

# Sacherie Capron Optimising raw material storage

Faced with a recurrent problem of lack of space, the Sacherie Capron Company, based in Fort-de-France (Martinique, France), renegotiated its contracts with its suppliers. Results: reduction of stocks by one third, and more than 25% space saved.

**T**he Sacherie Capron Company, a specialist in paper and plastic packaging based in Martinique, is faced with permanent lack of space in its workshops and warehouses. On the advice of the managers of the Communauté d'agglomération centre Martinique (Cacem) (Centre Martinique conurbation committee), the Sacherie Capron Company appealed to Cetim experts to find a solution.

The study carried out for the paper workshop consisted in mapping the manufacturing process and carrying out a compared analysis of the order backlog and the schedules. It revealed different bottlenecks in the manufacturing process, as well as the existence of significant stocks of raw materials and finished products which could amount to up to six months or even one year of deliveries.

## 25% space saving

Several recommendations were made, among which the multiplication of the number of container rotations, the

reduction of the number of suppliers, better adaptation of the production to customers' needs, the implementation of new storage and handling systems as well as flow management with the Gopal method.

*"By following Cetim's recommendations, we passed from three suppliers to two, which allowed us to negotiate more rotations", Sacherie Capron Technical Manager Harry Bibrac says. "The reduction in the paper procurement times led to a reduction of the stock by one third, hence more than 25% space saving."*

## Gopal method: widely approved

On the contrary, this operation could not be reproduced as expected on the other



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two workshops (plastic and disposable tableware). Similarly, the systems recommended for storage optimisation cannot be installed at present.

*"With a resumption of the activity, Harry Bibrac says, "it is clear that it would be interesting to implement the production flow control method (called Gopal method). Also, if we had the means to relocate our activity in new premises, a more efficient and safer storage and handling system would be really interesting."*

## Cetim's asset



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**Corporate name**  
Sacherie Capron

**Workforce**  
38 persons

**Activity**  
Manufacturing and marketing of paper packaging, plastic items with advertisement marking, disposable tableware, cardboard for table linen, biodegradable bags