

# Optimised SAP® Solutions for Effective Cost Containment



## Business challenges

Cost containment is an imperative in order to sustain efficient upstream operations and to counteract rising operational expenditure. During Absoft's 20 years' experience of working with operators and oilfield service companies, we have consistently encountered cost reporting challenges which affect the overall accuracy and validity of cost reporting and forecasting.

Ask yourself, do any of these financial reporting challenges sound familiar?

- > Valuable management time and resource spent consolidating financial information from multiple data sources rather than controlling costs
- > Data quality issues arising from labour intensive and complex manual processes
- > A proliferation of asset or function specific cost reporting silos acting independently and inconsistently
- > Difficulties to achieve transparent pre-commitment, commitment and actuals information to support forecasting
- > Inflexible reporting views which do not meet the demands of upstream budget holders

Absoft has a proven track record in optimising financial reporting processes to facilitate effective cost containment in upstream, using a combination of process expertise and experience of successfully implementing leading reporting tools such as SAP® BusinessObjects™ Web Intelligence.

## Absoft's solution

Absoft recognises that reliable data is vital towards producing accurate financial reports, enabling informed decision making and effectively managing cost.

We assist our customers to improve the visibility and control of data being reported, with the ability to create forecasting reports as well as reviewing historical financial performance. Whilst we help to develop a suite of commonly used reports, we recognise that data views must be flexible to provide organisations with an opportunity to reforecast when external forces demand increased cost control measures be put in place.

Many of our SAP finance consultants have worked directly for operators and oilfield service companies and this first-hand experience uniquely positions Absoft to understand your financial reporting requirements. Our SAP finance consultants work closely with your key finance users to refine and automate core financial reporting process using SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence. By highlighting exceptions at summary levels and supporting drill downs into the detailed data key Absoft reporting solutions enable stakeholders to make decisions on available resources. We can create a secure semantic data layer (known in BusinessObjects as a 'Universe') which resides between your organisational data and business users, allowing them to interact with the information without having to know the complexities of their database, or where the data is stored.



### Absoft can assist with:

- > Developing flexible reporting views using dashboards and drill down functionality
- > Providing easy to use reporting front ends which turn complicated data into intuitive easy to understand interactive reports
- > Retrieving data from multiple sources
- > Allow the users to create their own reporting variants and views of data whilst retaining control of the data in a consistent, accurate and managed data repository

### SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence:

SAP BusinessObjects Web Intelligence is a powerful and integrated analysis and reporting tool which can improve overall cost visibility, access and control in the areas of:

- > Financial planning and detailed analysis of actual and planned data
- > Value of Work Done (VOWD) reports
- > Automated accruals calculations for finance teams
- > Reduced financial close process times
- > Budget Holders Forecast Reporting
- > Improved spend visibility of CAPEX projects

## ABSOF T SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS Value of Work Done: Summary (£000s)

### Absoft Cost Centre Hierarchy

Hierarchy L1	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total FY Forecast	FY Budget	YTD Invoices	YTD VOWD	YTD Budget
Operating Costs	£6,535	£5,577	£7,000	£7,014	£6,813	£5,648	£7,476	£9,773	£7,772	£7,090	£9,707	£8,414	£88,819	£82,304	£35,655	£80,405	£74,204
Tariff	£1,052	£857	£1,122	£648	£943	£1,278	£1,271	£2	£874	£944	£612	£635	£10,237	£13,133		£9,603	£12,144
	£7,586	£6,434	£8,122	£7,662	£7,756	£6,926	£8,747	£9,775	£8,646	£8,034	£10,319	£9,049	£99,057	£95,438	£35,655	£90,008	£86,348

### Operating Costs

Hierarchy L2	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total FY Forecast	FY Budget	YTD Invoices	YTD VOWD	YTD Budget
Non Production	£1,748	£1,529	£1,825	£1,487	£1,834	£833	£1,898	£2,080	£1,895	£2,612	£1,575	£1,882	£21,196	£23,631	£8,642	£19,313	£21,435
Production	£4,786	£4,049	£5,176	£5,527	£4,980	£4,816	£5,578	£7,693	£5,878	£4,478	£8,132	£6,532	£67,624	£58,674	£27,013	£61,092	£52,769
	£6,535	£5,577	£7,000	£7,014	£6,813	£5,648	£7,476	£9,773	£7,772	£7,090	£9,707	£8,414	£88,819	£82,304	£35,655	£80,405	£74,204

## Business impact

Absoft's solution for effective financial reporting and cost containment have achieved many tangible benefits for operators and oilfield service companies in upstream:



A reduction of 100 man days to consolidate financial information each year



Immediate access to a suite of financial reports for greater cost visibility



Improved accuracy and reliability of financial reporting to enable more informed decision making



Enhanced user experience and custom filtered reporting functionality



Consolidating financial information in less time with repeatable and automated processes



Standardised and simplified financial reporting processes

## Why work with Absoft?

There are a number of SAP Partners out there, but it's our extensive experience of cost containment in upstream oil and gas which sets us apart.

- > Many of our SAP Finance consultants have worked in upstream oil and gas before joining Absoft, which ensures that they can 'walk the walk' as well as 'talk the talk'.
- > We have worked in the UK and Norwegian Continental Shelf for over 20 years. Our reputation relies on our ability to continue to deliver for our customers.
- > Absoft is the SAP specialist for upstream oil and gas. We use our combined SAP and upstream expertise to help our customers get the most out of their return on investment.

We work with many customers who already have internal business system capabilities and also global support arrangements with large integrators. We pride ourselves on our ability to provide niche expertise, as and when our customers need it.

## What do our customers say?



## About Absoft

Driving operational excellence and enhanced business performance through SAP best practice.

Absoft is a dedicated SAP specialist, established in 1991. Our SAP expertise, preconfigured templates, solutions and accelerators mean we deliver the best business and technical solutions for your individual needs to the highest standards of quality, quickly.

We are the only SAP partner to specialise in upstream oil and gas. We are working with leading players in the industry and have been for over 20 years, uniquely combining business process, oil and gas and SAP expertise to deliver best practice solutions globally.

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