

ABX Logistics (Singapore) Endorses IPACS' Logistics/2000

Top logistics company - ABX Logistics (Singapore) and IPACS Asia Pte Ltd, a Singapore Enterprise 50 company, have sealed a half-million Singapore dollar deal with each other, for the implementation of IPACS Logistics/2000 software.

The Deal

The contract was signed between Mr Detlev Janik, Managing Director of ABX Singapore and Mr Wong Sing Lam, Group Managing Director of IPACS Asia on 29 August 2000. Under the contract, ABX Logistics (Singapore) will purchase IPACS' Logistics/2000, an integrated total solution comprising of Airfreight, Seafreight and Financial Accounting System for the 40 users of ABX Logistics (Singapore). The deal also covers ABX's participation in the soon-to-be-launched d2dLogistics.com, an e-Logistics hub developed by IPACS.

The Logistics/2000 implementation for ABX Logistics will begin in September 2000. It will run on a Unix Server, housed at ABX's office in Changi South so as to link the ABX Logistics (Singapore) offices together. It will also use Oracle Database and two Netfinity Application Servers - one operating Airfreight at the Changi Cargo Complex while the other will operate the Seafreight and Financials at the ABX's Distribution Centre located at Changi South.

The modus operandi will automate ABX Logistics (Singapore)'s Airfreight, Seafreight, Sales and Marketing as well as Accounting Operations. Its objectives are:

- To increase accuracy, improving operational efficiency by using a new generation Logistics/2000 Solution
- To improve customer service and satisfaction as information flow is now more systematically managed while processes and procedures are being streamlined. This would translate into greater efficiency for ABX who would be able to respond quicker to its customers' requests.
- To reduce communication costs as quotations, shipment details and relevant freight documents can be exchanged electronically.
- To increase communication efficiency as Logistics/2000 will be integrated with ABX's internal EDI and Tracking System in the near future.

"ABX Logistics is dedicated to providing our customers high quality, competitive and innovative solutions to their international logistics requirements. Thus, we are always looking around for innovative solutions. Our recent quest ended with IPACS' Logistics/2000. We believe that Logistics/2000 will serve ABX Logistics well and we certainly trust IPACS with its proven track record to handle our projects for us," said Mr Detlev Janik, Managing Director of ABX Singapore.



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Mr Eddie Dufrenne, Regional CEO of ABX Asia Pacific further added, "ABX is an international logistics company providing seafreight, airfreight, warehousing and customs clearance services. As one of the world's largest and most experienced transport logistics and freight-forwarding companies, it is thus most crucial to us to have solutions that can value add to our customers."

Mr Wong Sing Lam, Group Managing Director of IPACS Asia said, "We are indeed pleased to bag this major opportunity for Logistics/2000 with ABX Logistics (Singapore). Our Logistics/2000 is a very comprehensive IT solution specially developed to meet the IT needs of LSPs. With IPACS' 17 years of IT experience, especially in the field of transportation and logistics, coupled with our 15 offices worldwide and numerous business partners, IPACS is fully capable and committed to provide the best service to our customers worldwide."

BACKGROUNDER

What is Logistics/2000?

Logistics/2000 is the latest generation of application solution specially developed by IPACS, for the Transportation and Logistics industry. From freight operations to inventory management to shipment tracking, Logistics/2000 equips LSPs with the ability to manage their global business more effectively and at the same time assist businesses to meet the challenge of door-to-door services provided by the logistics supply chain.

Logistics/2000 manages the business processes and information flow efficiently and effectively. On-line real-time processing provides quick and accurate cargo information for better-informed decisions to be made during critical situations. Being Internet enable, the system is accessible round the clock and around the world.

Key Features of Logistics/2000:

- **Seafreight**

Covers the complete process flow of the Import and Export operations, from the preparation of shipping orders to container load planning and to the final settlement stage with the organisations' branch offices and overseas agents.

- **Airfreight**

Covers the management of the operations from shipment bookings through management reporting

- **e-Tracking**

An on-line system with a centralised database that links shippers, consignees, carriers, agents and other relevant parties. This central depository of information allows users to share and retrieve information for more effective planning, decision-making and job control functions.

- **Financial Accounting**

Support multi-tier organisation structures with its full audit trail and verification. The data stored and information generated will help management manage the profitability of the business, monitor sales, purchases, debts and cash flow.

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