Knowledge Management at Cytec Industries

Building the Library of the Future

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“Small or large, the mission of the company library is the same: To select, obtain, store, and disseminate pertinent technical information to those who need it, as rapidly and efficiently as possible.”

Harold S. Sharp, Technical Librarian
General Motors, A.C. Spark Plug Division
Industrial Laboratories, November 1959

Libraries have always been essential to Knowledge Management in R&D.
Outline

- Provide a brief overview of Cytec
- Review our Knowledge Management initiative
- Share our lessons learned
- Share our vision for the future
- Answer your questions
Cytec Industries is a specialty chemicals and materials technology company with pro-forma sales in 2004, including the Surface Specialties acquisition, of approximately $3.0 Billion. Its growth strategies are based on developing technologically advanced customer solutions for global markets, including aerospace, coatings, mining, plastics and water treatment.

Founded in 1993 as a spin-off from American Cyanamid

http://www.cytec.com/
Cytec Businesses

David Lilley
CEO, Cytec Industries

Cytec Surface Specialties
- Ben Van Assche
  President, CSS
  54%

Cytec Performance Specialties
- Shane Fleming
  President, CPS
  21%

Cytec Engineered Materials
- Steve Speak
  President, CEM
  17%

Building Block Chemicals
- Jas Gill
  President, BBC
  8%
Cytec Performance Specialties (CPS)

- 2004 net sales approximately $650M / ’05P $733M
- Approximately 1,800 employees
- Business Units include:
  - Mining Chemicals ($174 M)
  - Phosphines & Phosphorous Specialties ($41 M)
  - Polymer Additives ($155 M)
  - Specialty Additives ($123 M)
  - Water Treatment Chemicals ($241 M)
- Research sites in Stamford CT, Canada, United Kingdom, Netherlands, and Chile
- Global Application Specialists located remotely

The Commitment of Good People to Technology and Customers
CPS Product Examples

Cytec Performance Specialties

- High Performance Antioxidants
- Flocculants
- Filter aids
- Ultra Violet Light Stabilizers
- Drilling & Production Polymers
- High Purity Phosphine Gas
- Promoters
- Solvent Extractants
- Antiscalants
- Defoamers

Many existing products and new products in portfolio
Why did we need Knowledge Management in CPS R&D?
State of CPS R&D: May 2003

- All Business Units manage their own documents with no standardized processes
- No centralized document repository
- Site-centric focus for information management
- Difficult retrieval of internal information
- Limited external information resources
- Stamford site undergoing $50M renovation
- Stamford Library has no manager and considered obsolete by scientific community
We needed KM...but how would we do it?

- Loss of in-house knowledge
- Obsolete Library
- Limited sharing of best practices
- Decreased productivity
- Paper, email, & hard drive files
- Information silos
Knowledge Management Project

Objectives:

- Design and implement processes and supporting systems to effectively document, archive, and retrieve relevant technical information across global Cytec Performance Specialties (CPS) R&D.
- Design the “Library of the Future” to enable our scientific community to acquire the knowledge and information necessary to discover advanced technology.

Bring the Technical Information Center into the 21st Century!
Project Team

- **Sponsor:** Dr. Joseph Kozakiewicz (VP, CPS R&D)
- **Leader:** David Breiner (TIC Manager)
- **Timeline:** July 2003 – December 2005
- **Members:** Jeanne Courter (Coatings), Leonard Davis (PA), Raymond Farinato (WT), Steve Greenhouse (Analytical), Nimal Jayasuriya (SA), James Jubinsky (Patent), John Hillhouse (Phosphines), Dana Moore (TIC), Wilfred Perez (Mining), Gary Walters (IT)

*People lead...Processes guide...Tools enable*
Mission

Be a premier Technical Information Center, enabling Cytec Performance Specialties (CPS) to achieve 25% sales of new products by:

(1) Partnering with CPS R&D and other key customers
(2) Leveraging appropriate technology to search, archive, and disseminate internal data and documents and external published information in a cost-effective, user-friendly manner
(3) Providing a center for learning, idea exchange, and innovation
Design Requirements

- **Single portal** for internal and external information
- Utilize **existing tools** and **infrastructure** available within Corporate IT
- **Globally accessible** and **secure**
- Leverage **electronic** capabilities ("virtual")
- **User friendly** with minimal training
- Use **"As Is"** processes if possible
- **Standardize** systems, processes, and tools
- **Minimize** administration
- Aligned with Corporate **Record Retention** policy

Get the **Right Information** to the **Right People** at the **Right Time**!
Scope: Internal Information

- Analytical Work (LIMS)
- Filed Patent Applications
- Laboratory Notebooks
- Monthly Reports
- New Product Development
- Non-Disclosure Agreements
- Research Reports
- Technical Service Reports
- Technical Presentations
- Trip Reports
Scope: External Information

- Cytec Published Patents
- Cytec Published Journal Articles
- Prior Art / Literature Searches
- Competitor Patents
- Journals
- Books
- Technical Standards
- Market Research
- Websites
Implementation: Internal Information

CPS R&D Technical Archive:

- Policies and Procedures designed and implemented by Knowledge Management Team
- DocuShare (Xerox) utilized as central repository
- Folder hierarchy designed and owned by TIC
- Permissions administered and owned by TIC
- Business Unit documents (Monthly Reports, Technical Presentations, Project Documents, Trip Reports, Technical Service Reports) archived by designated content managers
- Centralized documents (Research Reports, Cytec Publications/Patents, Notebooks) archived by TIC
Implementation: External Information
KM in CPS R&D: August 2005

- Standardized documenting and archiving processes implemented across all Business Units
- Centralized repository for technical documents
- Global, user-friendly retrieval of internal and external information
- TIC provides external information to Engineered Materials and Building Blocks divisions
- TIC collaborating with Surface Specialties CITM for External Information resources
- TIC is a hub for cross-functional R&D activity in Stamford (poster sessions and seminars)
CPS Scientific Community

TIC Poster Sessions and Seminars

Technical Information Center
Knowledge for technology ahead of its time
Testimonials

• ...a simple user-friendly resource for easy and convenient access to a variety of useful information. - Phosphines

• ...has effectively increased the quantity and quality of my ideas. - Water Treatment Chemicals

• ...has changed what was once an information hunt to a knowledge flow. Great job! - Mining Chemicals

• ...a well organized, excellent tool. - Polymer Additives

• ...has moved the library to the screen of our desktop PCs. Not only is there much more information available electronically than in the past, but it’s all in one place. - Analytical
Lessons Learned

- Link KM directly to your business model
- Focus on people and processes, not tools
- Cultural change takes time and energy
- Start small, then expand your reach
- Make your website valuable, but keep it simple
- Select appropriate external resources
- Continuously monitor, evaluate, and improve
- Be fully supported by senior management
- If you feed them, they will come
- Have a compelling mission and a clear vision
Our Vision

To provide state-of-the-art, value-added technical information services that will enable Cytec to discover, develop, and market new products and technologies in order to sustain competitive advantage across all of its businesses.

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