

SNCB Logistics selects Quintiq and Ab Ovo for full resource planning cycle

Solution to be deployed for long term planning down to real-time execution management

Capelle aan den IJssel/ 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands, 12 May 2011 – SNCB Logistics, an independent international logistics group, has chosen Quintiq and Ab Ovo to deliver a planning solution that supports the full resource planning cycle, from long term planning to real-time execution management. The solution will integrate the planning and scheduling of SNCB's line locomotives, shunting machines, drivers and ground operators. Rail IT and advanced planning and scheduling (APS) specialist Ab Ovo recently started the implementation of the Quintiq software. Long term planning is expected to be live late 2011, followed by real-time execution management in the beginning of 2012.

"SNCB Logistics is going through a profound restructuring, aiming for a significant improvement of quality and productivity. We have already achieved important results in these fields, but to have more impact, we needed an integrated IT-system that permits us to perfectly synchronize the planning of all the process and resource utilisation. Moreover this system has to be integrated and implemented in the short term," comments Geert Pauwels, CEO SNCB Logistics, "After an intensive selection process we decided to choose Ab Ovo and Quintiq. The proven state-of-the-art Quintiq software in combination with Ab Ovo's specific rail and APS expertise perfectly matched our business requirements."

The tool will support the planners in making the best decisions for scheduling and rescheduling resources. Besides that, the new system will integrate current planning methods in combination with the intended processes required for the operations of the new SNCB Logistics organization and facilitates the collaboration between the various planning departments.

The planning solution can be implemented in a relatively short timeframe because it combines the benefits of already available rail specific functionality with the possibility to quickly model customer specific wishes insuring a 100% fit. All constraints such as route knowledge and certification of individual drivers, track access and locomotive compatibility, labor regulations and driver shift preferences are taken into account. The unique Quintiq architecture, with its fully configurable company-specific layer, offers this flexibility. The solution from Quintiq and Ab Ovo will also support many other important business functions by interfacing with systems like the HR system of SNCB Logistics, the asset management system, the order management system (Ab Ovo's Rail Cargo System), and Infrabel's national railway management system.

Arjen Heeres, COO at Quintiq commented on behalf of Quintiq and Ab Ovo: "I am excited that SNCB Logistics has decided to join other major railway companies in using the Quintiq and Ab Ovo solutions to plan and schedule its railway operations. Again, we have been

chosen because our solutions can best meet the complex planning requirements of the railway industry."

About Quintiq

Quintiq provides advanced planning, scheduling and supply chain management software solutions. This fast-growing company, established in 1997, offers and implements software for planning and optimizing complex business processes throughout the enterprise. The company's headquarters are located in The Netherlands, regional HQ in Philadelphia, USA and with subsidiaries in Australia, China, Finland, Germany, Italy, Malaysia and the United Kingdom. Quintiq systems are implemented in 74 countries worldwide. More at www.quintiq.com. Follow us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/quintiq

About Ab Ovo

Ab Ovo was founded in 1997 and has since supported clients to improve their competitive position. Ab Ovo offers both intelligent solutions and consultancy around planning- and optimization issues. The company also offers support in the area of managing complex, large-scale and - in many cases - troublesome projects. Ab Ovo uses best of breed technology (both in-house and third party) to support their clients. The company motto is: "With our help, it can be done."

Ab Ovo has a wide international clientele within the logistic sector with reputable names such as DB Schenker Rail, DHL, National Express Group, FirstGroup, Eesti Raudtee, Slovenian Railways, SNCB Logistics, Green Cargo, Vopak, AirFrance-KLM, Schiphol, Port of Rotterdam and so on. More information: www.ab-ovo.com.

About SNCB Logistics

SNCB Logistics is an independent, high performing, international logistics group that is part of the SNCB group. Headquartered in Brussels, it is active in 12 countries. The group was created in 2008 by integrating all companies that were active in the SNCB freight division to bring strengths and complementary activities under one sound structure. On 1 February 2011, the company SNCB Logistics became operational as a rail operator and international group.

All entities of the group work on the same clear mission: to grow into a profitable, independent, efficient and international transport group that provides logistical total solutions and customer-oriented services to companies and large industrial groups (on the basis of sustainable modes like rail, inland shipping, but also road transport, terminals, warehousing, on-site operations, etc.). To that end, SNCB Logistics will endeavour continuously to improve quality, productivity and cost efficiency and to expand its international offer and network. The group's commercial flagships are IFB for container transport and Xpedys for logistical solutions for conventional transport (bulk, steel and chemical products, automotive and consumer goods). SNCB Logistics is responsible for rail production in Belgium, and calls on reliable partners such as Cobra and Sibelit for international rail transport.

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