

Press Release

A solution to streamline the scheduling and planning of routine maintenance

Corus selects TPG The Project Group to implement a Microsoft Project solution integrated with SAP via TPG PSLink

Manchester, United Kingdom, 02 February 2010 – TPG The Project Group, the world's leading integrator of SAP and Microsoft Project, has been selected by Corus to implement Microsoft Enterprise Project Management (EPM) and integrate it with the SAP system via the product TPG PSLink. With main steelmaking operations primarily in the UK and the Netherlands, Corus supplies steel and related services to the construction, automotive, packaging, mechanical engineering and other markets worldwide.

"TPG will deliver EPM with integration to both the SAP Plant Maintenance (PM) and Project Systems (PS) modules, enabling Corus to schedule and plan routine maintenance and end of campaign work", says Peter O'Neill, director of TPG's UK subsidiary. EPM and TPG PSLink will be rolled out to five sites in total in the UK and Netherlands, many sites managing close to 1 million scheduled maintenance tasks per year.

"Maintenance Planning is a critical part of the Engineering Management System adopted by Corus sites such as Scunthorpe, and TPG PSLink provides an accurate and efficient method of aligning Microsoft Project to the Primary SAP system" says Damon Owen, Corus Project Manager for the implementation. "TPG PSLink also provides a suitable solution to effectively manage the high volume of data for a number of Corus Sites throughout the UK and the Netherlands".

About Corus

Corus is Europe's second largest steel producer and is a subsidiary of Tata Steel, one of the world's top ten steel producers. The combined enterprise has an aggregate crude steel capacity of more than 28 million tonnes and approximately 80,000 employees across four continents.

About TPG The Project Group – your project experts

TPG The Project Group GmbH, based in Munich, Germany, is an international full service provider for enterprise-wide project management. The company is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner whose services include consulting, implementation, hosting, products and training on project management and Microsoft Project. TPG's comprehensive and leading product portfolio is built on the significant implementation experience the company has acquired since it was founded in 1998.

TPG PSLink® is the world's leading and only SAP certified product for integrating Microsoft EPM with SAP. TPG's range of products and services is complemented by public seminars on Microsoft Project for users and administrators and on PMI methodology (Project Management Institute).

TPG increases the maturity level of its customers' project management, making a significant contribution to their business success. It sells its products and services via its offices in Germany, Austria, USA and UK, as well as through an international network of authorized partners. TPG's customers are large and mid-sized companies in all industries, including AOL, Audi, Bosch, BAE Systems, EON, GE, Harman, Infineon, MAN, Microsoft, SAP, and Siemens.

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