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ZEUS® Time & Attendance, Plant Data Collection and Access Control at the pump manufacturers Homa Pumpenfabrik GmbH

Starting up in 1946 as a small handicraft business providing repair services for electric motors, the Homa Pumpenfabrik GmbH has developed into a medium-sized global player specialising in pumps for wastewater technology, fresh water supply and building drainage sectors for customers around the world.

At the headquarters in Neunkirchen-Seelscheid near Cologne the Homa Pumpenfabrik GmbH has 230 employees. Overseas, the company maintains 60 offices and subsidiaries. For efficient plant, time data recording and processing, Homa relies on the ISGUS solutions ZEUS® for Time & Attendance, Plant Data Collection and Access Control.

Lack of support for the previous system

At the end of 2011, when Michael Rother took up his position as head of the Information Technology department at Homa, for him replacing the former system for time & attendance and plant data collection took top priority. Since the supplier did not support and update the system any more, the decision was made to replace it.

As they had an ERP system from ABAS Software AG in use since 1997, solutions from various ABAS cooperation partners in the personnel Time & Attendance/ PDC sector were analysed.

Finally, Michael Rother found the ideal partner namely the ISGUS Sales Centre South West, IVS Zeit + Sicherheit GmbH, who offered the most exceptional, state-of-the-art service package.

Additionally, the solution had to comply with other new functions. The product specification, issued by Michael Rother and the departments involved, included for example paperless processing of absence and booking update requests.

The ZEUS® WebWorkflow module was the optimum solution, essential to cope with this requirement.

Implementation step by step

Because of the imposed criteria, due to necessary business processes, the replacement of the previous system had first priority at Homa.

The ZEUS® Time & Attendance and Access Control have been successfully installed at the headquarters in Oberheister since early 2013. The ZEUS® Plant Data Collection solution is currently in the implementation phase and the production departments are gradually being introduced to the new system.

„Finally, the expansion for Access Control to the new company premises is planned”, Michael Rother explains.



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Easy interface configuration

In cooperation with the IVS support, the Homa IT department configured and implemented the interface between ABAS-ERP and the ZEUS® Time & Attendance (or rather Plant Data Collection) independently from any foreign help. „Fortunately I can count on an employee, who is dedicatedly focused on the ERP system and its interfaces”, Michael Rother said and added that whilst activating the interface between ZEUS® Time & Attendance and the payroll software „Exact Lohn” used by Homa - external help was not necessary.

More transparency and efficiency

In technical terms, ZEUS® Time & Attendance fulfils all requirements defined by Homa. Their previous unsupported system was completely replaced by the new stable and well supported system. In excess of 60 access terminals were installed to protect trouble spots and sensitive zones, such as server rooms, against unauthorised access.

The Homa product portfolio is remarkably diverse: The Homa business includes small series and contract production, but also special constructions focused on project business. By distributing technical and partially complex products, Homa set high standards regarding the whole product specific documentation. The diverse potential of ZEUS® PDC already meets these standards while producing the individual components.



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