

CASE STORY



Facts about Scana Steel Söderfors AB

Scana Steel Söderfors AB is a subsidiary of Scana Industrier ASA which was established in 1987, starting off as a company primarily providing products and services to the oil and gas related industry. It developed over time into a company with a strong foothold in the steel and marine industries.

In 1995 the company was listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange. Scana is an industrial group with approximately 1,700 employees (of whom more than 750 are working in China), and with an annual turnover in the range of EUR 160 million.

As one of the world's most esteemed suppliers of high-alloy steel Scana Söderfors constantly has to improve production in order to maintain its leading position. One of the ways to do so is to uphold efficient maintenance procedures as investments

in preventive maintenance is soon evened out as the risk of a production breakdown is reduced considerably. As a consequence Scana Söderfors has invested in an IT based maintenance management system

At Scana Söderfors AB technology has a high priority and this was a decisive factor when the company decided to replace the old maintenance management system with the new API PRO system. The prospect of using the API PRO Import Module when implementing the new system implied that minimum manual labour would be involved.

The management immediately appreciated how this would reduce the expenses related to the project dramatically, and as the system itself proved to be both highly efficient and user-friendly the decision was easy to make.

"The import tool really opens up possibilities. It is easy to work with and yet extremely powerful. The transmission of data is

carried out easily even if you just have average experience with computers" says Lars Elenius, Technical Manager at Scana Söderfors AB.

67 % Cost Reduction

The introduction of a new maintenance system is demanding in both time and costs. The API PRO Import Module reduces these factors dramatically. As a result the company got through the implementation process with minimal efforts, obtaining a system that would increase efficiency in the entire enterprise.

During the implementation process at Scana Söderfors more than 25,000 records and about 50,000 relations between tables were imported from the old system, a task

Facts about API

API Maintenance Systems A/S is the head office of the API group and responsible for the development, sales, implementation and support of the API maintenance management system throughout the world. The software is used by many leading companies worldwide in a variety of industries and organizations to maintain high-value capital assets such plants, facilities and equipment.

that would have involved many hours of work should it have been handled manually. Lars Elenius and his staff were more than happy to avoid this tedious job.

"It is like a dream to see that thousands of data records are being handled when thinking of how much time and effort it would take doing it manually. According to my calculations we have made a 67% cost reduction in comparison with entering the data manually," Lars Elenius estimates.



Fast and Easy Migration of Data

The API PRO Import Module is designed not only for fast, easy and flexible import of new data but also to merge new and existing data. Certain criteria need to be met in order for the import module to work correctly; the most important one being the layout of the import file. Once the criteria are met, the following is obtainable:

- An easy way of transferring data from another system
- Simplified entry of large amounts of data
- A powerful tool for multiple change of data

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