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Porta Romana illuminates the way forward with SYSPRO

Surrey-based lighting and furniture manufacturer Porta Romana has awarded K3 Business Technology Group (K3) a contract for a tailored SYSPRO manufacturing, distribution and accounting solution to support its growing business. The SYSPRO solution replaces Porta Romana's legacy system, which was based on spreadsheets and an accountancy package. The new system will provide enterprise-wide information visibility, giving greater control over Work in Progress and inventory, as well as automating the purchasing process. This will optimise its business processes, increasing the company's efficiency and cost-effectiveness. System implementation is now underway, with go-live planned for May 2009.

K3 will provide Porta Romana with a comprehensive suite of modules for its SYSPRO system that will provide immediate improvements as well as flexibility and support for future business growth. These modules include General Ledger, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Cash Book, Sales Order Processing, Sales Analysis, Estimating, Purchasing, Inventory, Returns Management Return to Vendor, Advanced Quality, Electronic Fund Transfer, Bill of Materials, Work in Progress, Requirements Planning, Factory Documentation, Contact Management, Fixed Assets and Reporting Services.

"We anticipate that the new SYSPRO system will provide business-wide improvements. We should immediately see the benefit of having a centralised information source of up-to-date and accurate information instead of using manual and spreadsheet-based systems that often duplicate data. The system will give us transparency across the business, improving visibility and speed in ordering and planning. We shall be able to control costing, pricing and shipping to allow us to manage our margins better. In addition, being able to improve job schedules and tightly manage workloads and workflow will optimise our workshop processes," says Ruth Elliott, Project Manager, Porta Romana.

Porta Romana was founded in 1988 by Andrew and Sarah Hills. It has a turnover of £8 million and employs around 70 people. The company designs and manufactures light fittings, furniture, and mirrors that are sold worldwide via a network of agents. Its products can be seen in high-end Hotels and Interiors around the world, including The Langham Hotel and Browns Hotel in London and Chewton Glen in Hampshire.

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About K3 Business Technology Group

K3 Business Technology Group employs 90 people at its Manchester head office and its branches throughout the UK and Ireland. The company offers solutions in enterprise resource planning (ERP), customer relationship management, advanced planning and scheduling, warehouse management, human resources and e-business. SYSPRO is used by some 14,000 sites across the world. K3 Business Technology Group is part of K3 Business Technology PLC which is a global leader in providing next-generation enterprise software for businesses in the retail, manufacturing and distribution sectors. With more than 3,000 customer installations in over 30 countries, K3 is recognised as a safe, innovative and reliable provider of world-class solutions, backed by world-class service.

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