



## Financial Management for Business without limits

### riha Richard Hartinger Getränke GmbH & Co.

**Location:** Rinteln

**Established in:** 1934

**Number of employees:** 2.000

**Business segment:**

Producer of soft drinks such as WeserGold, naturella, Fruchtquell, Mineralquelle and Agrozumos.

**Internet:** [www.riha.de](http://www.riha.de)

*Since the replacement of DCW solutions in 2004, the riha group has been using a combination of trend SWM for ERP and PORTOLAN EVM as an accounting solution.*

Mr. Gunther Jönsson, Head of commercial IT at riha, said about the decision in favor of PORTOLAN's accounting suite EVM: „Due to good experiences right from the beginning, we can say that we made the right decision.“ He was especially satisfied with the high user acceptance. Furthermore, he added that the application's sophisticated flexibility (especially in the area of asset management) would be another advantage. Among other things, the economic values of filling machines are of special interest at riha.

The IT overall solution from riha is run centrally at the headquarters in Rinteln on an IBM System i5, model 520. All subsidiaries are connected via dedicated line. In addition, there is a mirrored back-up system (mirrored via Vision Solutions Orion for OS/400) on a separate IBM iSeries, model 820, which can be connected and put in regular operation within 30 minutes. Payroll Accounting has been provided by the PORTOLAN partner P&I, and labor time management has been provided by Breitenbach on a segregate Linux server with an Oracle database.

### The way to PORTOLAN and trend EVM

In 2002, riha decided to use a combination of Future II by trend SWM for production and resource planning and DCW software for accounting. The newly implemented DCW accounting solution did in fact meet all requirements, even international. However, the medium-sized enterprise riha didn't want to take any investment risk after the acquisition of DCW by SAP. SAP made no statements concerning long-time developments, thus riha saw their plan to realize Europe-wide installations at risk.

At first, SAP had been one of the possible alternatives. „We didn't quite understand why SAP had difficulties in making an offer about software and customizing, although they still had technical documentations from DCW at hand“, remembers Gunther Jönsson, commercial IT manager at riha. Bearing possible group expansions in mind, not only language and country versions for current riha countries were required. At this point, PORTOLAN impressed riha with its 19 language and 27 country versions that are currently available. Furthermore, a future-proof solution was of major significance. After all, riha planned to use the software for at least twelve years right from the beginning.

# REFERENCES



## Technology

IBM System i  
trend SWM Future II  
PORTOLAN EVM:  
Financial Accounting, Cost Accounting,  
Fixed Asset Management  
P& Payroll Accounting

Against this background, the decision to change to PORTOLAN's EVM for international financial management and cost accounting was made in 2004.

The accounting suite EVM from PORTOLAN replaced DCW at riha companies all over the world. In 2008, the decision to use PORTOLAN turned out to be right also with regard to the future-proof solutions from PORTOLAN. At that time, trend SWM and PORTOLAN were working on a joint ERP suite. They finally founded the joint venture called trend EVM Software für den Mittelstand GmbH. Their vision: to provide ERP alternatives „made in Germany“ to medium-sized producing and trading companies with more than 50 employees. Those industry-oriented software suites would include completely integrated and internationally oriented „one-stop“ accounting solutions.

After the first years in effective use, riha has already made good experiences with its new accounting solution. The group considers the adding of further foreign subsidiaries. For the time being, we have to complete the modifications at the logistics center in Rinteln“, explains Gunther Jönsson. „In March 2008, the Spanish company has gone live with trend EVM. The expansion of the logistics center in Rinteln will soon be completed. One of the next projects will be the automation of intercompany processes“, says Gunther Jönsson.

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