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Proact delivers redundant active data centres to forestry machine manufacturer Ponsse

Europe's leading independent integrator of integrated systems, Proact, is delivering a data centre solution for Ponsse. Ponsse is among the global industry leaders of manufacturing forestry machines specialising in the cut-to-length method.

Proact is in charge of delivering to Ponsse two redundant data centres both of them running applications simultaneously featuring EMC, VNX and VPLEX technologies. Proact will also take care of installation, data migration and staff training. Ponsse required a solution for a larger storage space with expansion options. The company was also in need of IT-support services that are available 24x7.

"We needed to find a scalable, reliable storage system for storing customer data as well as product data critical to our business operations. The system will also speed up our data processing," describes Ponsse's IT Director Arto Haaksluoto.

Ponsse specialises in the manufacturing, sales, maintenance and information systems of forestry machines specialising in the cut-to-length method. The CTL method involves cutting timber on-site in the forest to a suitable length according to its intended use. Ponsse's IT systems will simultaneously report directly to their customers the type and quantity of the delivered timber. Forestry machines are manufactured in two shifts when the factory is operating at full capacity. This means that any production disruptions will have a direct impact on deliveries to customers.

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About Ponsse

Ponsse is a global leader in forestry machine manufacturing. The company's client-oriented approach continues to be guided by the requirements and needs of forestry machine entrepreneurs. Ponsse's headquarters are located in Vieremä, Finland, where the company has been operating since its establishment in 1970. The family of the company's founder, Einari Vidgrén, continues to participate in the everyday operations of Ponsse. Ponsse is a family company that has its roots deep in the Finnish countryside.

The company's stock is listed on the NASDAQ OMX Nordic List. The Ponsse group consists of the parent company, Ponsse Plc, and affiliates Ponsse AB, Sweden, Ponsse AS, Norway, Ponssé S.A.S, France, Ponsse UK Ltd., Great Britain, Ponsse North America, Inc., USA, Ponsse Latin America, Brazil, OOO Ponsse, Russia, Ponsse Asia-Pacific Ltd., Hong Kong, Ponsse China Ltd., China, Ponsse Uruguay S.A., Uruguay, and Epec Oy, Seinäjoki, Finland.

The turnover of Ponsse Plc was EUR 390.8 million in 2014, with approximately 1,246 forestry machine employees.

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About Proact

Proact is Europe's leading independent integrator in the field of integrated systems (data storage, servers and networks) and private cloud services. Proact supplies business benefits by helping companies and authorities the world over to reduce risk and costs, and above all to supply flexible, accessible and secure IT services.

Proact solutions cover all data centre elements, including storage, servers, security and network functions. In addition, Proact's cloud service operations manage 70 petabytes of information. Proact has completed more than 3,500 successful projects all over the world to date.

The Proact Group has more than 660 employees and conducts business in Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the USA. Proact was founded in 1994, and its parent company Proact IT Group AB (publ) has been listed on Nasdaq Stockholm under the symbol PACT since 1999.

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