

**Abigroup praises seamless, accurate emissions software**

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**ABIGROUP has implemented Ndevr's Greenhouse Emissions Reporting Solution to capture emissions data and meet legislative requirements recently imposed under the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act.**

"The concept of sustainability is a powerful driver influencing the direction of Australia's infrastructure industry," Abigroup national environment and sustainability manager Sarah Marshall said.

"With increasing concern for the environment and global warming, Abigroup is responding by integrating the principles of sustainability into the planning and delivery of our projects.

"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 emissions through its financial/enterprise resource planning 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 said.

Previously, Abigroup had attempted to capture and measure emissions using Excel spreadsheets.

"Not only was this difficult and time consuming, but also inaccurate and unreliable," Marshall said. "Because our GHG emission reporting is now incorporated into our financial reporting systems, and based around accounts payable data entry, we now have complete confidence that the data is an accurate measurement of energy consumption."

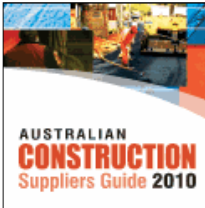
Choosing and implementing the software involved three of the company's business groups: environment, information systems and finance.

Abigroup group manager, information systems Alison Woodward said a dashboard tool presented data in tables and forms designed to capture the basic information as it was presented by a standard accounts payable invoice – for example gas, electricity or waste.

"This data is then transformed by backend calculations into a volume of CO2 emissions, which can be broken into business units, or by item, eg electricity versus water," Woodward said.

"The data is stored and auditable, and as it is part of the financial system, it is totally secure – with rights and access management and backed up nightly."

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