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## **Aarstiderne introduces Voice Picking in their distributioncentre.**

**Aarstiderne introduces VoicePicking in their distributioncentre, because of an increasing demand for individual selected ecological groceries. Aarstiderne is also expanding their business and will distribute groceries from other companies.**

Aarstiderne will in April 2006 introduce a new system for voice controlled picking and packing of individual orders.

"We now take a big step. We could have chosen a barcode solution, but voice control is the future and gives the largest benefits and fewest mistakes, when you are handling a lot of individual orders" says Henrik Bendtsen from Aarstiderne

With this system the employee doesn't have to carry paper lists or even look it up on a screen. Instead he has his hands and eyes free to work, which raises the efficiency and the working conditions.



"I expect to save 30% on employee expenses, and the return on investment will be 18 months. There won't be any cuts in staff, because of an increasing demand on our services, and because of a new order to distribute food to schools and cantinas for the company Frydenholm.



### **Ready to go solution from Apport systems**

Aarstiderne will use the Apport Picking system, which is fully integrated with their ERP solution. "An option was to develop the picking solution ourselves, but Apport Systems already had a solution to optimize item placing in the warehouse, and contained detailed report- and analysis module. This way we benefit from Apport Systems longstanding know-how in the field, so the choice wasn't hard to make". Henrik Bendtsen from Aarstiderne explains.

Apport Systems co-operates with Psion Teklogix on hardware. Psion Teklogix has supplied headsets and portable terminals for each team member as well as the network solution to connect the terminals with the underlying systems. The employees at Aarstiderne were used to picking lists on paper earlier, but now they've been replaced with the headsets.

The employee receives information for the next order through the headset, about where to go and how many items are needed. Invoice and address label is automatically printed when the crate is full, if the employee state a security number through the headset.

### **Voice controlled picking is the future.**

Voice controlled picking is finding it's way to many warehouses – and for many reasons. Errors can be reduced with 80%, team members are more efficient, work environment is more secure, and the return on investment is typically less than a year. Voice Picking is very easy to learn – and a great help for employees that aren't strong readers.

Voice control has existed in 15 years. In the beginning the solutions were not very user friendly, and the control was limited to a few words. Since then there has been enormous improvements of the technology and integration and last but not least the usability and user friendliness. This has led to a number of ready to go solutions, which is easily implemented and integrated with other systems.