

Kier Group selects m-hance to deliver Intranet solution to improve collaboration for its employees

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Kier Group, a leading construction, development and services Group, has selected m-hance to design and implement a new intranet portal solution for its several thousand employees situated in the UK. This major IT project, which will comprise 144 service days including training, will be delivered in two-phases with an estimated go-live of March 2013.

Kier required a bespoke and user-friendly intranet solution (<http://www.m-hance.com/software/microsoft-complementary-solutions/>) to replace its existing Kierdoc portal to improve organisation-wide collaboration and increase knowledge sharing and peer to peer learning between its employees. m-hance's solution, which is based on the latest SharePoint technology (<http://www.m-hance.com/software/microsoft-complementary-solutions/>), will enable Kier's staff to improve communication through the portal's enterprise social networking tools and easily access, share and publish up-to-date information from one centralised gateway to improve efficiency.

Adrian Bird, Head of IT Group at Kier Group, says, "Our existing Kierdoc intranet has been used historically as a document management and storage function rather than fulfilling our needs as an effective enterprise collaboration tool. After reviewing the market, it was clear that m-hance possessed a wealth of experience and has a successful track record of creating highly functional intranets successfully based on a SharePoint platform."

Bird continues, "As well as configuring and building the new solution, m-hance will also assist, mentor and support its deployment through additional training services whilst supporting our changing development needs both now and in the future."

m-hance's Intranet solution, which will be seamlessly integrated with Kier's Active Directory database, will considerably improve the speed of information access, collaboration and productivity levels using the portal's powerful search and indexing functionality. The portal will also provide the secure electronic storage of documents with version control relating to Kier's vast array of projects, policies and best practice procedures, eliminating the need to manually copy and distribute out-of-date information or request hard copies in paper format.

In addition, the portal's enterprise social networking (<http://www.m-hance.com/software/social-business/>) tools will enable Kier's employees to quickly access up-to-date contact details and communicate on a one-to-one basis or in teams with internal experts in specialist fields to better share knowledge and answer queries to maximise business opportunities.

Bird comments, "m-hance's solution will provide us with an efficient, state-of-the art platform to create a unified internal culture based on the Kier brand, best practice and policies. By having common access to relevant and up-to-date information we will considerably improve organisation-wide collaboration and increase productivity by bringing together all of Kier's widespread employees in a single, centralised portal."

Bird adds, "The ability to easily share knowledge via public and private message feeds, blogs, corporate news updates will also ensure that employees now only need to go to one place to access the latest document and policy related information. This will assist us to promote a 'one Kier' culture and increase employee engagement to positively impact our bottom line."

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Notes to Editors

About Kier Group www.kier.co.uk

Kier Group operates through three main divisions, each focused on being best in its class. Its activities span building, civil engineering, surface mining, facilities management, residential and commercial property investment and PFI project investment.

Kier Construction comprises a UK-wide network of regional contracting business and major projects expertise in the UK and overseas. Kier Services provides a full life-cycle service for buildings in both public and private sectors including reactive and planned buildings maintenance, grounds maintenance and a host of other services. Kier Property is a highly successful private house builder and commercial property developer with an infrastructure investment arm specialising in the delivery of Private Finance Initiative projects.

This rare offering of in-house expertise, coupled with its strategic alliance business units, present Kier as one of few able to offer complete solutions for the delivery of a wide range of innovative schemes.

About m-hance www.m-hance.com

m-hance is a UK-based company providing innovative and functionally rich business software solutions to 2400 mid-market sized organisations including Innocent Drinks, RFU, Viridor, Millennium Hotels, Make-A-Wish, Hewden and Endsleigh Insurance. m-hance's core solutions offering consists of financial management, CRM, enterprise social networking, SharePoint, HR & Payroll, managed services and software development in a variety of vertical markets including distribution, manufacturing, not-for-profit, professional services and infrastructure.

m-hance has been formed following the acquisitions of Calyx Software, Gyrosoft, Trinity Computer Services and elements of MentecPlus, Touchstone Group and Maxima Holdings plc. m-hance is currently supported by 230 staff from offices in Manchester, London, Loughborough, Dublin, Glasgow and the United States. m-hance also has offshore development capabilities in India.

In September 2012, m-hance was ranked in the Tech Track 100 league table as one of the fastest-growing private technology companies in Britain after achieving record sales growth of over 45%.

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