



Apparel maker completes major IT implementation

QUANG Viet Enterprise Co (QVE), the largest Nike apparel manufacturing partner in Vietnam, has completed implementation of the integrated XeBusiness Time and Attendance and Production Control system modules within their Ho Chi Minh City manufacturing plants.

Employing more than 6,500 people across six manufacturing plants on a single site, QVE implemented the systems to facilitate conformance with its best practice and ethical manufacturing programmes.

The Taiwan-headquartered company also employs around 1,000 workers at a factory in Shanghai, China. In both locations, QVE provides apparel manufacturing of outerwear, down items, and knitted tops for Nike and other major brands.

The XeBusiness system also automatically produces payment information (build-up-to-gross pay) with an automatic link to a local payroll system that deals with local taxation and net pay deduction items.

The modules are part of the XeBusiness flagship specialist business management and management information system, Xe-ERP, developed specifically for textile and clothing suppliers trading globally. Additional modules covering material requirements planning (MRP), capacity planning and raw materials management will be added in subsequent implementation phases.

Manchester, UK-based XeBusiness worked with teams from QVE and its local re-seller, Gartex Solutions Group, to implement the modules that were customised to reflect local labour process and information requirements. Automatic data capture equipment for the project (based on barcode scanning technology) was supplied by Belgium-based Captor, an XeBusiness hardware partner.

About Xe-ERP

Xe-ERP is a world-class specialist management information and business management system for garment, footwear, soft goods and household textile suppliers operating in the retail fashion and corporate (workwear and career-wear) supply chains.

The system is particularly suited to small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs) given its low cost of ownership and ease and speed of implementation. All aspects of customer relationship management (CRM), distribution, sourcing and manufacturing operations are covered by the system, taking account of the specialist requirements of companies operating in the textile and apparel sector.

A strategic part of the software implementation was the development and provision of corporate buyer compliant reporting information to ensure buyers are kept aware of work in progress and delivery date shipment issues, and also to ensure compliance with ethical manufacturing programmes for developing regions covering the welfare of local workforces in line with international standards and local labour law.

"The system is already transforming our approach to managing time and attendance and shop-floor production and it will underpin our drive to continuously improve all aspects of our performance" said Eric Wu, vice president and general manager of QVE. "It will additionally facilitate good relations with our workforce in ensuring they are paid fairly and accurately."



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David Cullis, chief executive of XeBusiness, added: "Despite the challenging scale of the project in terms of the large number of people the system effects over multiple digitally linked plants, the effort we made up-front to understand what was required locally has paid off. We are looking forward to rolling out the system to other garment and textile manufacturing sites in Vietnam."

XeBusiness supplies computer-based supply chain solutions for quick response and cost reduction. The company is a business-to-business provider of supply chain solutions to the textile and apparel sector that allow clients to automate their in-house functional processes and to integrate these with systems in use at their customers, suppliers and business partners to improve service levels and reduce operating cost.

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