



Success story GasLINE

CARVE-OUT AND APPLICATION RETIREMENT WITH JIVS

Background

GasLINE GmbH & Co. KG (GasLINE) runs one of the biggest fiber-optic cable (FOC) networks in Germany, spanning over 10,000 km. GasLINE's commercial processes are run on SAP and operated on behalf of the company by Open Grid Europe GmbH (OGE). Following a change of service provider for commercial management, GasLINE transferred a simplified version of their accounting records to the new provider – in other words, without the full data contents.

To ensure long-term access to the content of these records, GasLINE decided to implement an SAP archiving solution.

HIGHLIGHTS

- > GasLINE has fast and easy access to critical legacy data – at a fraction of the cost.
- > Users no longer have to search multiple systems and business areas, significantly improving work ergonomics.
- > The cost of expanding the existing SAP solution could be avoided.
- > Thanks to **JiVS**, critical data has been streamlined and safeguarded for the long term – all at a lower TCO.

Starting Situation

For GasLINE, long-term access to historical commercial data is essential to its business. The company needs this data to issue invoices, for example, and to verify insurance claims, or check and adjust customer contracts.

As a result of changing service provider, the network separation made data migration an even more time-consuming and complex prospect.

Requirements and Goals

In addition to GasLINE's internal information requirements, a key priority was ensuring that the data stored in the archiving solution complied with German "GoBS" legislation (which stipulates how data should be treated in documents-against-payment (DP) accounting systems). The company needed a solution that would meet these legal requirements, support internal processes – and keep the total cost of ownership (TCO) to a minimum. For Dr Andreas Kaiser, Head of IT Transformation & Development at GasLINE, being able to access data independently was also particularly important. To find a suitable solution, GasLINE teamed up with the development department at OGE.

"It was an enormous challenge to achieve these objectives with one single solution"

Mr. Erbe, Project Manager for Data Transfer at OGE.

Solution

But there was one solution that met all of the criteria – the JiVS Information Management Platform (JiVS IMP) from **Data Migration International (DMI)**. The IT provider ran an initial solution assessment, so that everyone involved had a clear picture of the different solution options, work packages, project phases, expenditure and dependencies. Based on this assessment, the project was approved and DMI could set to work. For detailed product information, please contact your local sales consultant or get in touch at:

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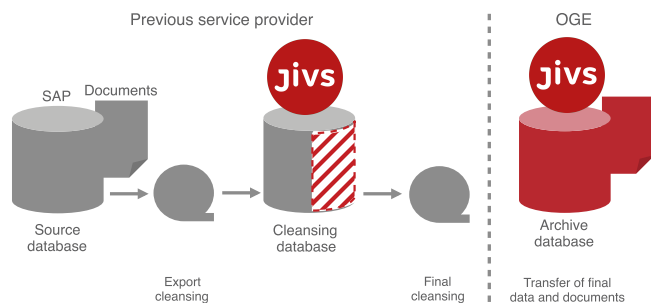
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The first step was to create an overall plan that covered all of the technical, functional, organizational and legal aspects of the project. **"Part of DMI's remit was to extract data from the previous service provider and to guarantee that this data was complete,"** explains Mr. Miodek, Project Manager on the OGE side. **"This made our work and the whole project so much easier".**

The entire project was also certified by a qualified auditor.

Implementation

The implementation process covers several key phases.



IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- > Provision of the required infra- structure for the JiVS platform
 - > Data export/cleansing from the source system
 - > Refinement of data cleansing
 - > Automated completeness log
 - > Transfer of documents from the archive/DMI system
 - > Testing and validation steps
 - > Import of validated data into JiVS
- ### History
- > Web browser search
 - > Documentation and approval

Key Benefits

All users can now access legacy data quickly and easily via the JiVS web browser: “During our transition to the new service provider, we successfully implemented a long-term archiving solution, which gives us complete and independent control over our commercial data. For us, this is important as this data can be very valuable,” comments Dr Ulrich Tigges, Head of Controlling at GasLINE.

Mr. Miodek adds, “We knew that carving out data from SAP would present challenges on a technical level, and from a political and organizational perspective, particularly given the number of parties involved. It was also difficult to define exact selection criteria, as these not only had to fit with our circumstances but also the system configuration of the source system. Thanks to the simplicity of the search function in JiVS, we were able to check the criteria immediately, refine the data cleansing, and then check the results of the new selection again straight away. In this way, we were able to master the technical and organizational challenges and bring the project to a successful fruition. I'm very happy with both the solution and the results.”

Short Profile of GasLINE

GasLINE has a fiber-optic cable (FOC) network covering the whole of Germany with over 10,000 km of cables. Over 100 national and international telecommunication companies already rely on and use the GasLINE network, which is connected, in over 100 cities, to call centers, PoPs (points of presence) and service providers. The network is continually expanding in line with customer-specific requirements. GasLINE is extending its product range and, alongside dark fibers, our future offerings will include Carrier Ethernet and wavelength services with flexible carrying capacities of up to 100Gbit/s – for powerful network solutions.

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