

## Veris

Veris Construction Materials Group opts for new wholesale cloud ERP system from Unit4.

Unit4 Business World (formerly Unit4 Agresso Wholesale) provides the central trade system for Veris' Logistics Center and nearly 100 Construction Centers belonging to Veris shareholders. Veris Construction Materials Group is implementing Unit4 Business World, which runs on the Unit4 cloud, as a central system for recording sales, purchasing, logistics, inter-company transactions and more. The ERP system will be phased in at nearly all of the 100 Construction Centers. This central system will enable Veris to streamline its logistics and the mutual exchange of stock, driving efficiency for its partner companies.

Veris Construction Materials Group functions as a back office for its partner companies. It facilitates purchasing, logistics, computerization and automation as well as the Construction Center Formula. One of its major tasks is the purchase of construction materials, wood and sheet materials, tools and ironmongery, kitchens, tiles and sanitary fittings.

With over 27,000m<sup>2</sup> of storage space, Veris' logistics center forms the link between suppliers and the Construction Centers' own warehouses. It allows for products with a low turnover rate, as well as highly specialist products, to be stored without overloading precious warehouse space.

The Construction Centers always have a very wide product range at their disposal thanks to the Logistics Center. Traditionally, partner companies have maintained their own ERP systems. Veris wanted to centralize these systems with a view to improving delivery times and being mindful of an ever-changing market. Such a move would enable complete insight into all partner stock levels, thus optimizing logistical processes. Stock levels could be kept low, delivery speed optimized and scalability improved.

A major consideration was the ERP's adaptability. The construction materials industry is very dynamic and highly competitive. In order to respond effectively,

it is crucial that Veris' ERP system can be modified simply and cheaply. The system must also support configurations that enable both large and small outlets to work with it effectively. Finally, the central system must be delivered through the cloud, allowing maximum freedom for each partner company to apply its own business model.



Following an intensive selection process, led by Robert Landsman, the company's ICT and Logistics Manager, Veris Construction Materials Group chose Unit4 Business World. "One of the key features of this system, besides its support for construction material wholesale processes, is its relative ease of adaptability to changing business sizes and requirements. This ERP system can also be accessed through the cloud, eliminating the need to invest in extensive server setups," explains Landsman.

Andries Baks, Director of Veris Construction Materials Group, adds: "Unit4 has a great deal of experience in automating construction material wholesaling. A number of our partner companies are already working with Unit4 solutions and report both good functionality and comprehensive support for staff. Although Unit4's ERP system is quite new, we have every confidence that it will substantially improve our scalability."

In order to guarantee successful implementation, rollout and use of UNIT4 Business World, Veris Construction Materials Group is setting up a Competence Center for staff who have taken Unit4's training courses.

The implementation will take place in phases. Unit4 will work together with Veris to manage and maintain the solution, which will be run from a secure datacenter.



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## About Unit4

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