Case Study

Mining Operations, benefit from EV Technologies' SAP BusinessObjects 4.1 Migration Framework

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Glencore's Copper Assets in North Queensland and Zinc Assets in Australia have recently completed a successful migration from SAP BusinessObjects XI 3.1 to the SAP BusinessObjects 4.1 platform.

Mining operations who participated in the migration include Mount Isa Mines, George Fisher Mine, Ernest Henry Mining, Lady Loretta, Townsville Copper Refinery, Bowen Coke and McArthur River Mine.

The mining operations partnered with EV Technologies, who used their tried and tested BI Migration Framework, powered by Sherlock for SAP BusinessObjects, to complete this migration. Clint Vosloo, Managing Partner for EV Technologies of the APJ region, said: "We were solicited to complete a two week SAP BI Migration Framework assessment in order to help secure and stabilize the company's imminent move from XI 3.1 to BI 4.1. Once we delivered the findings of the assessment, which demonstrated the competency and vast depth of knowledge of the EVT team , the mining operations also chose to entrust us with the delicate BI 4.1 implementation."

Rob Luhrs, Information Systems and Technology Manager for the Glencore Copper and Zinc Assets in Australia said: "The migration to BI 4.1 was a big project for us to provide the platform for further planned BI projects. Previous BI upgrades had given us considerable grief so we were looking for a partner who really knew the technical environment and EV Tech certainly provided that. The Sherlock tools gave us the ability to identify redundant reports and clean up our reporting environment with confidence meaning that we were able to remove a huge number of redundant reports with no negative business impact but a positive impact on

the cost and efficiency in managing the BI environment. This project was a resounding success with a seamless cutover to production."

Mr. Vosloo added: "From our perspective, the project was a resounding success and, of utmost importance, stayed within Mount Isa Mines' budget. Mount Isa Mines has a strong internal BusinessObjects team that we worked with closely to ensure the smooth running of the project. There is a big mind set shift between the old XI 3.1 landscapes and the new 4.1 environment, and I am proud to say that all the content and users were successfully migrated to the new landscape without incident."

Mr. Vosloo concluded by pointing out: "With the successful migration to the 4.1 platform completed, the mining operations can now run their SAP BusinessObjects environment with mainstream support. They now also have the ability to stay up-to-date with the latest innovations from SAP. With the tight integration of the SAP Lumira Server to the BI Launchpad with the recent 1.29 release and iOS mobile app that supports Lumira Storyboards off of the BI Platform, a whole new world of data discovery and distribution channels will open for Mount Isa Mines, which is extremely exciting for a predominantly Web Intelligence shop."

EV Technologies helps customers around the world get the most from their SAP analytics tools. If you are looking at a migration path to BI 4.1 from any of the previous BI platforms, then please feel free to reach out to EV Technologies for further assistance. Contact us to learn more about our SAP BI 4.1 migration framework, remote systems management and administration, or Sherlock Inspector Suite.

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