

Drill through paperwork

The right software can make a driller's administration simpler, more streamlined and efficient. Andy Glyn of Matrixx writes for *Australasian Drilling*.

Who wants more paperwork? This is a world of ever increasing procedural requirements and speedier and more accurate management reporting.

It is a wonder that so many companies are still using paper-based systems for so much of their internal communication and process management.

At this time of revolutionary communication and software advances, there are numerous software applications that make the drilling company's admin simpler, more streamlined and efficient.

Yet a lot of companies are either resistant to change or unaware of the cost benefits of "going digital".

The headaches of manually completing and transmitting PLODS, Take 5s, JHAs, JSEAs and other items of routine paperwork are now a thing of the past. So is the reading, deciphering and storage of all these paper-based forms at the head office admin end.

In addition to serving clients in environmental, health, local government and construction sectors, Perth based, Colleagues Information Systems (CIS), now supply their Matrixx software to six drilling contractors who are members of ADIA.

These member companies range in size.

Between them they have over 100 rigs out in the field, mostly in Australia, but some in Africa and Asia, all requiring regular and accurate reporting back to their head offices.

Each company has its own unique reporting systems and Matrixx software is adapted to the client's specific requirements.

Certain fields can be mandatory, meaning the form may not be completed unless key elements are filled in, like an authorised sign off before transmission.

Instead of having to find a pen and the correct paper forms, workers on site fill the required data on their tablets using digital forms with drop-down menus.

As well as all reports being time and geo-tagged, there are options for photos



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to be attached to help explain any facts that are hard to report in words.

When the workers are back in wifi range the stored data on their tablets then gets transmitted. The information is then assimilated and collated automatically to produce the required management reports back at head office.

Management can read these at their desks the next morning.

"I am very happy with the service Colleagues-Matrixx give us. They are adaptable and easy to do business with," Ranger Drilling general manager, Stuart Baird, said.

"We have seen real savings and efficiency improvements. Our admin costs have gone down. Additionally, we had no real culture changes moving over

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to the new system. It also allows us to be quicker in our invoicing."

Colleagues Matrixx are members of ADIA and their software is accepted and approved by the major commissioning companies for reliable data transfer and management.

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