

## REFERENCE STORY

### Weatherford Oil Tool GmbH

Weatherford is a multi-national oilfield services company and one of the world's largest providers of innovative mechanical solutions, technology and services for the drilling and production sectors of oil and gas industry. The company has over 43,000 employees and does business in more than 100 countries with 125 globally distributed manufacturing facilities and 800 service centres and 16 development and training centres.

Weatherford's current position is a result of internal growth, company innovation and the consolidation of more than 250 acquisitions. Weatherford has two key strategic goals: Efficiency and productivity – both for the company's customers as well as through the use of our own global infrastructure. In both cases, the aim is to reduce costs and increase productivity. For this purpose, Weatherford utilises a powerful, globally uniform IT infrastructure.

#### Worldwide roll-out

To address the problem of a heterogeneous software environment and a difficult to maintain IT infrastructure resulting from business acquisitions and rapid growth, Weatherford decided to use Oracle JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Xe as a company-wide business software solution. As part of an international roll-out Weatherford introduced the solution globally in all branches.

The worldwide roll-out was prepared and led by a JD Edwards expert team within the company. The analysis phase began in April 2008 for the implementation in Germany; the operational facilities in Algeria, Morocco, Libya, Tunisia and Romania belong to the German unit. Centric provided Weatherford with support with the specific national trade and tax requirements and the local business practices of these countries. The decision was made for Centric because of the international orientation of the company and the extensive experience of Centric in similar projects.

**"Centric has knowledgeable and professionally supported the entire project in the countries we service and contributed significantly to the fulfilment of the local requirements and implementation of optimal processes."**

**Mr. Wilhelms  
Head of Accounting  
Weatherford Deutschland**

## National requirements

A key task was the adaptation of the system to local requirements, in particular for Germany and Romania. For this purpose, the existing processes and system processes analysed by Centric were tested for their applicability in the countries supervised from Germany. As part of the definition of local companies, Centric supported the Weatherford team in key decisions for the system settings. Since decisions about system settings are made in the headquarters of Weatherford in Houston (USA), sound arguments were needed to convince the decision-makers to change some of the basic system settings, which are particularly important for the German companies.

For clarification of business and technical issues, Centric worked closely with the Weatherford JD Edwards expert team throughout the project and ensured that German statutory regulations and distinctive national features were taken into account. Reporting for the German unit was developed by Centric based on Showcase Strategy and Insight software. The JD Edwards expert team was also supported by Centric in the training of project members and users.

Centric accompanied and supported the entire ERP project through the Go Live and Go Live Support up to the conclusion of the first monthly report. Weatherford also opted for the Centric solution, DIP (digital examination), with which the company fulfilled the legal requirements of the German "Principles of Data Access and Verifiability of Digital Documents" (GDPdU).



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