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Ohjas system to streamline forestry business management

Metsähallitus, a Finnish government enterprise responsible for managing state-owned forests, has acquired an enterprise resource planning system, Ohjas, from Savcor Forest Oy. Ohjas will replace older information systems used by Metsähallitus, thereby bringing forestry operations to a new level.

—Our main goal is to manage and strengthen the resource planning of forestry business operations by having only one system, says **Heikki Savolainen**, the director of forestry at Metsähallitus.

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wood, harvesting, bioenergy production, silviculture, and transport processes. Reporting and management of financial transactions related to these processes will also be handled with the system. In addition, the system will relay information on business processes between Metsähallitus and the relevant enterprises. The Ohjas system delivery

contract includes user support and maintenance services.

The overall package as the deciding factor

Savcor is a long-term partner and system supplier for Metsähallitus. The

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planning process for the Ohjas project is underway, with the new system set to be fully up and running in December 2015.

- This is a large-scale reform; therefore, we wanted a partner with enough expertise and know-how in the field. The skills of the staff and the company’s

references were also important criteria in the decision, explains Savolainen.

Savolainen emphasizes that the project’s schedule is tight, making good project management and regular communication essential.

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Savcor Forest Oy’s CEO, **Jukka Rautiainen**, is pleased that the long-standing collaboration with Metsähallitus is expanding.

– I am very happy to know that Metsähallitus trusts our expertise and has selected us to supply a central system. We already have all the key resources required for the project and are in the process of hiring more personnel.

According to Rautiainen, it is important that Metsähallitus reap all the benefits it is hoping for from the reform.

– The collaboration also gives Savcor an opportunity to hone its technological expertise to perfection, he explains.

Benefits for the various provinces

Metsähallitus delivers 6.1 million cubic meters of wood a year to its clients, amounting to around 10% of the wood used by the industry in Finland.

The clients include around a hundred sawmills, alongside pulp and paper plants.

– We operate in the provinces, bringing in 2,200 man-years of work. Forestry is one of Metsähallitus’s key business activities. Most of our forests are managed for multiple uses, so we also consider recreation use, natural diversity, reindeer herding, employment impact, and Sami matters in all our operations, says Heikki Savolainen.

Jukka Rautiainen a CEO of Savcor Forest and the director of forestry at Metsähallitus, Heikki Savolainen signing the contract.

