

# 5 Reasons

## To Consider a Native SAP Shipping System

### 1 Native Technology

Our Enterprise Centralized Shipping (ECS) solution is a Certified SAP application written in ABAP/4 and installs on the SAP footprint using standard tables. As such, it allows enterprise users to rate and ship Deliveries from any location, using any carrier, without ever having to leave SAP. Unlike external 3<sup>rd</sup> party or carrier-provided shipping applications, ECS does not require building and maintaining complicated and costly interfaces, continuous software upgrades, and a separate hardware and database infrastructure. ECS is a ready-to-use solution that delivers enterprise performance in both the SAP R/3 and ECC landscapes.

### 2 Centralized Management & Deployment

Because the core ECS application resides with your SAP landscape, it allows for the centralized management of SAP instances, plants, users, printers, carriers, and reporting. It is secure and configurable; allowing you to make changes without coding. Using standard SAP RFCs, BAPIs, and Web Services, ECS allows you to rate, rate shop, optimize, consolidate, ship and update Deliveries from virtually any SAP process/transaction. Best of all, because it requires virtually no internal resources to make it operational, it can be installed and made operational in less than five weeks.

### 3 Easy Multi-Carrier Shipping

ECS provides support for any number of small parcel, LTL, and TL carriers, including certified shipping for DHL, FedEx, UPS, and USPS. In one simple step, ECS will print all carrier required documentation including labels, forms, Bills of Lading, International documents, etc., update the Delivery and/or Handling Units, and electronically transmit shipping data to the carrier. Deliveries can be shipped from any standard SAP process/transaction or from ECS' native user interface. Why use just any 3<sup>rd</sup> party system to ship, when you can leverage your investment in SAP?

### 4 Re-Purposing Technology

Unlike 3<sup>rd</sup> party or carrier-provided shipping applications, ECS allows you re-purpose its core rating, shipping, and filing technology by integrating it into standard SAP processes. This allows enterprise users, for example, to quote freight to customers, estimate freight and/ or rate shop for least costly method as part of Create Sales Order, ship and print labels as part of Processing Handling Units for Outbound Delivery, or automatically trigger PGI after shipping. Since ECS also integrates with SAP WM, TM, and GTS, you can extend rating, shipping, and export filings capabilities to processes run within those modules.

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## Enhancing Internal and External Supply Chain Visibility

Considering the number of parties involved in each and every shipping transaction, it's no wonder that one of the greatest challenges facing transportation executives is an increased demand for greater internal and external visibility to freight cost and delivery status (both inbound and outbound). To this end, ECS extends standard SAP functionality by providing accurate online information to multiple internal departments, customers, and carriers. As part of each and every shipping transaction, ECS updates Deliveries, Shipments, Handling Units, etc.; transmits shipping information to carriers, freight forwarders, and US Customs; and tracks each shipment as it moves through the supply chain and alert users and processes to exceptions and Proof of Deliveries (POD). Should an enterprise users want to track individual orders or packages via a carrier web site, ECS provides a native user interface that eliminates the need to leave SAP and use Internet browser.

### Summary

While we have listed 5 Reasons for you to consider a native SAP shipping application, there are a number of other reasons which we would like to discuss with you. In fact, I'm sure that with a little thought, you too can come up with few good business cases for evaluating where you're at right now with you current shipping technology and where you would like to be. If you're not already familiar with our native SAP shipping application, we would welcome the opportunity to provide you with more information; or better yet, show you how the information contained in the 5 Reasons all comes together.

### About Nexxio

Since 2002, Nexxio has been a pioneering developer and vendor of high quality logistics software and services; with focus on providing complimentary and supporting technology to help our clients better leverage their investment in existing enterprise applications.

A privately held company located in Plano, Texas, Nexxio's clients range from small, privately held businesses to large, globally located, public companies. Common to all our clients, however, is the need to automate and streamline logistics processes, re-purpose logistics data to multiple front-line business operations and enterprise applications, and improve their bottom-line on costs and profits



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