

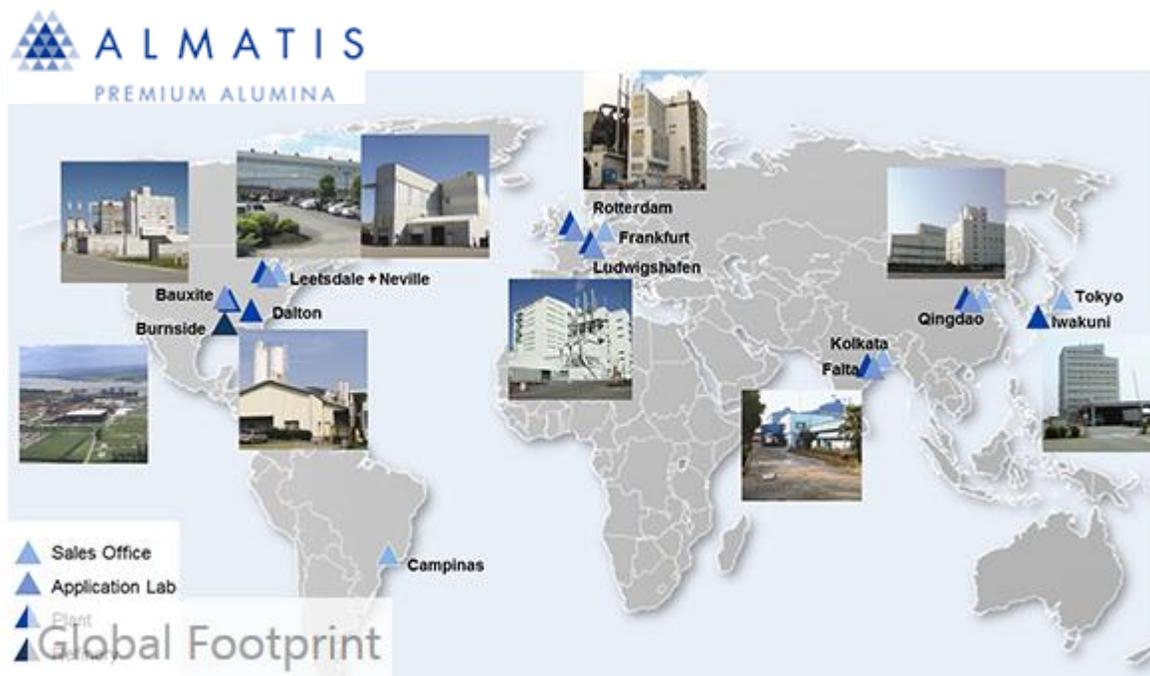


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Executive Summary

Most companies have implemented SAP software or have had SAP implemented back in the 90s or early 2000s. It is safe to assume that they have started out with an older SAP release and technology and requirements have changed significantly since the original implementation. The authorization and security area is not too different from other technical and functional content in your SAP software. It was implemented with the best intentions and assumptions but new functionalities (composite roles, derived roles) and changes in the SAP system landscape and your end-user behavior require adjustments.

The first step to review your security and authorizations is to establish a solid as-is picture of the current settings in the authorization area and the current use of those settings. Identifying which objects exist, which are useable and which are used is essential.

Naturally most of the information is somewhat hidden in your SAP system but the SAP standard reporting in the Authorization and Role area is very limited to specific reporting and doesn't document the actual usage!

Almatis, a private equity company engaged in selling premium alumina worldwide, didn't have the time nor the resources to reinvent the wheel and engaged with IBIS to use a proven tool and content to analyze its authorization concept, thus reducing the risk, cost and resources to successfully complete the project.

In this short excerpt of an interview with Dr. Heiko Hecht, Almatis Inc., shares its thoughts on their project. It's a great example of how a simple, inexpensive, tool based analysis supports the authorization redesign and thus bolsters security and increases efficiencies in maintaining and assigning authorizations.

"We are the premium Alumina company. Just as we want to produce and deliver premium products and services to our customers, we want to **ensure premium processes in our IT environment**. We found that our SAP authorization concept was outdated and too cumbersome to maintain. In the increasingly complex world and with an growing SAP landscape we wanted to rely on a solid concept to assign authorizations to our users. This brought the team to RBE Plus from IBIS."

Director Global IT, ALMATIS Inc.

IBIS: Almatris is the world's leading supplier of premium alumina and went live on SAP in 2005. Jerry, you are wearing many hats at Almatris, what were the primary reasons reaching out to IBIS and requesting our services?

Almatris:

IBIS: Almatris had several key requirements to kick off their authorization project. Which key objectives have been covered by the IBIS services?

Almatris:

IBIS: What were the key steps in utilizing the results from the RBE Plus analysis?

Almatris: ...

IBIS: The RBE Plus Analysis provides a lot of details and information. How were you able to leverage the results specifically for the tasks at hand?

Almatris:

IBIS: Do you expect any other benefits from the RBE Plus Analysis in addition to supporting your Authorization initiative?

Almatris:

IBIS: Do you have any recommendations for other SAP customers based on your experience with IBIS and RBE Plus?

Almatris:

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