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## Norsk Hydro chose ProAct to supply storage solution for office applications and seismic information

In December 2002, ProAct Systems AS and leading Norwegian oil company Norsk Hydro, signed an agreement regarding a storage solution worth 30 million NOK. This makes it one of the largest deals for ProAct in 2002. The solution includes Norsk Hydro's sites at Porsgrunn, Oslo and Bergen. The implementation has been made during Q1 2003.

The storage solution is based on the latest products from Network Appliance. Similar solutions have been implemented in the whole of the Norwegian oil industry and have made ProAct one of the leaders in advanced storage solutions.

The technology used is called NAS, Network Attached Storage, and has now become an accepted technology for business in banking, telecom, retail, the public sector and manufacturing industry. NAS is interesting mostly because of the simple administration and management without the need for advanced and expensive switches and fibre optical cabling to achieve the required performance.

The solution is now implemented and in production at Norsk Hydro. The storage space is mostly used for office applications such as MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint and others. It is also used for storing seismic data where products such as SnapMirror and SnapRestore will simplify the administration and make it possible for the different Norsk Hydro offices to backup each other.

Hydro IS Partner which manages the IS solution at Norsk Hydro, is expecting to see some substantial savings with the new solution since it makes it possible to share the storage space with other servers instead of locking each server's space to a single server.

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