# Selected Case Study

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Focus: Merger & Carve-Outs



# Carve-Out

Pharma concern, PE-owned

### **COMPANY DETAILS**

- o FTEs: 9,000 globally
- o **Responsibility**: 8 FTEs (all middle managers, 2 of IT)
- Scope: 8 of 32 production plants across Europe,
   8 workstreams (2 of them IT)

#### SITUATION AND CHALLENGES

- Incomplete Agreements
   The comprehensive contractual basis neglected the IT field, which has already led to severe contradictions and delays.
- Significant complexities in IT and finance
   While this carve-out was taking place, a second one
   was also running in parallel, a data centre had to be
   replaced and sites with critical personnel for the
   carve-out were closed.
- Personal grudges
   Some of the staff at the sites to be carved-out took the opportunity to settle old scores and left scorched earth in their wake.

# **ROLE / FUNCTION**

**Interim Project Management Office (PMO)** 

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Full business functionality at Closure Date (Day 1)
- **2. Aligning the contractual base** to make sure that its followed
- 3. Minimal costs for the carve-out, minimal disputes, fast execution

#### MEASURES AND PROCEDURES

- 180 IT services identified, prepared for decision making and planning actions
- 91 actions prior / at Closure Date identified and monitored



- 41 key assumptions Identified and negotiated as collaborative base for both sides after escalation
- 54 contractual Transfer Service Agreement (TSA) documents adapted and monitored
- Established a project management office (PMO)
- Established a steering committee for the selling company incl. governance and reporting

## **RESULTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**



Re-railed a 350 MEUR carve-out

- Major disputes mitigated
- Target operating model (TOM) for the new carved-out company set up and launched