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Provimi harmonizes global organization with SAP and Capgemini

Capgemini manages and implements ERP* solution for Provimi - a world leader in animal feed - to streamline corporate activities across 30 countries

Rotterdam/Utrecht, February 24, 2010 – Provimi, an international provider of nutritional solutions for animals, is streamlining its finance and logistics operations across 80 plants in 30 countries utilizing SAP software. The solution is being implemented by Capgemini Nederland B.V., (“Capgemini”), a subsidiary of the Capgemini Group, one of the world’s foremost providers of consulting, technology and outsourcing services and will be managed by Capgemini Outsourcing BV. This implementation is expected to enable Provimi to transform from a decentralized organization to a unified global company. Provimi offices in the U.S., Canada and The Netherlands were among the first countries to use the new software. The locations in Spain and Portugal started using SAP in December 2009, and at the moment the implementation in Latin America is being carried out.

Provimi wanted to improve its internal collaboration. The company’s local branches previously worked with different IT systems across the company worldwide. Provimi faced the challenge of creating a more coherent organization, and providing top management with better insight into corporate data such as cash flow, financial results and operational targets. To streamline operations, in 2008 Provimi launched its ‘One Provimi’ strategy, also involving the introduction of a new IT environment. Thanks to the detailed program planning, today many countries have already started to use the new SAP software, and more importantly, the implementation is on schedule in terms of timing and budget.

Emiel van Schaik, Senior Vice President Manufacturing and Consumer Industries at SAP, said: *“The SAP software streamlines business processes effectively and delivers improved internal reporting within Provimi. This makes it possible to benchmark the performance of the different production plants. It also gives Provimi a better understanding of the geographies where it can improve its profit margins. With SAP ERP, an integrated business model can be created and copied in other markets.”*

* ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning)

In order to achieve effective implementation of the program as well as to motivate its employees, Provimi organized a two-week workshop in 2009. Marcel Crince, CFO of Provimi said: *“We gained immediate support from all local management from day one. It is inspiring to notice how the entire organization understands that this implementation is the way to move forward. We have already started seeing the results of the first implementations, and now we are looking forward to the moment where Provimi as a whole can benefit from the new IT-environment.”* Provimi’s CIO Arthur van de Poll continues: *“SAP now plays a huge part in our core enterprise architecture and through its highly configurable modular framework of functionality it allows Provimi to meet its global requirements as well as allowing for local deviations. Combined with solid integration tools like Netweaver Process Integrator, this allows Provimi to interconnect production control and legacy systems, as well as other critical operational components in support of the business.”*

Capgemini used its global delivery model - Rightshore® - to support a successful implementation. Herbert Celen, Vice President Private Sector at Capgemini Nederland B.V comments: *“With our Rightshore® approach, we can support Provimi effectively and efficiently to launch and manage the SAP implementation. As Capgemini has local branches in the countries where the solution has to be implemented, we can also help the local management if necessary. In that way, we can accelerate the implementation and adequately support Provimi.”*

About Provimi

The Provimi Group is active worldwide in all types of animal nutrition and is a leader in all markets where it is present. The Group is actively seeking acquisition opportunities to continue its growth in key markets including North America, Latin America, Eastern Europe and Asia. It employs about 8,000 people and has annual sales of approximately EUR 2 billion. Provimi has 80 production centres in some 30 countries and exports to over 100 countries. Provimi manufactures products and supplies technical support for all species, including ruminants, poultry, swine and pets. For more information visit www.provimi.com

About SAP

SAP is the world's leading provider of business software (*), offering applications and services that enable companies of all sizes and in more than 25 industries to become best-run businesses. With more than 92,000 customers in over 120 countries, the company is listed on several exchanges, including the Frankfurt stock exchange and NYSE, under the symbol “SAP.” For more information, visit www.sap.com.

(*) SAP defines business software as comprising enterprise resource planning, business intelligence, and related applications.

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