

Kappa SSK Select QISv5 Quality Information Software for Birmingham Mill

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Major paper recyclers and manufacturers Kappa SSK have selected QISv5 quality information software from QISoft for their Birmingham mill. After extensive investigation the Kappa SSK project team led by Katie Chong and reporting to Geoff Brooks, operations services manager, drew up a full set of requirements and were responsible for testing the software.

The project was driven by the need to replace an outdated system and an increasing requirement for real time information and reporting of product quality data to aid the efficient running of the mill. QISoft provided the answer with a high performance, distributed information management system, which provides a 'single window' view of operational data from one or more disparate sources. It was selected for its functionality, customer support and QISoft's extensive experience in the paper industry.

QIS is a database application, using standard query language (SQL) that is deployed at Kappa SSK, via Citrix Terminal Server and has been installed in the production, technical and laboratory areas of the mill. Initially, QIS was installed on a 30-day trial basis to assess suitability, functionality and performance. Training was given to operators and the existing QC database converted into QIS. Following a review by the project team the decision was taken to switchover to QIS as the live system.

Katie Chong, process development engineer explained, "The whole project has gone very smoothly with the operators quickly adjusting to QIS. Already we are starting to get more information than with the old system and users can now quickly run reports to see performance figures." Tim Perris, QISoft business manager added, "Kappa SSK is one of the most respected companies within the industry and has gone through a rigorous selection process to select QIS. Using the array of analytical and reporting tools within QIS, Kappa SSK now have the information in one place to support and monitor process improvements and improve efficiency. We welcome them as a customer and will continue to provide support and training to help them achieve these targets"

Future plans include the deployment to other mill areas and to interface QIS with process and business systems to automatically collect data in order to provide a complete "information" picture.

Kappa SSK recycles 205,000 tonnes of waste paper and manufactures 185,000 tonnes of paper per year for supply to converting plants. Kappa SSK is part of the Kappa Packaging Group, an international concern with over 100 subsidiaries in 17 European countries and a turnover of almost €3 billion.

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