



Northern and Shell Group Ltd
London, England
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Industry:

Media & Entertainment

Annual Revenue:

US\$916 million

Employees:

1,000

Oracle Products & Services:

PeopleSoft Enterprise
Financial Management
General Ledger
Accounts Receivable
Accounts Payable
Purchasing
Travel and Expenses
Billing
Asset Management

“Oracle’s PeopleSoft Financial Management drives performance through best-practice financial management while giving us a roadmap to the integrated next-generation capabilities of Oracle Fusion.”

– Danny Mansfield, Systems Administration Manager, Northern and Shell Group Ltd

Northern and Shell Cuts Costs with Streamlined, Simplified Financial Management Processes

Northern and Shell Group Ltd owns and publishes a wide range of media titles including the Daily Express, Daily Star, OK! And various television channels. The company’s main offices are in London, the United States, and Australia.

Challenges

- Streamline financial management, enforce best practice processes, strengthen financial discipline, and facilitate faster, easier compliance with HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC)
- Cut management overhead through automation and improve efficiency by introducing self-service to an expanding user base
- Reduce the need to build customized applications for non-standard processes and redevelop them after each new upgrade

Solution

- Upgraded to Oracle’s PeopleSoft Enterprise Financial Management 8.8 to benefit from up-to-date industry best-practice, improved performance, and enhanced functionality
- Used PeopleSoft’s archive module to improve disk space efficiency and increase performance levels
- Benefited from PeopleSoft’s HMRC-approved Value Added Tax (VAT) module to automate VAT returns and VAT audits
- Used PeopleSoft’s multicurrency functionality to raise and pay invoices in local currencies using real-time conversion rates
- Reduced monthly close times from 15 working days to 10 by streamlining and automating reconciliation processes
- Using PeopleSoft’s self-service functionality to allow staff to order goods and services online and improve spend control by ensuring that purchase orders are obtained for each item
- Enforcing adherence to pre-defined limits for each expense category and ensuring use of approved suppliers by enabling staff to enter expense claims online using PeopleSoft
- Cutting time spent processing expenses by accounts payable staff and speeding reimbursement time
- Increased user numbers from 65 to 800 since the upgrade and improved the productivity of financial management teams
- Benefiting from Oracle’s commitment to extend the capabilities of PeopleSoft Enterprise to protect technology investment and migrate to next-generation Oracle Fusion financial applications