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THE M6 GROUP
INCORPORATES DIGITISATION OF ITS INVOICES INTO ITS BUSINESS PROCESSES

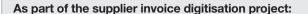## CONTEXT ⌄

As part of the supplier invoice digitisation project:

• Integrating the process into the Group's ERP
• Managing an entire process right through to archiving
• Finding the best compromise between image quality and file size
• Handling large volumes
• Having fast, reliable and silent scanners

" Unlike its competitors, Spigraph was able to meet our needs by offering a simple solution without imposing features or services that we did not want. **"**

Benjamin Charles,
IS project/Back-office manager of the M6 Group

FULFILMENT ⌄

Customisation of the Spigraph software solution to fit the group's business processes and integrate it with its ERP.

Help in choosing the hardware solution: 25 scanners processing 20 pages/minute, of which 12 are used to scan supplier invoices and 13 in new digitisation projects implemented since.

BENEFITS ⌄

The chosen solution offers:
• Optimisation of the supplier invoice management process
• Reliability of the validation channel
• Improvement in the accessibility of archived documents
• Simplified work for the accounting team and all managers involved in the process
• Increased visibility

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Over the past 25 years, the M6 Group has strongly diversified, becoming a powerful multimedia group, offering a wide range of programmes, products and services available in various media: TV, internet, mobile phones, etc. It increasingly positions itself as a content publisher strongly anchored in new digital technology.

In this perspective, in late 2012, M6 decided to optimise the management of its supplier invoices based on paperless technology. *«On average, we handle 62,000 invoices a year from 10,000 suppliers,»* explains Benjamin Charles, the Group's IS project / Back-office manager. *«On receipt of each invoice, our accounts department matches it with the purchase order stored in our Oracle EBS ERP before continuing the validation process of the printed invoice. Not only is this fastidious but it also considerably slows down the process.»* In addition, once processed, invoices were stored in remote locations, making any further consultation difficult.

DIGITISING BY INTEGRATING THE ERP PROCESS

Looking for a simple and effective solution, the M6 Group studied bids from various providers. *«All had drawbacks. We were looking for a scanning solution to interface with our ERP. This was a simple requirement on the face of it but most solutions on the market were too complex or comprehensive for what we wanted to do. In addition, many providers impose outsourcing of the scan-*

ning process which is very expensive. At a trade show, we met Spigraph who presented their solution which was exactly what we wanted.»

Able to adapt to all technical architectures, the Spigraph software solution makes it possible to digitise a document by incorporating the scanned image into the business process. Compatible with scanners on the market equipped with a TWAIN driver, this software solution processes, indexes and controls image quality. *«We were convinced by the simplicity of the solution. In early January, we began to work with Spigraph to adapt the software to our processes. After three weeks and many iterations, we built an architecture that precisely met our expectations.»*

Divided into five main phases, the fully automated process, as previously, involves the accountant matching the purchase order saved in the ERP with the printed invoice. If the two documents are consistent with each other, the accountant triggers the scanning of the invoice from Oracle EBS. Registered in PDF format in a temporary directory, the digitised invoice is then checked by the accountant before being sent to a file server for filing. At the same time, an HTML-type link indicating the precise location of the document is inserted into the ERP, allowing it to be subsequently easily found.

AN INSTANT SUCCESS, SINCE EXTENDED TO NEW PROCESSES

Existing scanners were not suitable for large volume, so the group was supported by Spigraph in choosing reliable, fast and silent hardware. *«This last criterion was particularly important as we work in an open space. We finally opted for twelve scanners - one per accountant. Both in terms of hardware and software, Spigraph was exemplary throughout this project, particularly by showing astonishing reactivity to developments.»*

Very well received by the accounting team, the project was an instant success. Simple filing of invoices, accessibility of archived documents, securing of the validation process now managed by an internally developed workflow, traceability of the process, etc., the benefits of simple digitisation through solutions proposed by Spigraph are such that the group has decided to extend the concept to new contract digitisation projects within the human resources department and even contracts with suppliers.

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ABOUT THE M6 GROUP

Founded in 1987 around the M6 channel, Métropole Télévision has become a powerful multimedia group, offering a wide range of programmes, products and services. Around M6, the second-ranked TV channel with under 50 year olds, broadcasting now iconic programmes, revolves a family of 11 digital channels including W9, leading the new DTT channels and, since late 2012, 6ter, «TV to be shared». A publisher of content that

may be adapted and used in all media, the group develops a diversification strategy through its subsidiaries, including M6 Web, and innovative products such as its catch-up TV - M6 Replay, W9 Replay and M6 mobile by Orange.

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