



PORTOLAN brightens up IT environment at Waldmann Group

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ENGINEER OF LIGHT.

Herbert Waldmann GmbH & Co. KG

Location: Villingen-Schwenningen

Established in: 1928

Number of employees: 800

Business segment:

Production of lighting concepts for work places and for the medical and other industrial sectors.

Internet: www.waldmann.com

The professional provider of lighting concepts decides to implement the accounting suite EVM at all sites

The accounting software provider PORTOLAN Commerce Solutions GmbH (situated in Ilsfeld) has acquired another internationally operating client. The Herbert Waldmann GmbH & Co.KG is one of the world's leading manufacturers of lighting concepts with headquarters in Villingen-Schwenningen. For the time being, Waldmann's German and Dutch headquarters will implement the accounting suite EVM that consists of applications in the area of financial and asset accounting as well as cost accounting. Next year, the other subsidiaries in Austria, in Switzerland, France, Italy, Sweden, Great Britain, in the USA and in Singapore will be part of the roll-out process. „Our previous solutions for Financial Accounting, Fixed Asset and Cost Accounting were from different software providers and were not up-to-date“ says Harald Olschewski, Head of Organization at Waldmann and explains the reasons why Waldmann changed its financial software.

„With our numerous subsidiaries in mind, we were looking for financial software that could be implemented at all sites and which used an IBM System I platform as part of Waldmann's strategic concept.“

Soon after they started searching, they realized that their requirements were totally met by the solutions of PORTOLAN, which provides 19 language and 27 country versions as part of the standard. „EVM provides integrated accounting solutions, where many functions and analyses are realized in standard already. Its clearly structured user interface provides a fast and easy handling of the application. The high level of integration compared to our self-developed ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) software and the fact of using IBM System i environments, were all reasons in favor of using PORTOLAN solutions“, Olschewski continues.

Successful project launch

The project started early in September with the installation of software. Harald Olschewski is glad: Our expectations concerning short-term and quick implementation processes seem to be justified, also due to the expertise of project staff from PORTOLAN.

„As far as we can see, we are currently making quick progress.“ If everything goes well, Waldmann Germany will start working with the productive system on November 1st, 2008. After that, software installation will take place at all other subsidiaries.

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