

ABZ: The Power of Teamwork



ABZ produces animal feed in six modern plants applying the latest technology, including AVEVA's PlantSCADA and IFS Ultimo Premium. ABZ selected IFS Ultimo Cloud for its ability to centralize data and make it easily accessible to AVEVA's PlantSCADA.

Unifying asset structures and information

The foundation of asset management is, of course, the assets. To shape this as efficiently and optimally as possible, a connection has been made with AVEVA's PlantSCADA. What makes this interface of value, is that most asset information can be synchronized one-on-one with Ultimo as early as the Design phase. But much more importantly: when ABZ rolls out new production lines and factories, all relevant asset information will be immediately available. So they can start with Asset Management immediately. Resulting in an extremely short time to value for ABZ!

ABZ deliberately chose the IFS Ultimo Cloud solution because it allows them to centralize all data and connect it easily with AVEVA's PlantSCADA. By breaking down these data silos, they create many new possibilities besides unifying the asset register, namely:

- connecting with condition monitoring tools and automatically reading meter values;
- automated reporting from operations;
- high degree of flexibility as changes are implemented faster.

ABZ sees the IFS Ultimo Cloud as a perfect way to embrace the digital transformation. In doing so, they have set the following goals:

- Unifying asset structures and information;
- Streamlining maintenance processes;
- Optimizing collaboration between departments.

Streamlining maintenance processes

Breaking down the data silos is made possible by using all the available data. This improves and optimizes the maintenance processes. Use meter readings to plan your maintenance instead of time-based maintenance. Let operators report issues and failures directly. This creates a continuous process of improvement.

About ABZ

ABZ has customers in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. In 2019, they started using Ultimo in Eindhoven. Two years later, they switched to IFS Ultimo Premium in the Cloud, ensuring they are always up to date and can grow more quickly and uniformly.

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Furthermore, ABZ had the ambition to work entirely paperless. An objective that was easily achieved with IFS Ultimo Cloud and specifically Ultimo Mobile. With Ultimo Mobile, the mechanics and operators have all the information at their fingertips. It is a very easy way for operators to submit new reports and provide them with a picture to make it even more apparent. It is then a very easy task for the mechanics to pick it up and deal with it. In doing so, everything is neatly recorded, and everyone is constantly informed of the entire progress. Again, this increases the level of communication and teamwork.

Optimizing collaboration between departments

Throughout the digital transformation, acceptance and support were approached as an integral project within ABZ. This will make the Operations, Maintenance and IT departments work better together. It automatically leads to mutual understanding and makes sharing information much more effortless.

Unconsciously and without any extra effort, training or explanation, this led to better cooperation between departments. Because this influences all day-to-day work and the factories need to keep running, ABZ enlisted the help of two consulting organizations: CGI as a specialist of operational technology side and Impazz as the implementation partner of IFS Ultimo.

Working with the Ultimo Go mobile app helps us further, bringing production and technical service closer together.

Head of Operations and Maintenance, Ad van den Boogaart.

Conclusion

Digital transformation offers many opportunities. What is important here is that you need to approach this as an integral project. Make sure the various departments are involved, and data is made available in a central location. Define the goals you want to achieve together and ask for help from specialists to speed things up. And above all, do it!

Benefits seen using IFS Ultimo

- Centralizes all data
- Automated reporting
- Optimizing collaboration between departments
- High degree of flexibility

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