

More efficiency thanks to PLANTA Project

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On October 1st, 2014, after six months of testing, the new project management software, PLANTA Project, was implemented in the development department at the head office of Hermes Arzneimittel in Großhesselohe, Munich. PLANTA Project now provides us quickly and easily with a complete overview of all dates, resources, effort, and costs in the numerous development projects being realized in our company. Resource bottlenecks can now be detected in good time and early countermeasures implemented in the case of timing or resource conflicts.

Integration into new ERP system

All employees of the Research and Development (R&D) were selected as key users in order to thoroughly check the system and detect possible “teething troubles” such as response times. At the same time as PLANTA Project was implemented, a new ERP-System, M3-ERP, was also established; together these systems mean that the existing time tracking system, AS400, does not need to be used anymore. PLANTA Project is now used to record the time worked by all R&D employees and at the end of the month all the working times of project members are exported to Excel and forwarded to the financial accounting department.

Increased transparency

“We expect the new software to improve the (detailed) project planning, i.e., to support us to adhere to milestones like in validation, pilot scales and completion of dossiers”, Dr. Detlev Haack (Director Research & Development) explains.

“Furthermore, we hope that the software will enable us to better manage and prioritize development projects and therefore increase the transparency throughout the entire development process. In the end, it is all about using available resources more efficiently in order to develop products more efficiently and at a lower cost.”

If PLANTA software proves to be efficient in daily operation, it is easily conceivable that it is applied in other areas of the Johannes-Burges Group as well.