



Perfectly positioned for whatever lies ahead



CompactGTL
Optimising natural resources

The Company

Established in 2006, CompactGTL plc develop and commercialise proprietary, compact reactor technology, which enables associated gas produced from oilfields to be converted to syncrude in both on and offshore environments. CompactGTL's business is focused on providing a unique value creating solution to the costly problem of associated gas disposal in the upstream oil and gas industry.

The privately-owned company was formed from the merger of GTL Microsystems AG and the Process technology division of Accentus plc (a former subsidiary of AEA Technology plc).

The company, which has offices and new purpose designed laboratories in Abingdon, Oxfordshire and a pilot plant facility in Wilton, Teeside, has established partnerships with key international partners in the industry and has over 18 patent groups granted worldwide. Continued investment in research and development is a high priority in order to sustain Compact's technical competitive advantage.

The Challenge

The additional business demands brought about by the merger could not be met by CompactGTL's current software solution. Significant data duplication and time consuming spread sheet analysis to produce management accounts was no longer acceptable.

Paul James, Financial Controller at CompactGTL comments, "Since our formation in 2006, we have been using a very basic software package, but over the years it's proved to be lacking in a couple of areas and can no longer cope with our business requirements overall. We acknowledged that we needed a package which was flexible, project-based, able to cope with multi-currency and had the scalability to grow with our business. We also required a reporting tool which could show us the cash expenditure of particular projects".

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The Solution

CompactGTL conducted a thorough review of the marketplace, looking at four systems before making a final decision. CompactGTL needed a package that was flexible, project based and had the scalability to grow with the business.

The decision to opt for Microsoft Dynamics AX from Ardent Solutions was made as it offers a single, unified solution with multi-lingual, multi-currency functionality. Paul continues, "We chose Ardent Solutions because they offered us exactly what we were looking for. Their competence and expertise with Microsoft technologies enabled a trouble-free implementation which was successfully delivered on time and to budget. Using Dynamics AX we'll be able to examine our own data and run individual department reports - the system offers a very end-user friendly tool for project analysis". Paul James, Financial Controller, CompactGTL.

The Benefits

CompactGTL quickly began to reap the benefits of the newly implemented Microsoft Dynamics AX solution. The previous method of using multiple spread sheets resulted in an awful lot of data duplication. Microsoft Dynamics AX stores everything in one centralised hub, saving staff considerable time and effort and ensuring the same information is not processed twice.

"We're certainly looking forward to the time savings the new system will provide. At the moment, the monthly accounts tend to take about two weeks to produce. With the new system, we predict that we'll be able to at least halve the time it takes to one working week or less. In only the first month of implementation we have already seen a time saving of approximately two days in month end processing routines. The profit and loss process which previously took three to four days each month has been reduced by more than 50%".

The Future

The company plans to continue its intensive development programme with the first commercial GTL plant expected by 2012. With Microsoft Dynamics AX and Ardent Solutions support CompactGTL will be positioned for whatever lies ahead.

"Project controllers have a detailed two year forecast and we plan to use AX to monitor expenditure against that forecast and impose strong financial control". Paul James, Financial Controller at CompactGTL.

Paul concludes "We definitely see Ardent Solutions as a source to help us expand. They are extremely responsive to our requirements and are always there when we need them - even at very short notice. Our intention is to work closely with them and ensure our future development. They have offered us a system that is fully flexible, but we'll be turning to them for support when we expand and need to develop our systems further".

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