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United Sawmills implements TietoEnator's Information Management System

UPM-Kymmene's United Sawmills Ltd. has adopted TietoEnator's Wood Product Solution (WPS). WPS is an enterprise- and mill-level management information system for sawmills, wood processing companies, and forest product sales offices. The system rollout for United Sawmills, Ltd's sawmills and sites were successfully completed at the end of April. The entire company is now connected to one common system.

TietoEnator's WPS has been developed in collaboration with United Sawmills and other TietoEnator mechanical forest industry customers. It is built to support the changing business needs of the industry. Through a Web browser, users are able to access data related to production, warehouse management, sales, invoicing, delivery, logistics, purchasing, planning, and budgeting. The Web technology also enables easy-to-implement electronic customer services, and mobile business solutions.

"TietoEnator is experienced in building sawmill systems. Their WPS meets the criteria we set for our IT needs. Today, companies often have to go through several organisational changes, and need to react quickly to changes in the business environment. It is important that our IT solution is flexible, and is able to support these changes," says Arto Parikka, IT-Manager of United Sawmills.

"We have supplied IT services to the forest products industry for over 30 years. TietoEnator's TIPS paper industry solution is used by paper manufacturers in 15 countries. Our goal is that WPS will follow in TIPS footsteps in the mechanical forest industry," tells Juha Anttila, Director of TietoEnator's mechanical forest industry business.

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United Sawmills Ltd is one of Europe's leading producers of board and processed wood products. In 2001, its turnover was EUR 416 million, and production capacity over 2.2 million metric tons. The company employs 1,500 persons. United Sawmills Ltd manufactures standard board product, as well as customised product for specialised industrial applications. Their main customers are joinery, furniture manufacturers, interior designers, housing contractors, and outdoor equipment manufacturers. The company runs eight sawmills in Finland: Alholma, Aureskoski, Heinola, Kajaani, Kaukas, Korkeakoski, Leivonmäki, Seikku, and one in Steyrermühl, Austria. Heinola, Luumäki and Parkanon Lista are further processing units dedicated to more advanced product solutions. www.upm-kymmene.com

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