	GUI overview		х						
8	Process		start	finish				x	
9	Custom Reports for CAPA		start	mion		finish		x	
10	Metrics Web design for CAPA		start			X		х	
	Enterprise and Engineering Change Identity								
11	Mapping		start	finish		х			
	Characterization and Mapping of Engineering								
12	Change process		start	Х	Х	Х			
13	Phase Training			Х	х				
14	Rework of classification scheme			Х					
15	Go Live Preparation (clean of db design)			Х	Х				
16	Preliminary Project Management					х	?	?	
17	Project Management					Х	?	?	
18	FMEA							?	
40	Solid Works / PDM Works integration (Specification,								
19	Design & Implementation)			Х	х				
20	Epicore / Vantage integration (Specification, Design						2	2	
20	& Implementation)					X	ſ	? 2	
21	Extra mutal access to innovator - Employee							{	
	E-mail notifications (PR, ECN, ECR)		start	х	х				
	CRM (quote process)					х			
	Extra mural access to Innovator - (Customers and								
22	Suppliers)							?	

#### Current Execution Efforts

- Validating and Releasing Designs in Innovator
  - All parts were entered in Innovator as Preliminary at Rev +1
  - Documents and Parts are being tied together prior to release
  - Creating the AML from scratch
  - Added NFND flag to tag duplicate or obsolete parts
- Using Change Management for the last 2 months
  - PR was first
  - ECN was next
  - ECR used heavily to compile Engineering response to RFIs
- Entering piece part families in preparation for use of Publish2Innovator for SolidWorks from Design2Enterprise

#### Current Development Efforts

- Opportunity ItemType Development
  - Contains all information for Customer requests of any type
  - Requires lifecycle and workflow very similar to ECR process but with a different permission and notification model
  - Requires the creation of supporting ItemTypes, platform, market and end user
  - Reports and an Opportunity Dashboard
- Adding "bad entry" detection to Part, PR, ECR and ECN ItemTypes
- Change Management Dashboard
- Interface to Vantage ERP

#### Future Development Efforts

- Investigating creation of the Manufacturing BOM
- Rework the Meeting ItemType and process to match BVR specific needs
- Investigation and use of DFMEA, Program Management
- Reports and Dashboards to track business process performance

# Key Learnings

- Advantages
  - Little or no finger pointing
  - Willingness to dig in and invest time and effort to make improvements
  - Adoption and adaptation to changes high

A "git'er done" attitude!

#### Challenges

- Minimal IT support adds challenges on unrelated, but necessary items like general networking
- Initially lacked complete understanding of CMII
- Lacked full understanding of Aras' implementation of CMII
  - Error conditions created from incomplete understanding of implementation
- Created our own complex Part classification for organizing, implication was overhead to maintain