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Xstrata Coal – NSW

Background

Xstrata Coal is the world's largest exporter of thermal coal. Xstrata Coal NSW operates throughout the Hunter Valley and the Western Coalfields. Xstrata Coal is also the largest coal producer in NSW, producing from five underground and six open cut mines as follows:

- Baal Bone, Beltana, Bulga
- Cumnock, Liddell, Mt Owen
- Ravensworth, Ulan, United,
- Westside, West Wallsend

Problem

Xstrata Coal NSW centralised their accounts payable administration, as a consequence all the invoices from the various mine sites needed to be stored at the central location. The new administration office does not have the space to store that many records and provide the necessary staff to search and retrieve a record when it was required. One of the major problems is the fact that the Accounts Payable area processes and handles inquiries for 12,000 supplier invoices per month from all 11 mine sites in NSW.

Solution

After careful evaluation and analysis, Xstrata Coal NSW decided to appoint Gosford Micrographics to be their scanning bureau. Gosford Micrographics designed a customised solution for Xstrata Coal comprising:

- Design and development of an Image Retrieval system based on the Inmagic DB/TextWorks database system
- Transportation of the material from Singleton in the Hunter Valley of NSW to the Gosford Micrographics' scanning facility on the Central Coast of NSW
- High quality scanning of the material
- Data capture to enable retrieval by supplier name, an amount, invoice number, date, site name, item and/or supplier number.

Benefits

Xstrata Coal NSW has solved the long-term storage problem and now has an image retrieval system that can retrieve images in seconds. The real benefit is the powerful reporting tool that has enabled reports to be produced in just seconds instead of days or weeks. Some of the reports are as follows:

- Invoices per supplier for supply contract negotiations over 12months
- Invoices per month or specific date or date range per mine site
- Retrieval of invoices based on an amount, date, site or supplier name
- Simple Tax Reporting by conducting a search by site to retrieve invoices for a specific date range

There are now around 400,000 images stored with our DB/TextWorks image retrieval system and growing by around 40,000 images per annum.

Customer Testimonial

“The implementation of Gosford Micrographics’ solution has provided Xstrata Coal NSW with a robust scanning, data capture and image retrieval system for our growing business. By outsourcing our scanning and data entry requirements, we consistently receive an extremely accurate and timely service, backed up by cost savings. By selecting Gosford Micrographics we have been able to focus on our core business function without being involved in non-core activities like scanning and data entry.

As a strategic business partner, I can recommend Gosford Micrographics for requirements on scanning, data entry and image retrieval with high accuracy rates and a cost effective solution.”

- Sarah Puddicombe, Accountant