



From Manual Checks to Embedded Control

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Madison Delgado, Process Lead, Global Supply Chain with Freeport-McMoRan

Challenges

Freeport-McMoRan Inc. is a leading global metals company focused on copper production. Headquartered in Phoenix, Arizona, Freeport-McMoRan operates large, long-lived mining assets across Indonesia, North America, and South America, including the world-renowned Grasberg minerals district.

With operations spanning multiple countries, banking systems, and regulatory environments, managing supplier data accurately and ensuring payments go to the correct accounts is critical. At Freeport-McMoRan's scale, even small data issues can create financial risk, compliance exposure, and operational disruption.

Before Relish Data Assure, supplier validation required:

- Manual checks across multiple third-party data sources
- No embedded validation within the current ERP workflows
- Limited visibility into global supplier banking and tax risks
- Significant internal time spent resolving exceptions

At Freeport-McMoRan's scale, a manual and disconnected validation process wasn't sustainable, especially as global operations expanded and the need for consistent, embedded controls became clear.

Solution

Freeport-McMoRan embedded Relish Data Assure directly within the current ERP systems, creating a centralized, in-workflow validation experience that eliminated fragmented systems and manual checks.

Key Automations Implemented

- **Bank Account Ownership Validation:** Supplier names are verified against bank account ownership data before payment setup, ensuring funds are directed to legitimate accounts and reducing the risk of misdirected payments or account takeover fraud.
- **GAN Integration:** GAN was integrated directly within the workflow to support third-party onboarding and risk screening. This enables ongoing monitoring, faster issue identification, and more streamlined remediation and reporting.
- **Tax & Banking Information Verification:** Supplier tax IDs, VAT numbers, and banking details are instantly validated during registration and updates, significantly reducing back-and-forth and fraud risk.
- **Custom Bank ID Table:** A tailored bank key matrix was implemented to support complex global banking requirements, enabling accurate validations across regions with varying financial standards.

Results

With Relish Data Assure embedded directly into the current systems, Freeport-McMoRan now runs supplier validation at true enterprise scale:

- **91,000+ total supplier validations processed**
- **3,000+ validations per month on average**
- **4,150 bank account validations completed**
- **Over 52% of bank validations flagged discrepancies requiring review**

The 52% of bank validations flagged is especially significant. More than half of bank validations surfaced discrepancies that required attention, issues that might otherwise have gone undetected or required time-consuming manual review.

Beyond scale, Freeport-McMoRan achieved:

- Faster supplier onboarding through real-time, in-workflow validation
- Improved data accuracy and stronger regulatory compliance controls
- Standardized supplier validation processes across global regions
- Reduced manual effort and exception handling
- A more secure and streamlined supplier experience

Conclusion

By embedding Relish Data Assure directly in the existing systems, Freeport-McMoRan modernized how supplier data is validated and secured across its global operations. What was once a manual, fragmented process is now standardized, automated, and built directly into existing workflows.

With the addition of GAN and Bank Account Ownership Validation, Freeport-McMoRan strengthened third-party screening, improved financial controls, and reduced manual effort – creating a more consistent and scalable approach to supplier onboarding worldwide.



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