

KBR Poland becomes more effective with IFS



KBR Poland provides services in the field of investment and renovation, erection and construction, as well as maintenance services. Implementing IFS ERP allowed the company to optimize its main processes and increased the company's effectiveness.

KBR Poland (formerly BE&K Europe) specializes in comprehensive projects in the field of investment and renovation, erection and construction, and maintenance. KBR Poland's customers are primarily companies from the pulp and paper, wood, energy and chemical industries. KBR Poland does not limit its operations to Poland. Each year, the company gains new international customers who appreciate the versatility of KBR's offer for their industry.

Upgrading IFS ERP

IFS, a comprehensive suite of ERP software, has been used by KBR Poland since 2002. Its latest version was updated in 2011. The main objective of this implementation was further efficiency enhancements in the company. This solution was to provide optimum support for business processes and accelerate access to key management information. "We expected that the upgrade would allow us to eliminate existing solutions and benefit from utilizing the new functionalities of the integrated system," explains Rafał Bzymek, Financial Director of KBR Poland. "Work on the upgrade commenced in September 2011. In January 2012, we started project phases that included solution preparation, deployment preparations and production deployment. As work progressed, members of KBR Poland's implementation teams played an increasingly substantial part in the implementation. "IFS conducted training sessions on data migration tools, provided help while we exported data from the original version of the system, and assisted during data migration trials. The actual migration process has been conducted by administrators and appointed key users of KBR Poland supported by IFS consultants," Bzymek emphasizes. The new version of IFS implemented in KBR Poland is linked to the Oracle 11 database, and the system was implemented in the areas of finances, distribution, repairs/service and HR and payroll.

About KBR Poland SP. Z O.O.

KBR Poland (formerly BE&K Europe) has been operating in the Polish market since 1994, specializing in comprehensive handling of renovation, erection and construction projects within pulp and paper, wood, energy and chemical industries. The company has over 700 employees. KBR Poland has its headquarters in Kwidzyn with divisions in Świecie and Klucze. The KBR concern, owning KBR Poland, operates in over 45 countries with around 45,000 employees worldwide. KBR has offices in the USA, the United Kingdom, Russia, Singapore, Australia, Indonesia, Egypt, South Africa, Azerbaijan and Nigeria.

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Enhanced cost control, more efficient distribution

The upgrade to a new version allowed the company to introduce a number of functional improvements in various key business processes.

In finances, the new version of the system allows for a greater control of actual costs and provides more efficient mechanisms for current settlements and reconciliation of accounts directly in the system.

“We have improved the process of registering and confirming invoices, and—owing to an extended range of features for taxes—VAT settlements are performed more effectively. Our budgeting process became more effective as well,” explains Bzymek.

For distribution, the company gained, among other things, the capability to handle customer-provided materials within the system and to use the MRP functionality to automatically generate purchase requisitions on the basis of defined minimum stock. Sales and invoicing are now performed through customer a order, which means that 3rd party invoicing has been eliminated.

Efficient service, better HR processes

Improvements have also been noticed in the key area of the company’s operation—maintenance. The solution enables an automatic linkage of sales invoices with work orders, streamlines structures, and reduces the number of work orders.

IFS effectively supports planning and cost estimation for large, long term projects executed locally and abroad.

“Our erection and construction works, as well as maintenance services, require constant control over the machinery we own and over our construction facilities. The solution supports us in terms of optimal allocation of these assets,” says Bzymek. The IFS solution upgrade also allowed KBR Poland to introduce a number of improvements in the HR and payroll areas. A payroll algorithm has been simplified thanks to a range of new functions that reduce the number of wage components, as well as automatizing the calculations. Users of the new version of IFS ERP will also benefit from IFS Enterprise Explorer—the intuitive IFS user interface. It provides a significant number of amenities related to work ergonomics, such as an ability to communicate with other users directly on the application level, creating a simplified access menu to selected user functionalities, and advanced capabilities to send revision queries. “The implementation of a modern, integrated ERP solution to support company management has allowed us to make our work more effective and improved information workflows within the company,” Bzymek concludes.

Benefits seen using IFS

- Shorter time to close books every month
- Simplified tax settlements
- Streamlined budgeting process
- Invoicing directly from the work order based on customer orders
- Optimization and simplification of payroll calculation algorithm
- Improved customers order handling
- Automatic generation of inventory orders to keep defined levels of materials in stock
- Simpler structure and more efficient handling of work orders
- Easy and quick access to information

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