POLCOLORIT STREAMLINES PROCESSES WITH IFS APPLICATIONS™, IMPLEMENTED BY INFOCONSULTING

Polcolorit S.A., a Polish-based, renowned ceramic tiles manufacturer, has been operating in the Polish building materials market for over 30 years. From the beginning, the company has been cooperating closely with the world center for ceramics Sassuolo, in the province of Modena in Italy, where the latest production technologies are being developed. Polcolorit's production plants are some of the most modern plants in Europe in their scope of architectural and technological solutions. The implementation of IFS Applications has increased the efficiency of processes primarily in the areas of production, logistics and sales.

IT'S UPGRADE TIME

Polcolorit S.A. has been using IFS Applications™ for several years now. In 2013, its board of management decided to update the system to the new version to continue to enhance their business processes.

"Modern management systems and a real-time access to complete information is a key to agile business. By deciding to implement the new version of IFS Applications, we wanted to optimize our business processes even more, and to enhance the quality and performance of all Polcolorit's divisions", says Ireneusz Wolf, Vice-President of the Board at Polcolorit S.A.

THE GOAL: KEY PROCESSES OPTIMIZATION

The agreement for the delivery and implementation of IFS Applications 8 was signed in September 2013 with a Polish partner of IFS, InfoConsulting.

"By undertaking the project to update IFS Applications, we mainly wanted to streamline the way processes are run in our company. We needed to implement the newest technologies not only in our management processes, but also within the area of customer service. It was also very important for us to adjust our IT infrastructure to current requirements and standards," explains Zenon Kordyś, IT Manager in Polcolorit S.A. and IFS Applications Implementation Manager.

In compliance with IFS methodology, the enterprise software was implemented in a couple of phases. During an initial phase, the aims and expectations of Polcolorit were defined. The next phase included installation of the target infrastructure, operating system, applications server and database. During the preparation phase, InfoConsulting consultants performed a trial migration of data, after which they conducted a technical and substantive verification of its results. The final step included installation of interfaces in a test environment, followed by a training phase, and concluded with the successful go live of IFS Applications 8.

ABOUT POLCOLORIT S.A.

Polcolorit S.A is the oldest Polish private company manufacturing ceramic tiles. It was founded in 1984 and since then, it has been constantly developing. Each year, the company broadens its range of products. Also, its machine park is regularly upgraded. Production takes place in a modern factor equipped with state-of-the-art automatic technological lines. Polcolorit S.A. is primarily associated with a wide range of bathroom, kitchen and floor tiles, distinctive with its unique design, as well as beautifully-crafted decorations.
www.polcolorit.pl

ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP

InfoConsulting Sp. z o.o., a Platinum-level IFS partner, is a consulting company specializing in delivering comprehensive services in consulting, IT systems implementation and customer support. InfoConsulting is a part of the global IFS Partner Network and is entitled to sell, implement and maintain IFS Applications on the Polish market.

QUICK IMPLEMENTATION

The update covered the main areas of the company's activity: production, purchasing, sales, warehouse management (including a high-storage warehouse), finances, accounting, as well as HR and payroll. Moreover, IFS Warehousing™ was implemented to manage the company's finished products warehouse. A barcode system and wireless terminals used to register work orders for warehouse staff were also implemented.

"The implementation was very quick. The InfoConsulting consultants were very determined to maintain a tight schedule. Their attitude also motivated our team. We jumped through many hoops to redefine our processes step by step and to show real benefits of the new solutions", Zenon Kordyś comments.

IFS Applications 8 went live at the beginning of 2014 and is used by 71 Polcolorit employees.

TRANSPARENT PROCESSES, MORE EFFECTIVENESS

The implementation of IFS Applications 8 enabled the company to reorganize its management processes with proper modeling of process support paths in the enterprise software. It also expanded the possibilities of agile system configuration in response to changing business needs.

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"After the implementation of IFS Applications, we achieved increased transparency in our operations. We can check our processes at any time, as all information is available in real time. The implemented documentation circulation system saves employees time in numerous divisions. Easier information search, reliable data and quick flow of information allow us to work more efficiently," Zenon Kordyś emphasizes.

The implementation of IFS Applications 8 in Polcolorit S.A. enhanced project execution effectiveness in the area of sales, production and logistics. In the area of finances, revenue and expense analysis was improved. Also, cost budgeting was included in the enterprise software. Another measurable benefit is the reduction in servicing costs through the use of standard functions in the solution.

"Deploying the IFS Warehousing solution for warehouse logistics management is a big achievement for us. Earlier, we were using a third-party solution that was unable to meet our needs. At present, warehouse workflow is planned and monitored in detail. Thus, our warehouses operate more smoothly," Zenon Kordyś sums up.

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BENEFITS

- Quick and easy access to management information
- Improved efficiency of production processes
- Enhanced warehouse logistics
- Improved performance in warehouses
- Optimized sales processes
- Streamlined document workflow

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