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Bielefeld, April 4, 2006 - itelligence has reported that mySAP ERP has successfully gone into operation at HEWI Heinrich Wilke GmbH. More than 300 users in administration, sales and production are now working effectively with mySAP ERP in optimized and consistently streamlined IT processes and with a high level of data transparency. In addition, this improved transparency also contributes to the systematic integration of a wide range of IT systems in mySAP ERP, including the Viastore high rack warehouse management system. In particular, HEWI is generating tangible process optimization in the mapping of its complex product variant structures for door hardware, for which there are billions of possible product variations.

With its around 510 employees, HEWI Heinrich Wilke GmbH, headquartered in Bad Arolsen, manufactures products throughout Europe and operates subsidiaries in the United Kingdom and France. Among other things, HEWI became known for its highly functional plastic door handles. The product range of this traditional, mid-market company also includes handrails, sanitary accessories, signage systems and electronic locking systems.

Stefan Kuhn, head of Finance & IT at HEWI Heinrich Wilke GmbH said: "In itelligence, we as a mid-market company have found a genuine full-service IT partner, with which we can implement international SAP licenses, maintenance and consulting from a single source. We also benefited from itelligence's industry expertise in plastics and metal processing – thanks to our mySAP ERP system and consulting from itelligence AG, we have been able to effectively structure our extremely prolific range of variants and optimize our processes. As a result, we can tangibly strengthen our competitive capability."

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The project as a whole is distinguished by the high level of integration of IT systems from a range of different areas. In addition to introducing the mySAP ERP system with Sales and Distribution (SD), Materials Management (MM), Quality Management (QM), Product Lifecycle Management (PLM), Warehouse Management (WM), Production Planning (PP), Variant Configuration (VAR-CONF), Financial Accounting and Asset Accounting (FI, AM), Controlling (CO) and Human Resources (HR) modules, for example, the high rack warehouse management system from Viastore was also integrated at the same time. Since the full implementation, warehouse management Intermec radio scanners in warehouse and dispatch areas for mobile data entry by radio frequency (RF), the Hyparchiv document management system from GFT and the EDI connection with Seeburger and the VKI CRM system have now also been integrated directly with mySAP. The Proquam plant data collection system and the Interflex time recording terminal in the tool construction and plastic injection molding machinery area have also been directly linked to SAP. In the foreign trade processing section, itelligence implemented a customs tariff preference calculation in SAP.

Peter Roth, project manager at itelligence commented: "In mySAP ERP, HEWI is using an integrated, high performance ERP system designed for long-term use. The joint HEWI and itelligence SAP project team satisfied the requirement of a highly economical SAP implementation with a high level of function coverage and documentation of all processes. Our customer has therefore now achieved its project goal of creating a fully integrated and transparent system world for consistent business processes that it can use for a long time to come. With the successful implementation of mySAP ERP, this traditional company has created a good foundation for solid, scalable growth."

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