

# 3B SUPPLY timeline

1990

Barnes Group (a company founded in 1857) establishes an SBU charter for its Bowman Distribution Business, and work begins on creating organizational structure, sales processes, operational SOPs. Our era as an Integrated Industrial Supplier is dawned as Bowman Customized Service Division of Barnes Group Inc (NYSE: B)

1991

Very first enterprise customer signs up for this relatively unknown Integrated Supply Model. That actual customer has a relationship with us to this day.

1992-2005

Rapid Integrated Supply boom is followed by rapid bust as Integrated Supply models become more and more convoluted with Legacy cost structures.

1996-2003

Bowman Distribution is renamed Barnes Distribution; in conjunction with multiple acquisitions of Curtis Industries, Mechanics Choice, and KAR Products in North America and several acquisitions in Europe.

2008

Internal Decision is made to either right-cost or spin-off the Barnes Integrated Supply SBU

2009

Barnes Integrated Supply SBU is spun off into a separate company and rebranded as '3B Supply' [The three B's stand for the SBU names under Barnes umbrella that all started with the letter 'B' three different ways since 1990]

2011

Barnes Distribution Europe sold to Berner SE

2013

Barnes Distribution North America sold to MSC Industrial Direct; closing the chapter on Barnes' name in the Industrial Distribution arena.

2020

3B Supply has grown 10-times the size since last 10 years; while right-sizing its cost structure, shedding corporate Legacy cost burdens, and developing its own state of the art customer-facing technology platforms for in both hardware and software.