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## MAS 90

### CUSTOMER

Valimet, Inc.  
[www.valimet.com](http://www.valimet.com)

### CORPORATE PROFILE

**Type of Business**  
Aluminum powder manufacturing

**Number of Locations**  
One

**Number of Employees**  
60

**Size**  
\$10 million

### SYSTEM PROFILE

**Operating System**

- Microsoft Windows NT
- Users on System: 17

**MAS 90 Modules in Operation**

- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Asset Accounting Powered by FAS
- Crystal Reports
- General Ledger
- HR Powered by Abra
- Inventory Management
- Payroll
- Purchase Order
- Sales Order



## Valimet: More Value in Metal Powders with MAS 90 and HR Powered by Abra

Valimet, Inc., has specialized in spherical metal powder manufacturing for almost 40 years, and is a trusted vendor of aerospace, industrial and commercial applications around the world. One of the major spherical aluminum powder markets is pigments, that are used in automotive paints.

Valimet's analytical laboratory measures all physical and chemical properties of metal powders using the latest instrumentation, certifying finished products to exacting customer

specifications. The reliability of statistical process control is so high that Pratt & Whitney, a world leader in aircraft engines, gas turbines and space propulsion systems, has approved Valimet's laboratory for testing and certification of their products.

### THE CHALLENGE

Tight integration between business modules was something Valimet had come to expect, thanks to its choice of

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Valimet, Inc.*

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the MAS 90 accounting package. Selecting MAS 90 allowed Valimet to bring its payroll functions in house and incorporate all business data into a single system for maximum operational efficiencies.

But benefit accrual tracking was still being done on stand-alone databases, and was taking too much time. Postings for earned vacation and sick time took an entire day every month. Jan Foster, Valimet’s accounting manager, called it “a nightmare.” She asked her MAS 90 reseller about HR Powered by Abra, a product she had heard about that interfaced with MAS 90. “I felt strongly about staying within the Best family,” she says.

## THE SOLUTION

HR Powered by Abra now provides Valimet with drill-down human resource information, from enterprise summaries to employee-specific details. Employee, dependent and employer costs are automatically calculated and tracked.

“The system allows me to track information on all 60 employees in one place, including supervisory letters, warnings, unexcused lates and absences,” Foster says. “This is important to us, because we have a very complex bonus system based on accumulated points. Now I simply input the various contract agreements, enter personnel data, and the HR module figures out the particulars.” As an example, the software can be programmed to give an additional week of vacation after a ten-year anniversary, something Foster says is all too easy for HR staff to overlook.

The new system is especially easy to use because of its seamless interface between MAS 90 and HR Powered by Abra. Data only has to be entered once, streamlining the workload for harried HR staffers. Basic employee, insurance and benefit data is transferred automatically from MAS 90’s Payroll module to HR – or vice versa – through sharing capabilities within the interface. Built-in audit reports correct any accidental omissions or errors before data is transferred, ensuring that information in both systems is accurate and up to date.

Foster can create integrated reports at the click of a button, drawing on information from HR, MAS 90 or both. She can maintain different naming convention codes in each system if she wants, and track up to eight different absence pay types such as holiday or sick pay.

“We’ve been thrilled with the performance of HR Powered by Abra and MAS 90, and how easily they coordinate to form an integrated solution,” comments Foster. “At long last, our HR tasks are manageable. I recommend the system to anyone with the complex payroll and benefits requirements we have.”



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