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MAS 90

CUSTOMER

Tampico Spice, Inc.
www.tampicospice.com

CORPORATE PROFILE

Headquarters

Los Angeles, California

Type of Business

Spice manufacturer and distributor

Number of Locations

One

Number of Employees

40+

SYSTEM PROFILE

Operating System

- Microsoft Windows 2000 system, Window 98 desktops
- Users on system: 9

MAS 90 Modules in Operation

- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Crystal Reports
- Custom Office
- General Ledger
- Import Master
- Inventory Management
- Library Master
- Purchase Order
- Report Master
- Sales Order
- Visual Integrator
- Asset Accounting Powered by FAS



¡Mucho Gusto! Tampico Spice Seasons It Right With MAS 90

It was 1947, and Jesus Martinez couldn't find the bagged spices he wanted in Southern California grocery stores. Recognizing an unmet market need, he founded Tampico Spice with a mere \$50. His company was the first in the world to package spices in cellophane bags — a terrific idea that enhanced both freshness and convenience.

Today Martinez' initial investment has grown into a multi-million dollar company. Run by his son and daughter, the firm now imports a full line of seasonings from 22 countries around the world. Tampico's aromatic spices add zest

to many well-known products, including those of Soup Plantation, Farmer John's Hot Dogs and Islands Restaurants.

THE CHALLENGE

Tampico Spice outgrew its DOS-based accounting package about six years ago. The search for a replacement proved frustrating. One product crashed several times during the demo.

When Frank Rubin, the controller at Tampico Spice, saw the complete range of capabilities available with MAS 90, he knew he'd found a winner. "Its technical

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support was much better than anything else we'd seen, and its database was definitely stable,” he comments. “We switched and have been very happy ever since.”

THE SOLUTION

MAS 90 serves as an end-to-end business solution for Tampico Spice, tracking everything from anise seeds to turmeric. As orders are received over the phone, customer service representatives input data to the MAS 90 Sales Order module. Information is automatically converted into an invoice that is mailed when the product ships.

MAS 90 is set up to track all receivables and notify Rubin when invoices are 60 days overdue. The software can even generate labels for promotional mailings.

Tampico Spice has integrated Asset Accounting Powered by FAS, a module that has become the windows-based fixed asset management software of choice for small to mid-sized companies. Rubin uses Asset Accounting Powered by FAS to verify fixed asset calculations prepared by the CPA, for monthly journal entries showing current valuation of machinery, office equipment, cars and trucks.

Rubin appreciates the system's flexible report writing features. With MAS 90 he creates month-end financials and many custom reports such as sales by item, sales by customer and item, and annual summaries by customer and item.

“Our reports allow us to do more accurate ordering,” explains Rubin. “About half of the spices we carry, like cardamom and chili pods, have a single

harvest season. We can only order once a year.

If we guess wrong and order too little, we have to scramble to find alternatives. With MAS 90 we can offer our customers the consistent quality they expect and improve profitability at the same time.”

MAS 90 tells Rubin exactly what was sold last year, so he can forecast with great confidence. This translates into substantial savings and has also improved customer satisfaction.

Detailed customer reports are invaluable when it comes to pricing, too. Rubin can determine when volume discounts are appropriate. He uses MAS 90 when deciding who to send product literature to, avoiding the expense of mailing to smaller purchasers. Sometimes customers request annual analyses as well, which he can easily provide with MAS 90.

As Best releases new versions of MAS 90, Tampico Spice upgrades promptly. “We don't let our system lag behind, because the new features are always helpful,” explains Rubin. He intends to add a manufacturing module soon.

“MAS 90 is a very good accounting system,” Rubin says. “The telephone support is excellent. We can expand our system whenever we need to. Given all these benefits, we intend to stick with MAS 90 throughout the foreseeable future.”

The logo for Best Software, Inc. features the word "best" in a lowercase, bold, sans-serif font. The letters are a dark teal color. The 'b' and 'e' are connected, and the 't' has a distinctive shape with a small gap at the top.

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