

itelligence confirms its competitive edge in the steel industry

Edelstahlwerke Buderus AG awards follow-up contract to itelligence AG

Frankfurt, July 10, 2003 - The manufacturer of special steels, Edelstahlwerke Buderus AG, Wetzlar, has commissioned itelligence AG to connect the company's production planning and quality management units to its existing SAP system. In June 2003, itelligence, a full-service provider for SAP, started to implement SAP Production Planning and Control (PP) as well as SAP Quality Management (QM) at the steel mill and connected production plants. Edelstahlwerke Buderus AG is a renowned German manufacturer of high-quality special steels which employs some 1,640 people and generated sales of EUR 317 million in 2002.

itelligence already successfully supported Buderus' migration from SAP R/2 to SAP R/3 in 2001 and 2002. This also included major adjustments to bring the system in line with the company's structures as well as an add-on to optimize sales processes for steel bars. The add-on permits to assign the same type of steel bar to several customer orders without having to make the various entries normally required in the standard SAP system.

For Lutz Holland, IT Manager of Edelstahlwerke Buderus AG, the cooperation with itelligence is a safe investment in existing know-how: "itelligence AG is an IT partner which we can trust and which has proven its expertise. itelligence's SAP consultants used their industry know-how efficiently and effectively."

Edelstahlwerke Buderus AG expects the connection of the SAP PP and QM modules to the SAP ERP software with its some 330 users to result in a significant optimization of its processes and a noticeable reduction of its process and information costs. itelligence AG supports in particular the mapping of the company's different product lines through the detailed configuration of SAP variants. Edelstahlwerke Buderus AG benefits from the development and realization of maximum routings and maximum bills of material; the object dependencies are used for the variant configuration. The replacement of various legacy systems and their integration into the SAP system reduces the complexity of the IT landscape and is expected to result in much lower interface maintenance expenses.

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About Edelstahlwerke Buderus AG:

Edelstahlwerke Buderus AG is a company of the Buderus AG Group based in Wetzlar. Edelstahlwerke Buderus AG, also headquartered in Wetzlar, is a renowned German manufacturer of high-quality special steels. The company's product range includes rolled products, closed-die forgings, open-die forgings, tool steel and structural steel. As an automotive supplier, Buderus manufactures, for example, semi-finished products for steering parts that meet highest safety standards, for engine components such as crankshafts and connecting rods, gear wheels and shafts as well as instruments. The entire production process, from melting through to the end product, is conducted in-house. This is a major factor in the company's success in the marketplace. Edelstahlwerke Buderus AG employs some 1,640 people and generated sales of EUR 317 million in 2002.

About itelligence AG:

itelligence AG is a leading international full-service provider for SAP employing some 1,380 highly qualified employees at 44 branches in 19 countries. As a mySAP.com Channel, Service and Support Alliance as well as Hosting Partner and Global Services Partner, itelligence realizes complex projects in the SAP environment for over 1,200 customers worldwide. The company's services range from SAP consulting and licensing to outsourcing and services to proprietary industry-specific SAP solutions and individual software solutions. In 2002, itelligence AG generated total sales of EUR 168.5 million (ISIN DE 000 730 040 2).

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