Akzo Nobel Casco Adhesives strengthens environmental management with IFS Eco-footprint Management

Casco Adhesives, part of Akzo Nobel, one of the world’s leading chemicals corporations, has signed an agreement with IFS to upgrade and extend its business applications to streamline processes and improve environmental management. The extension includes the implementation by Casco Adhesives of IFS Eco-footprint Management, which will be used to analyze and document the environmental impact of its operations throughout the value chain.

Casco Adhesives, located in Kristinehamn and Nacka, Sweden, has been using IFS Applications since 1994. The company sells and develops adhesives and adhesive systems for the wood-working industry. Today it uses IFS Applications to control and monitor financials, production, and logistics. Apart from IFS Eco-footprint Management, the upgrade includes:

- The new IFS Enterprise Explorer user interface, to increase user productivity
- IFS Trade Management, a new component designed for companies with more advanced requirements within trade and distribution and increased support for product development in the process industry

Casco Adhesives’ ambition is to develop, test, environmentally certify and launch its products faster, and to more clearly position itself as a leader in sustainable development.

“The environment and quality are in focus throughout our organization,” said Sara Nilsson, Acting Environment Manager at Casco Adhesives. “We hold environmental (ISO 14001) and quality (ISO 9001) certifications, and work continuously to reduce resource consumption, meet increasing environmental requirements for our raw materials, develop eco-friendly products, and reduce waste. With IFS Eco-footprint Management we get a solution that is integrated with our ERP software and that will streamline the company's sustainability efforts.”

Eco-footprint Management enables environmental impact to be traced along the entire value chain, from raw-material procurement and production to distribution and use of the products in the field. This makes it possible to analyze businesses from a holistic perspective and gain an overview of environmental costs.

“Whether our customers need to meet legislative requirements or be proactive in their environmental efforts, this is exactly the type of tool they require. IFS has invested in speed and agility, and can already meet customer demands and offer this tool as an integrated part of the ERP solution. The tool will help our customers manage risk at board level, position themselves in the market and fulfill increasing stringent legislation,” said Glenn Arnesen, CEO of IFS Scandinavia.

The process industry is one of IFS’ targeted markets. IFS provides industry-specific functionality for enterprises in chemicals, food & beverage, pulp and paper, and metals. IFS Applications™ for the chemical industry provides support for all critical business processes, including material compliance, batch balancing, recipe management, quality management and demand planning. The application suite also includes solutions for enterprise asset management, product lifecycle management, customer relationship management, finance and human resource management.

IFS customers in the chemical industry include Jotun, Flint Group, Dyrup, Willamette Valley Company, Akzo Nobel, Becker Acroma, Farrow & Ball, Teknos and Becker Industrial Coatings. Other IFS process industry customers include Pepsi, PFX Pet Supply, Chingford Fruit, Imerys, SSAB, Hutmen, Nucor Corp, Holmen Paper and SCA Graphics.
About Casco Adhesives
Casco Adhesives develops, manufactures, and sells adhesives and hardeners to the worldwide. It provides solutions for construction timber, flooring, and the furniture industry.

Casco Adhesives is part of Akzo Nobel, which is one of the world’s leading chemicals corporations. Product development and production take place in a number of countries in Europe, Asia, North America and Latin America. Since 1928 Casco Adhesives has developed a distinct assortment encompassing a wide range of products.

More information is available at www.AKZONOBEL.com/casco.

About IFS
IFS is a public company (XSTO: IFS) founded in 1983 that develops, supplies, and implements IFS Applications™, a component-based extended ERP suite built on SOA technology. IFS focuses on agile businesses where any of four core processes are strategic: service & asset management, manufacturing, supply chain and projects. The company has 2,000 customers and is present in more than 50 countries with 2,700 employees in total. Net revenue in 2009 was SKr 2.6 billion.

More information on IFS is available at www.IFSWORLD.com.