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FIS/WWS INDUSTRIAL SOLUTION FOR TECHNICAL WHOLESALE

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THE APPLICATION AND ITS BENEFITS

FIS/wws NextGeneration (NG) is the industrial solution for technical wholesale and compound groups based on SAP S/4HANA. To meet the requirements of this industry sector, we have particularly optimized and amended functions in Sales and Distribution as well as in Purchasing and Procurement within SAP Operations. As a specialized provider, we deliver numerous wholesale-specific additional functions that complement the SAP standard version.

The industry-specific configuration of FIS/wws NG reduces adjustment efforts and implementation time. FIS/wws NG used in combination with SAP S/4HANA is the optimum support for technical wholesale business processes. Since 1996, FIS/wws has permanently been further developed and is currently used by more than 35,000 SAP users.

Your benefits:

- Shorter processing times than in the SAP standard system
- High functional scope due to numerous additional functions
- Easy handling
- High productivity

- Field-tested solution
- Modern and open architecture
- Sustainability, independency, scalability
- Possibility of exerting influence within the user association

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2023/Q2 – Latest Innovations	2023/Q3 and Q4 – Planned Innovations	2024+ – Future Orientation

2023/Q2 – Latest Innovations

- Further development the of SAP S/4HANA embedded EWM integration
- FIS GAEB enhancements (harmonization of phases X81, P81, P83)
- Extension of single release / main release for requirement transfer
- Extension of plant determination depending on the route
- Cash desk safety regulation – FIS/cash swap transaction of a TSE
- Display in the MRP list
- Data display in the MRP list for stock transfer
- Web service "ITEK availability"
- Program for importing characteristic ETIM values from Excel

2023/Q3 and Q4 – Planned Innovations

- Further development of FIS/wws NG
  - "Express delivery service provider" control list
  - FIS GAEB enhancements (considerations of bidder gaps in inbox and outbox)
  - Optimization of Adobe FI forms
- Mapping of industry-specific requirements of the construction sector
  - Extended third-party process
  - Extension of main release by framework orders
  - Shipping costs processing

2024+ – Future Orientation

- Further development of the FIS/wws NG solution
- Further extension of industry-specific requirements of the construction sector
- Further development of Fiori apps
- Use of text mining
- Digitization in the wholesale sector

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2023/Q3 and Q4 – Planned Innovations

- Transformation of selected FIS/wws functions into SAP Business Technology Platform
  - Order Monitor
  - ETIM Cockpit

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- **Functions by integrating FIS/wws in SAP embedded EWM**
  - Automatic adjustment of delivery quantity in ERP delivery
    - If the picked quantity is confirmed with differences in EWM, the delivery quantity will automatically be adjusted in ERP. As a consequence, no backlog is created and the quantity is not proposed again for picking. The user does not have to make manual adjustments any longer and saves time in this way.
  - The "Expected goods receipt" display in EWM was enhanced by the "FIS/wws short text 2" field. As a consequence, the user obtains greater clarity and more detailed information as this field partially contains the precise product names. In addition, the field is also partially relevant for the Datanorm specifications, i.e. for mapping the 2x 40 characters.

- **FIS/GAEB enhancements**
  - GAEB uses separate item categories for the application. They control, for instance, whether and how a price is determined or how the output is controlled in the GAEB outbox. The enhancement also enables an automatic determination of the GAEB item category and an automatic preassignment in defined cases. This reduces the manual adjustment effort for the user.

- **Extension of single release / main release for requirement transfer**
  - When creating a single release with reference to the main release, the requirements are directly transferred. This procedure prevents that the goods of a single release with reference to a main release are no longer available as they have already been procured by a separate single release. This increases the satisfaction of the end customer.

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- **Extension of plant determination depending on the route**
  - In contrast to the standard version, the plant can be determined depending on the route in the SD document (quotation / order). The granular plant determination enables a better utilization of routes. This might involve shorter ways when the goods are picked up and, as a consequence, saves kilometers, time and costs.

- **Cash desk safety regulation – FIS/cash swap transaction of a TSE**
  - Functional FIS/cash enhancement for swapping TSE units of existing cashboxes, which has not been possible before. This enables the implementation of legal requirements.

- **Text display in the MRP list**
  - The texts from the FIS/wws "PReq conversion into purchase order" function (ME57) are also displayed in the FIS/wws MRP list and provide the user with more information content in direct access.

- **Data display in the MRP list for stock transfer**
  - Only plants with stocks for transfer are displayed in the MRP list; plants without stocks are excluded from consideration. Users obtain information faster, benefit from increased clarity and, as a consequence, can make a respective statement more quickly.

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- Web service "ITEK availability"
  - Via the Web service, availabilities can be queried from the vendor. This function can be called from the sales order and from the purchase order. For this call, the ITEK Web service is used. Users save time due to direct queries. Furthermore, communication with vendors is omitted.

- Program for importing characteristic values from Excel
  - Via a program, material number, class, characteristic and characteristic value can be assigned to ETIM. This data must be available as an Excel list. The structure of the file is specified. Due to the optimization, no manual entry effort is required any longer, which results in time and resource savings.

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2023/Q3 and Q4 – Planned Innovations

- Further development of the FIS/wws NG solution
  - **"Express delivery service provider" control list:** The control list offers an overview of the different processes of express delivery service providers (overview according to express delivery service provider, used service code, delivery, date, customer). The function provides for more clarity and for a better option of comparing invoices of express delivery service providers and actually delivered packages.
  - **Enhancement of settlement management:** The maintenance of object conditions enables the mapping of vendor chargebacks.
  - **Bar code scan of delivery note (GI process) and vendor delivery note (GI process):** By digitizing the delivery notes in the goods receipt and goods issue process, they are directly linked to the ERP system. A paperless documentation can be called faster, archived in a better way and is significantly more sustainable.

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- Mapping of industry-specific requirements of the construction sector

  - **Extended third-party process:** implementation of requirements for third-party processes in the construction sector, e.g. pickup by own trucks, customer or forwarding agent.

  - **Enhancement of main release by framework orders:** In this scenario, the vendor is notified of the required goods via a quantity contract (at a specific point in time); the goods are reserved and released at a later time. Similar to the extension of single release / main release, this procedure is used to increase customer satisfaction as the notified goods are actually available.

  - **Creation of net prices from quotations:** The conditions entered in a quotation can be created as customized condition records. This saves duplicate maintenance and time.

  - **Shipping costs processing:** For the shipping process in building materials trade, shipping costs are determined by the system and charged (shipment costs, for instance, are only to be charged if a specific minimum value has not been reached). The optimization is used to determine shipping costs faster for different delivery scenarios by automating the process (e.g. how do you handle a purchase order with multiple deliveries?).

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2024+ – Zukünftige Ausrichtung

- **Further development of the FIS/wws NG solution**
  - Functional enhancement of the FIS/wws solution according to market conditions, legal requirements and customer needs.

- **Mapping of industry-specific requirements of the construction sector**
  - Extension by industry-specific requirements of the construction materials wholesale trade.

- **Further development of Fiori apps**
  - Further FIS/wws NG Fiori apps are developed based on UI5 technology.

- **Use of text mining**
  - Text mining is used to increase the hit accuracy in various applications (e.g. for the assignment of individual items from GAEB files to SAP articles in order to enable a faster and easier creation of quotations).

- **Digitization in the wholesale sector**
  - Further solution approaches around digitization in the wholesale sector are being developed.

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