POLCOLORIT STREAMLINES PROCESSES WITH IFS APPLICATIONS™ 8

Polcolorit S.A.—a Polish-based ceramic tiles manufacturer—implemented IFS Applications™ 8 to streamline business processes in the field of manufacturing, distribution and finances.

Polcolorit S.A. has been operating on the Polish building materials market for over 30 years. In its production sites, Polcolorit manufactures all kinds of tiles: wall, floor, fire and kitchen tiles, as well as decorative elements, ceramic bands, and hand-painted tiles. Production takes place in a spacious, modern factor equipped with state-of-the-art automatic technological lines.

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 agreement for the delivery and implementation of IFS Applications 8 was signed in September 2013 with a Polish partner of IFS, Advanced Business Solutions Sp. z o.o.

"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, ABS consultants performed a trial migration of data, after which they conducted a technical and substantive verification of its results.

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. Polcolorit's production plants are one of the most modern plants in Europe in the scope of architectural and technological solutions. 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.

IFS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ADVANCED BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Advanced Business Solutions Sp. z o.o. is a consulting company specializing in delivering IT solutions for industry, public administration and service companies. ABS staff includes over 100 high-class analysts, architects and programmers. The company operates in the whole country — it has offices in Warsaw, Cracow, Katowice, and Poznań. This way, it is always close to its clients regardless of their location.

The next step included installation of interfaces in a test environment. After the test and training phase, IFS Applications 8 went live.

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 WMS™ 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 ABS consultants were very determined to keep up with 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.

BENEFITS

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.

"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 WMS 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.

BENEFITS

- Quick and easy access to management information
- Improved efficiency of production processes
- Real-time access to production-related data
- Enhanced warehouse logistics
- Improved agility and performance in warehouses
- Enhanced sales processes
- More efficient documentation circulation

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