

A PBCS Upgrade

For a global Infrastructure Service Company



telent specialises in the effective operation of critical national infrastructure and is at the heart of many of the UK's and Ireland's best-known brands. They operate within various industry sectors including Rail, Traffic, Public Safety, Defence, Service Providers, Enterprise and Public Sector.

The company was formed in 2006 from the United Kingdom and German services businesses of Marconi Corporation (formerly General Electric Company) which had not been acquired by Ericsson. Companies with "Marconi" in their name can trace their ultimate origins, through mergers and takeovers, to The Marconi Company Ltd., founded by Guglielmo Marconi in 1897 as The Wireless Telegraph & Signal Company.

The Challenge

The Absolute EPM team were responsible for the original implementation of Hyperion Planning at telent using best practices that are an integral part of any Absolute EPM implementation methodology. The delivered solution was a fully integrated Financial Planning solution that was integrated with Oracle ERP and was a low maintenance solution

telent were looking to start their journey to the cloud for their Oracle software estate and wanted to start somewhere low risk, whereby they could assess how Oracle's SaaS applications would work within their environment.

With the help of Absolute EPM they decided on starting with migrating their 'On-Premises' Hyperion Planning application, running on version 11.1.1.3 to the SaaS equivalent PBCS.

The Solution

On discussion with telent, it was agreed that the objective of the project will be to migrate the application from Hyperion Planning to PBCS due to the current On Premises version nearing the end of its Oracle support window. Telent considered that they could upgrade their 'On Premises' application, but that would include a significant outlay for hardware and installation. telent were also seeing this project as their first low risk step into the Oracle SaaS offerings, with future considerations for ERP Cloud a potential.

It was agreed that the exploitation of new features will not be considered during the migration. These will be considered in subsequent phases. The migration was kept as simple as possible in order to reduce risk and to provide a platform for future enhancements and developments.

Absolute EPM provided a fixed price implementation that covered;

- Migration of core Planning model (Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow, Project and Workforce Planning) – From On Premise 11.1.1.3 to Oracle PBCS
- Conversion of Hyperion Business Rules to Calculation Manager
- Migration of Financial Reports
- Migration of Security groups and provisioning
- Conversion of Maxl integration process to EPM Automate
- Created new backup and clone process for in house support
- Fully regression testing
- Assisting UAT
- Delivered Hyperion Planning to PBCS conversion training to 40+ Users

Key Points

By leveraging the vast experience Absolute EPM have in both On Premises and SaaS, were able to deliver the full migration in less than 30 days.

telent were live in less than 4 months, in time for their next Forecasting round telent were able to decommission the previous Hyperion hardware