



Van Houtum implements production information system HAI*QPM

Zwijndrecht, 20 June 2011 – Van Houtum, manufacturer of hygiene paper and innovative washroom solutions for professional end users, has started the implementation of HAI*QPM, the successful real-time manufacturing information system. Van Houtum uses HAI*QPM as a SaaS-application (Software-as-a-Service), through internet. HAI*QPM has been developed on the SAP Netweaver Platform, which for Van Houtum creates opportunities to align with their SAP ERP-policy.

Real-time (non)conformance for quality and production

During the production of high quality tissue paper, the ABB process control system records many process settings and in-line measurements. This information is automatically transferred to HAI*QPM (data collection) and visualised in real-time, showing (non)conformance against the specifications. And so, operators and engineers have a better overview on their production process and can take immediate corrective action if necessary.

At Van Houtum, many quality tests are carried out to check on product quality. All test results are entered into HAI*QPM. Containing all relevant information about the production process, together with product quality test results, HAI*QPM enables (non)conformance reporting, easy tracking and tracing and analyses for process improvement opportunities.

SaaS (Software as a Service)

HAI*QPM runs at the HAI*QPM data centre of Sogeti in The Netherlands. Van Houtum's employees have access to their own dedicated Van Houtum HAI*QPM implementation in the data centre through internet. Web service technology is used for the data collection from the ABB process control system into HAI*QPM. Since the HAI*QPM data centre takes care of installation and system management, Van Houtum did not have to take any provisions for hardware, installation, 24/7 support and up-time guarantees. This so-called SaaS model, where software is offered as a service, is more and more popular these days, because it accelerates and simplifies software implementation and maintenance. HAI is one of the "early-adopters" of the SaaS-concept and many customers enjoy working like this every day. Nevertheless HAI*QPM can still be installed on-premise (private cloud) when companies prefer this.



About HAI

As from 2001, HAI in The Netherlands (www.hai.nl) specialised in the marketing and development of easy-to-implement EMI software (Enterprise Manufacturing Intelligence). Today many customers in Europe and the Middle East enjoy the added value of HAI*QPM for their manufacturing operations. Leading multinational companies like Pepsico, Yakult, Elopak, IFFCO and Aviko experience the benefits of HAI*QPM every day.

About Van Houtum

Van Houtum has been an independent manufacturer of hygienic paper and innovative wash room solutions for 75 years, and is a leading company in the area of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). The headquarters and two production sites are based in Swalmen, The Netherlands. A yearly turnover of €60 million euros is realised with approx. 200 employees.

At van Houtum only 100% recycled paper is used for the production of hygienic paper, based on the principle that throw-away products may only be produced with used fibres. This vision on Corporate Social Responsibility is put into practice by a proportional attention for People, Planet and Profit. Under the flagship brand Satino Black, Van Houtum produces Cradle to Cradle Silver certified hygienic paper. Satino Black is the worlds' first and only hygienic paper which carries the labels for FSC recycled, European Eco-label and Cradle to Cradle. It is produced fully CO₂-neutral.

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