



Edition 14/2007

Work Clearance Management Newsletter

Dear readers,

We have chosen our event in Amsterdam as the [top story](#) for our 14th WCM newsletter. We have put all of the presentations on a server so that you can [download](#) them.

More than 30 attendees were able to find out about the latest developments and future enhancements to the WCM component.

Please make a note of the [dates and events](#) at which we will be represented with [WCM](#).

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

Uwe Kirchner Christoph Wobbe

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Top Story

On February 27, SAP AG invited customers to the Work Clearance Management Info Day in Amsterdam. The date and location were chosen to enable participants to attend after the 6th SAP International Utilities Conference.

The following presentations were held at the info day:

Customers

- Martin Hewitt/Danny Dorrans: WCM Blueprint at United Paper Mills (UPM)

SAP

- Hisham Gouda: WCM at South California Edison
- Uwe Kirchner: WCM at Operational Level
- Rory Shaffer: Drive Shorter Outages Using WCM
- Dr. Walter Kienle: Planned Enhancements for the WCM Component

Partners

- Volker Enders: Reliability-Centered Maintenance and Optimization

The presentations were preceded by a brief opening speech and introduction:

Hisham Gouda: WCM at South California Edison (SCE)

[South California Edison](#), part of the Edison International Group, is one of the largest utility companies in the United States. SCE opted for a complete SAP installation that included WCM. Hisham Gouda presented the planning for the WCM subproject.

Martin Hewitt/Danny Dorrans: WCM Blueprint at United Paper Mills (UPM)

[UPM](#) is one of the three largest forest products companies in the world. It completed its WCM blueprint phase at the end of 2006. Starting in March 2007, the software will be rolled out to some 20 paper mills around the globe. WCM is replacing a mainframe-based system developed by UPM.

Patrik Verschüren: Electrabel – Upgrade to SAP ERP 2005

[Electrabel](#), one of our WCM pilot customers, is migrating to SAP ERP 2005. It will be rolled out to all locations worldwide. SAP ERP 2005 will replace many of Electrabel's own developments.

Rob Whitehead: Permit to Work Management with SAP WCM at CS Energy

[CS Energy](#), one of the fastest growing utility companies in Australia, deploys WCM in its four power plants. CS Energy went live with SAP ERP 2005 in January 2007. Rob Whitehead talked about the migration and his company's interesting enhancements to the software.

Uwe Kirchner: WCM at Operational Level

Uwe Kirchner talked about WCM at operational level (SAP ERP 2005). You can activate WCM for an operation to ensure safety measures are implemented at the operational level. These operations are described as WCM-relevant operations. You must assign an approval group to a WCM-relevant operation and rate this group; that is, you must specifically define whether it is necessary or not.

optimizing processes with WCM. Deploying WCM not only increases safety but also helps reduce downtime.

Dr. Walter Kienle: Planned Enhancements for the WCM Component

Dr. Walter Kienle presented the development planning for WCM. For example, numerous Business Add-Ins (BAIs) will enable customers to easily program individual enhancements to WCM without modifying the standard programs.

Volker Enders: RCMO – Reliability-Centered Maintenance and Optimization

Volker Enders of [Meridium](#), an SAP software partner, presented the integrated RCMO solution. Reliability-centered maintenance (RCM) is a plant maintenance strategy oriented to the condition of individual installations. The plant maintenance measures are optimized, depending on the use and condition of the installation. RCM takes into account how disruptions to part of an installation affect the installation as a whole.

Summary

Both the breaks between the [presentations](#) and our evening event offered ample time for attendees to network with each other. The feedback on the event was very positive: Everyone involved stated that they would like the event to take place regularly.

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Events/Training

[SAP-Centric EAM 2007](#)

Date: April 1–4, 2007

Location: Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa, California

[ASUG Annual Conference:](#)

Date: April 22–25, 2007

Location: Georgia World Congress Center – Atlanta, Georgia

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