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# HIMA selects IFS Applications 9 to improve operations of key business processes

*HIMA replaces several legacy systems with a modern ERP solution from IFS for enhanced production planning, logistics and financial management*

**IFS**, the global enterprise applications company, announces that **HIMA**, the world's leading independent provider of solutions for safety-critical applications, will implement **IFS Applications™ 9** as its central enterprise resource management (ERP) system to improve and streamline its complex global business processes. The contract includes licenses and services worth approximately 3.1 million euros.

The global HIMA Group is the technology leader and solutions provider for functional safety applications in the process industry, rail industry and machine and plant engineering. The company was founded in 1908 and operates from over 50 locations worldwide with its own service and sales centers and experienced representatives in all of the key industrialized regions of the world.

The international business of HIMA created a need for an integrated IT solution that could facilitate effective management of its multi-national, multi-company, multi-branch and multi-currency operations. The company looked for a new ERP solution that could replace its stand-alone legacy systems and offer comprehensive support for its mission-critical business processes. After evaluating different ERP systems, HIMA chose IFS Applications 9 as its enterprise-wide ERP system. The IFS solution met the functional requirements of the company and also provides the best support for its multi-branch and multi-company operations in several languages and for business transactions in different currencies.

When fully deployed, IFS Applications will cover HIMA's entire value chain, from production planning, manufacturing, and logistics to maintenance, financials, HR, service and quality management.

HIMA's IT infrastructure was running with a number of disparate systems. As a result, a lot of time was spent inputting data into multiple systems and also for matching and consolidating. Now with the centralized solution from IFS, processes will be more efficient and productive especially thanks to an easy-to-view summary of key business data via the IFS Lobby, a key feature of IFS Applications 9.

"We were looking for a global solution with deep functionality specific to the industries we serve, and we found that with IFS Applications 9," said Stefan Hintenlang, Vice President Operations at HIMA. "The ERP system will help us get better visibility of key business processes and accommodate our needs in the future."

Peter Höhne, Vice President Sales & Marketing, IFS Europe Central added "IFS Applications 9 is designed to give global companies the visibility of their key business processes so we are confident that HIMA will benefit from the IFS solution that will support their production, logistics and financial functions."

### About HIMA

The HIMA group is the world's leading independent provider of solutions for safety-critical applications. With more than 35,000 installed systems and TÜV-certified hardware and software, HIMA qualifies as the safety automation industry's technology leader. For over 45 years the world's largest oil, gas, chemical, pharmaceutical and energy-producing companies have relied on HIMA products, services and consulting to provide uninterrupted plant operations and protection for people and the environment. HIMA solutions are also leading the way to increased safety and profitability in the rail industry, logistics and machine operations. A family-owned safety specialist, HIMA operates from over 50 locations worldwide, has a workforce of approximately 850 employees. Discover more at [www.hima.com](http://www.hima.com)

**About IFS**

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