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Onshore UK Oil Producer selects Proactis from Sapphire

Sapphire to supply and implement the Proactis Spend Control solution at Star Energy

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LONDON, UK – 25 October 2007. Sapphire Systems today announced that it is to supply and implement the Proactis Spend Control solution at Star Energy.

Star Energy develops and operates gas storage facilities via the conversion of oil and gas fields. In addition to their gas storage business, they own and operate 26 oil and gas fields within the UK.

Steve Pawson, Group Financial Controller at Star Energy, set about sourcing a new procurement solution earlier this year as the company had outgrown their existing system. Steve explained “The solution that we were using wasn’t flexible enough for our needs as it was really designed to be used by accountants rather than operationally minded people. We were after a system that could be used with ease throughout the company and also provide managers with real time visibility of their departments’ and the company’s financial commitments.”

Steve turned to Sapphire, providers of Star Energy’s SunSystems financial accounting solution, to assist with the project. “Our Sapphire Account Manager, Lucy Roberts, did a lot of the work in identifying the procurement solution that would best fit our needs” said Steve. “We found her assistance in helping us to meet our requirements invaluable.”

In taking the decision to implement Proactis Steve said “Proactis was deemed the most appropriate solution for Star Energy as it would smooth the procurement process, cut paper use and give us an intuitive interface that can be used effortlessly by everyone in the company.” In addition, further requirements for managing expenses and management of stores had been brought to light, both of which can be handled by the Proactis solution. The Stores module in Proactis enables users to take advantage of economies of scale with functionality to manage storage and allocation of stock.

Once Proactis is in place Steve says “We are looking forward to benefiting from peoples’ time being freed up, which will enable them to focus on more value added activities.”

Lucy Roberts, Account Manager at Sapphire, concludes “Proactis is great for helping organisations take control of their costs, streamline procurement and manage expenditure. It is very user-friendly and can be customised to suit each individual user. Being a web-based solution further enhances usability as it does not require key members of staff to be in the office for authorisation purposes. We are delighted to be working with Star Energy on this important project which will facilitate their efficient operation for the future.”

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About Sapphire Systems plc

Sapphire is the worlds leading reseller of SunSystems, an SAP Gold partner and Proactis reseller. Since 1986, Sapphire have offered their customers wide-ranging practical expertise in selecting and implementing advanced financial accounting and business management solutions and today provides software, services and support for hundreds of customers worldwide from their offices in

London and Manchester. Sapphire is a founder member of the British Application Software Developers Association and is featured in the Deloitte & Touche Fast 500 Technology 2006 rankings.

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About Star Energy

Star Energy is an energy company with a primary focus on gas storage development. Founded in 1999, Star Energy is the UK's second largest onshore oil producer and one of the main developers of underground gas storage using depleted oil and gas reservoirs. Star Energy employs over 150 people and has a turnover in excess of £50 million. Their unique mix of resources, developments and skills, together with their dedication to environmental soundness, is the paradigm of an energy company for the 21st century.

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