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Bielefeld, January 16, 2007 – ixetic GmbH, one of the world's leading manufacturers of hydraulic and vacuum pumps for the automobile industry, has selected itelligence as SAP consultants and plans to introduce it.automotive supplier, itelligence's pre-configured SAP industry solution for the automobile supplier industry. The company, which is based in Bad Homburg, Germany, employs around 1,300 employees and generated sales of EUR 260 million in 2005. Following the conclusion of the mySAP ERP introduction in 2008, a total of 1,210 ixetic users will be working with the SAP system in the factories in Bad Homburg and Hückeswagen.

ixetic emerged as an independent company in March 2006 following the sale of LuK Fahrzeug-Hydraulik GmbH & Co. KG. to the European investor group cognetas and now operates on the market independently. The company plans to rapidly expand its international market presence by further developing innovative products such as CO<sup>2</sup> compressors for air conditioning systems. The company-wide SAP introduction at ixetic will create the requirements for a smoother work processes and better planning quality in all areas and thus support improved overall company management.

One focus will be supporting the entire product origination process (PEP) within the product realization process, including through document management and by providing transparency in change management. Further aims include perpetual inventory management, improved parts traceability, optimized batch production and improved capacity, personnel and machine deployment planning in manufacturing.

Reinhard W. Hilgner, Information Technology Manager at ixetic GmbH. "In itelligence, we have made the right choice and have found an internationally positioned full-service provider that implements our complex SAP project competently and efficiently and will be able to support us in global SAP roll-outs in future including as a partner on site."

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As a SAP full-service provider and general contractor for SAP licensees operating its own hotline, an outsourcing area offering remote administration services and a proprietary automotive industry solution as well as a specialist in the mapping of supplier business processes, itelligence is positioned as a premium partner for upper mid-market automotive companies.

After the initial introduction phase based on UNICODE for 152 users, the migration of mySAP ERP Logistics to the itelligence solution it.automotive supplier – containing the modules Sales and Dispatch (SD), Purchasing and Materials Management with batch management (MM), Production Planning and Control with batch production (PP), Commercial Project System (PS), Controlling (CO), Business Intelligence (BW), Maintenance and Plant Construction (PM), Quality Management (QM), Warehouse Management with kanban and incorporating scanners (WM), Human Resources (HR), Business Intelligence (BW), Packaging Management (HUM) and PLM with goods in/goods out control, document management and product development & product management in accordance with AP/QP standards (cProjects) – will commence for a further 1,058 users.

The SAP Solution Manager is used for project management. itelligence's team will implement it.x-change, itelligence's EDI converter based on SAP Netweaver XI (exchange infrastructure), for electronic data exchange between customers and suppliers and the company's SAP system for 186 business partner connections in VDA, EDIFACT and ODETTE formats.

Commenting on the strategically important project, Meinolf Schäfer, SAP Mid-market Sales, remarked: "The project challenges lie in transforming the business from the Group to mid-market companies, migrating the various existing solutions, including Infor XPPS, harmonizing the two sites and ensuring extensive deployment of the ERP solution."

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#### **About ixetic**

ixetic GmbH, headquartered in Bad Homburg, Germany, is one of the world's leading manufacturers of hydraulic and vacuum pumps for the automobile industry. The company employs around 1,300 staff at its German locations of Bad Homburg and Hückeswagen and also has branches in the USA and Japan.

ixetic GmbH generated sales of EUR 260 million in 2005. ixetic's product range includes hydraulic pumps for control, drive and transmission applications, vacuum pumps for braking systems and air-conditioning compressors in automobile and lubricating pumps. The company's customers include renowned car manufacturers such as Audi, BMW, DaimlerChrysler, Porsche, Renault, Toyota and Volkswagen.

ixetic's success is also based on high reliability and innovative products. The company has more than 200 patents and with an annual development spend of seven percent of sales, openly embraces innovation. Several years ago, ixetic also installed a process-optimization system based on Japanese KAIZEN principles. The company has continually enhanced the system, which has since been honored as "best-in-class". The car manufacturer ixetic is thus currently one of the few KAIZEN-certified companies in Europe.

#### **About itelligence**

itelligence is one of the leading international full-service provider for SAP employing some 1000 highly qualified employees in 15 countries and in 4 regions (America, Western Europe, Eastern Europe and Germany/Austria). As a mySAP Business, Service and Support Alliance as well as Global Partner Hosting and Global Services Partner, itelligence realizes complex projects in the SAP environment for over 2,500 customers worldwide. In 2006, itelligence obtained the status as Gold Partner SAP. The company's services range from SAP consulting and licensing to outsourcing and services to proprietary industry-specific SAP solutions. In 2005, itelligence generated total sales of EUR 139.1 million.