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SIMONA AG

Sycor implements archive solution with SAP® ERP integration for SIMONA AG



When SIMONA AG decided to implement an ERP system for the first time, the company's existing electronic archive could not be integrated. SYCOR GmbH, based in Göttingen, Germany, was contracted to replace the outdated archive.

"In 2000, we launched the 'Logistics 2010' concept in an effort to drive changes at the operational level and prepare SIMONA for future international growth. We looked throughout the Group to determine where there was potential for improvement," says Peter Schantz, former head of IT at SIMONA AG. One result of this effort was the decision to implement an integrated IT solution for the entire company. SIMONA chose Sycor and its *Sycor.Plastics* industry template, which is based on SAP standard software.

The logical result was to replace SIMONA's existing archive solution as it was not approved for integration with SAP. The contract went to Sycor as the company already had experience with archive solutions in a SAP environment and could offer a solution that was already approved: IBM FileNet. "We took over the complete design and installation of a SAP archive based

on IBM FileNet for SIMONA. Other project tasks included integration with the SAP system, basic SAP customizing for a variety of scenarios, integration and installation of the Jukebox and scan scenarios for linking electronic documents to SAP documents," explains Jan Oldigs, archiving and document management consultant at Sycor.

The project was launched in mid-2004. During the software upgrade, the IBM FileNet archive solution was installed along with the necessary interfaces to SAP by the beginning of 2005. As part of this project, Sycor integrated Simjector, a custom solution for archiving pay statements, and the *Sycor.DataInjector* for migrating legacy data. "Even during the planning stage, we faced an enormous challenge because huge volumes of data needed to be migrated from the legacy archive. We solved this problem by integrating high-capacity storage media." says Jan Oldigs.

SIMONA can now easily store documents electronically and is benefiting from fast and convenient availability of information. "We were 100% satisfied with Sycor," says Peter Schantz from SIMONA AG. And this is why Sycor has continued to implement enhancements and updates to the IBM FileNet archive solution for SIMONA to this day.

SIMONA AG

Head office:
Kirn, Germany

Industry:
Plastics processing

Products:
Semi-finished plastics as well as pipes and fittings, finished parts, sheets, rods, profiles and welding rods

Size of company (SIMONA Group):
1,230 employees (2009)
€215.1 million in sales (2009)

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Project

Replacement of existing archive solution

Benefits:

- Easy document management
- Quick access to information
- Full integration with the ERP system
- Faster, more efficient processes