



Abigroup Ltd's national environment and sustainability manager, Sarah Marshall.

REPORTING EMISSIONS

In search of a simple yet effective software system to improve effective capturing of emissions data, and driven by the added responsibility of reporting emissions under legislative requirements recently imposed under the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act, 2008, leading national contractor Abigroup has implemented the Greenhouse Emissions Reporting Solution by software consultancy Ndevr. Already streamlining internal processes, the system is proving a valuable tool in the company's sustainability efforts.

According to Sarah Marshall, Abigroup Ltd's national environment and sustainability manager, "An ongoing challenge Abigroup faces is to accurately measure our carbon footprint across our diverse range of businesses and projects. In conjunction with Ndevr we have adopted a smarter system for data collection and analysis which will allow us to monitor performance and implement strategies that avoid impacts and maximise opportunities."

The Ndevr Greenhouse Emissions Reporting Solution is a fully integrated module within Abigroup's existing JD Edwards EnterpriseOne software, enabling the company to track its Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions through its financial/ERP systems.

"The solution is unique as it enables us to capture data from multiple sites and projects to generate one seamless report and, because the data tracking is all done from our financial invoices, it makes it very simple to capture emissions that were previously very difficult to measure," Marshall says.

Prior to implementing the solution Abigroup attempted to capture and measure emissions using Excel spreadsheets.

"Not only was this difficult and time consuming, but also inaccurate and unreliable."

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Yarris founder and chair Ian Goddard.

NEW INTEGRATED YARRIS-IBM MAXIMO SOLUTION

Services management systems pioneer and one of Australia's longest-standing SaaS providers, Yarris, has integrated its field services system with IBM Maximo® to create a first of its kind software application, capable of managing assets and the people that manage those assets.

The solution will be available to users worldwide. Targeted at facility managers and the owners of large assets such as utilities, telcos, local government, procurement, transport and mining and resources sectors, the integrated offering will be hosted by Yarris and will be available as a 'software as a service' (SaaS).

This is the first time IBM has collaborated with a business in Australia to provide IBM Maximo as part of an integrated service or a SaaS solution.

The new arrangement is a major coup for the home-grown Australian company which has not only expanded its product and service offering but now has access to an international market.

According to Yarris founder and chair Ian Goddard, the integrated offering is a total solution and is capable of managing the full maintenance life cycle of an asset.

The IBM Maximo part of the solution identifies where and when repair or maintenance work is required (be it the refurbishment of a power station generator or the replacement of a swing in a children's playground) and generates the appropriate order.

The Yarris Field Services Management System - which manages the entire job process from work order creation through to variations' approval, job close out and invoicing - is then activated.

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Smartpath managing director David Hodges, Valorem managing director Jon Tinberg, and Smartpath partnering and marketing director Phil Hare.

SMARTPATH-VALOREM JOINT PROJECT

Smartpath and Valorem have joined forces to offer a complete site, asset and people management solution to the facilities, building and maintenance management disciplines. The partnership of the two mature technology publishers will see both companies proactively extend the offering to their customer and prospect networks, and co-operatively bid for joint projects. Targeting facilities management, property/cleaning/security services, hotels and hospitals, both Smartpath and Valorem - through this joint solution - can help organisations manage facilities and assets from procurement through to disposal through a secure, access-anywhere, web-based system.

Valorem's SaaS Praxeo solution automates site processes and people management to simplify facilities management processes and enhance the efficiency of staff, contractors and services, while Smartpath's web 2.0 Loc8 product tracks the lifecycle of assets, whether human, digital or fixed.

"We're at the point in our product life cycle where our technology is proven, and can be added to other synergistic solutions to broaden the marketing offering and appeal to more potential customers," says Phil Hare, partnering and marketing director at Smartpath.

"Finding good, complementary partners is a critical part of our go-to-market strategy, and we see this partnership with Valorem as a great step forward in achieving this strategy."

"Loc8," agrees Jon Tinberg, managing director at Valorem, "provides us with a more powerful asset management tool with the addition of a strong maintenance feature that will integrate with Praxeo and assist us to round out our offering to the facilities management industry."

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