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Minerva Czech Republic to Implement QAD ERP for Airplane Manufacturer

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QAD RAPID provides perfect fit across entire enterprise

Minerva ČR, the exclusive provider of QAD Enterprise Applications in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, today announced that it has signed a contract to supply and implement the QAD RAPID ERP system for Small to Medium sized Businesses (SMB) at JIHLAVAN airplanes s.r.o. Minerva triumphed over a total of 27 companies that participated in the tender, winning the commission thanks to its outstanding references and excellent functionality in the area of production and planning.

With a workforce of fifty employees, JIHLAVAN airplanes s.r.o. is classified as an SMB and builds, services and supplies UL/LSA aircraft in the all-metal, low wing Skyleader series; the company is also a contractual producer for Airbus. As such, the firm was looking for an ERP solution that was appropriate for smaller manufacturing firms and QAD RAPID provided a perfect fit across the entire enterprise unlike the outgoing system which only covered inventory control and wages.

Ing. Robert Prajs, Finance Director of JIHLAVAN airplanes s.r.o., summarized the company's goals in implementing the QAD RAPID system:

"JIHLAVAN airplanes manufactures the ultra-light, all-metal Skyleader aircraft in three stages. QAD RAPID gives us the ability to plan, purchase material on the basis of a forecast, and manufacture precisely what is required, as and when necessary. The new ERP system introduces valuation, calculation, cost management and planning as well as eliminating the decentralized method of management based on Excel files."

QAD RAPID will also assist production planning at JIHLAVAN airplanes s.r.o. because clients can request changes to products while they are currently in production, sometimes when the product is almost nearly complete. Thanks to the increased control in QAD RAPID, the company can monitor the specific cost of an order, the production phase it is currently in and even retrospectively track a product or material. In addition to QAD RAPID, which comprehensively covers all company processes, JIHLAVAN airplanes s.r.o. is planning to introduce automatic data collection of production records using bar codes. Following a successful application, the project is partially being funded by grants from the EU as part of the ICT program in businesses.



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Minerva Česká republika is a company with a strong customer focus and strategy oriented towards enterprise applications for manufacturing and distribution companies. It is committed to helping customers improve their overall company management with greater efficiency, control and productivity through the implementation of the correct IT system. Minerva ČR provides its customers with a full line of services, from software implementation through business process optimization consultancy, system integration, world-class e-business solutions and outsourcing. Apart from the Czech Republic and Slovakia, Minerva also operates in Ukraine, Lithuania, Hungary and Romania, serving more than 150 manufacturing and distribution companies. The QAD Enterprise Applications system has been rated by independent analysts on a long-term basis as an industry-focused ERP system with the shortest period of implementation and a low total cost of ownership (TCO). The solution's flexible and open architecture provides a solid foundation for further company growth. QAD Enterprise Applications software is available in 26 languages. For detailed information please visit www.minerva-is.eu.

