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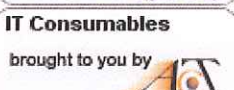
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Post Vision Technology and professional project and construction management company, Profica have joined forces to provide the local construction industry with a pre-configured instance of Post Vision's Project Portfolio Office (PPO) project management solution.

As well as being a PPO user itself, Profica has successfully rolled out PPO for the Gugulethu Square shopping centre in Cape Town as well as for the Nampak Wiegand Glass cullet project in Johannesburg thus far.

Says Tim White, Profica MD: "When it came to looking for a project control and management solution specific to the construction industry, Profica undertook extensive research worldwide in order to find a tool that could accommodate the South African property and construction processes. In comparison to other offerings, we found that PPO could provide a great, cost effective, user friendly system as well as local support, which was a key consideration.

"Profica and Post Vision spent more than two years developing and testing a PPO instance that was tailor made for the construction industry, incorporating the current industry contract administration norms as well as Profica's bespoke project management procedures for the management of commercial construction projects.

"After successfully using the solution on a number of projects, we feel that PPO will be of great benefit to the construction industry, specifically to assist in the drawing management process, access to information and clarifications, document control, time and risk management and change control, ultimately providing a cost effective yet all encompassing construction project management tool that has no equal. Based on this, Profica and Post Vision set up a relationship to bring PPO to this sector."

White says that the fine-tuning of PPO for the construction industry will be an ongoing process and that in future, the solution will include other additional features and upgrades to ensure a best practice solution for the construction industry at all times.

"Profica has helped open up another local market for PPO and we believe that together we will make great strides in helping the construction industry to improve its project management capabilities," adds Guy Jelley, CEO of local project management software provider, Post Vision Technology.

"PPO's Software as a Service (SaaS) model is ideal for this sector, as projects undertaken typically involve several different parties – from engineers and architects to land surveyors for example – all based in different locations and with different IT policies and standards. SaaS provides all of these stakeholders with access to the same information from wherever they might be situated – all they need is Internet connectivity."

Jelley adds that taking this type of pre-configured for industry or domain tactic is the preferred approach from Post Vision's perspective. "By taking PPO and pre-configuring it for a specific type of company or sector, partners can get clients up and running much faster, instead of having to provide custom configuration for each new customer," he says. "We encourage our partners to follow Profica's example and look at utilising this method into the future."

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