



ANDRITZ AUTOMATION INC. Manages Business Processes from Engineering to Payroll with Daptiv PPM

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AT A GLANCE

KEY FACTS

- Katcon lacked clear visibility into their Engineering division’s individual tasks, workloads and overall time spent on projects to see where they could aggressively reduce costs, increase productivity and focus on the right strategic initiatives.
- Daptiv PPM is being used currently within the Product Development division but Katcon hopes to spread use very soon to QA & Manufacturing and R&D Divisions.
- By leveraging Daptiv PPM, Katcon has been able to increase visibility by 100% and reduce meeting times by 50%.

ANDRITZ AUTOMATION INC. brings more than 50 years of engineering, simulation, advanced control and instrumentation expertise to customers in a wide range of industries. The company helps industrial facilities around the world achieve operational readiness—quickly, safely, reliably, and ahead of the curve.

BUSINESS NEED

ANDRITZ AUTOMATION INC. had been using timesheet software to manage employee timesheets for their engineers, developers and administrators. “We realized we needed resource management capabilities,” says Neeraj Nagpal, Resource Manager. “While our previous tool suited our needs for tracking employee time, it didn’t have functionality to manage projects or resources. Nagpal continues, “We also needed a tool to plan future project initiatives, and we didn’t have that capability. We wanted a single software solution that could manage resources and timesheets while also offering additional project management capabilities.”

SOLUTION

ANDRITZ AUTOMATION INC. needed a solution that met the following criteria and capabilities:

- Create custom employee timesheet reports
- Manage multiple ongoing projects at one time
- Adapt to current ANDRITZ AUTOMATION INC. business processes
- Import data easily to an SAP accounting system
- Provide immediate visibility into project and resource details

After researching Project and Portfolio Management (PPM) vendors, ANDRITZ AUTOMATION INC. considered Daptiv PPM and another vendor. “We chose Daptiv PPM because it handled project, resource, and timesheet management very well,” says Nagpal. “We are currently using Daptiv PPM within our Automation Solutions group, comprised of engineers, developers and project managers. We use the resource and

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timesheet management functionality with the engineering group while the project managers are creating projects, updating time schedules, and assigning resources. Our sales reps and administrators use Daptiv PPM to enter their time on non-project activities and then accounting gathers Daptiv PPM data from all groups. Accounting has created custom payroll reports from Daptiv PPM, and they send us this information to our main accounting division so that we can administer payroll.”

VALUE

Nagpal says, “Our business processes are easier and smoother now with Daptiv PPM, with fewer mistakes. Our accounting division alone saves 2–3 hours per week just on payroll reporting. Our previous time tracking tool gave us Excel reports which required extensive manual modifications which sometimes resulted in formula

errors. Needless to say, we’ve saved ourselves the headache while ensuring that the payroll part of our operational expenses is 100% accurate.”

In addition to business processes running more smoothly, Daptiv PPM also benefits business planning and collaboration. “Our resource managers utilize Daptiv PPM’s capacity planner as they get together to plan for future projects and for resource needs,” says Nagpal. “Upper management also reviews Daptiv PPM project and resource reports to stay abreast of new business operations and execution.”

Working with the people at Daptiv has been a positive experience. Nagpal says, “Daptiv’s Customer Support is not only knowledgeable but always responds to our inquiries in a timely manner.”



ABOUT DAPTIV

Founded in 1997, Daptiv is the leading provider of on-demand Project Portfolio Management (PPM) solutions. Daptiv has helped thousands of companies improve their strategic planning and business execution by offering adaptable PPM solutions and expert professional services. Daptiv’s customers include world-class organizations such as Beam, Chase, Coach, Harvard University, Honeywell, International Hotels Group, and Virgin Australia. For more information about Daptiv’s PPM solutions, please visit www.daptiv.com.