

PLANNING DATA SHEET



The financial management process is often spreadsheet based - resulting in a labour intensive, time consuming process that is prone to inaccuracies.

Altius has created a solution using the FlexMI™ platform that specifically addresses financial budgeting, planning and forecasting that eliminates spreadsheet challenges. **Flex Planning™** extends the Microsoft stack, allowing data to be captured and analysed in Excel, stored in SQL Server and reported using a variety of tools including Microsoft SQL Server Analysis Services.

BUSINESS PROCESS

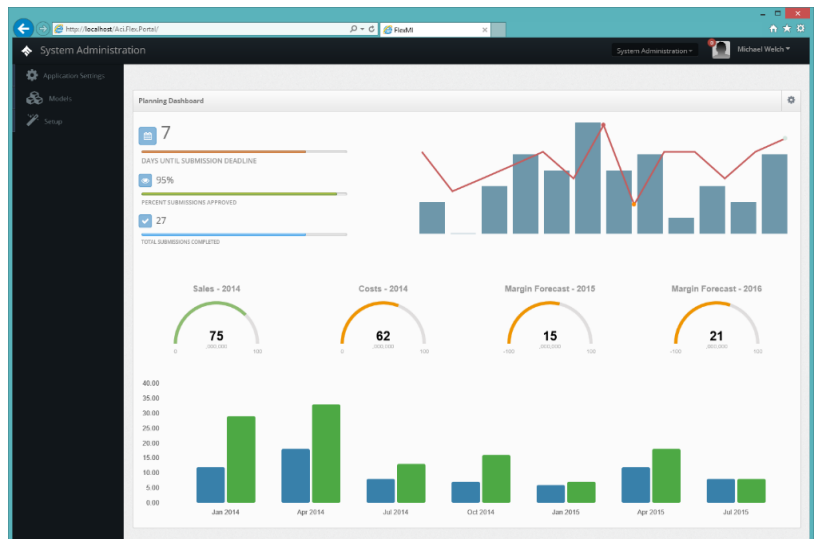
- Budgeting
- Long Term Planning (LTP)
- Financial Forecasting
- Reporting
- Consolidation

CHALLENGES

- Disparate data sources
- Manually intensive process
- Timeliness for delivering reports to Executives
- Data integrity issues

BENEFITS

- Integrate strategic plans, budgets and rolling forecasts
- Deliver multiple financial reports configured to your business process
- Real-time visibility into your company's performance
- Excel-based environment
- Eliminates manual processes



An Integrated Planning Platform that Transforms Spreadsheet Business Processes

FlexMI™ is a management information framework that delivers customizable, data centric applications quickly and efficiently using standard Microsoft products. This data management suite includes business modeling, master data management, Excel integration, workflow and hierarchical security capabilities. FlexMI enables organizations to perform better, both in terms of efficiency and productivity, by providing a framework for all corporate planning.

FEATURES

Deep Excel Integration

- Allows data to be submitted and retrieved directly from Excel
 - All complexity is hidden from the users
 - Reuse existing workbooks to save time
 - Use all of Excel's built-in functions
 - Ability to work offline and reconnect with ease
- Save numeric data, text and Excel formulas
 - Save text commentary from Excel comments or in-cell content
 - Save complex formulas to provide audit trail and prevent against deletion
- Use Excel templates to create dynamic workbooks for data capture
 - Maintain only one master Excel model per unique workbook type
 - Workbooks can be managed, maintained and modified by trained business power-users

Workflow & Security

- Model advanced workflows with sequential and parallel activities and notifications
- Allow for fine grained control over:
 - Data load sequencing
 - Roles, permissions & task assignments
 - Approvals and sign-off process
- Dashboard to easily monitor and action workflow items.

Reporting

- Analyze data utilizing built-in Excel analysis tools
 - Drill-down on data within Excel
- Design dynamic reports that can be hosted on websites or in SharePoint
- Multiple visualization and advanced charting options
- Financial Statements for SEC and GAAP compliance
 - Annual and quarterly financial statements
 - Pro forma financial statements
 - Reports configured to your unique business process

Data Integration

- Integrate with third party systems such as SAP and OGsys
- Auto-load data from flat-files or other databases (Microsoft/SAP/Oracle/XML/CSV)
- Present a single view of actuals and forecast – presenting multiple data sources in both reports and data capture forms

User Interface

- Web-based portal for process management
- Can be integrated into existing Intranet or SharePoint Infrastructure

“Because of the nature of our business, forecasts often change at the last minute,” says Malani. “FlexMI is nimble enough that we can make updates and still deliver accurate data. This helps us get the right data to the right people in the company, so they can move on to new opportunities as quickly as possible. There’s no doubt this will help us compete better in this industry.”

- *Sanjay Malani, Advisor, Corporate Planning and Finance, Kosmos Energy*

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BENEFITS

Faster, More Accurate Reporting

- Centralized database for rapid ad-hoc analysis
- Deliver print-ready reports across all data sources including financial statements

Improved Controls and Audit Trail

- Track the source of the data, who loaded it and when
- Increased security around your critical budgeting and forecasting process

Integrate Budgeting & Planning with Accounting Platform

- Integrate actuals with planning and operating data
- Integrate long range plans into the same file as budgets and rolling forecasts for easy side-by-side comparison
- Accurately align business results with corporate strategy

SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

Hosting

- Windows Server 2008 (R2)
- Microsoft SQL Server 2008 (R2)
- Microsoft SQL Server Analysis Services
- Azure compatible for cloud hosting

Client Tools

- Microsoft Excel 2010
- Web Browser

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