



CANON AND WASLET IT DELIVER INCREASED EFFICIENCIES TO MESSER GROUP THROUGH AUTOMATED IRISCAPTURE™ SOLUTION

MAINTAINING THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARDS

Headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany, The Messer Group is one of the leading industrial gas companies, operating over 60 companies throughout Europe, Asia and Peru and employing around 5,000 employees worldwide. A privately-owned, family run global operation, The Messer Group has manufactured and supplied industrial, speciality and medical gases and bespoke gas mixtures for over 100 years and today achieves an annual turnover of around 800€ million.

The Group's customer base is diverse, with its operating companies supplying gas and associated applied technologies to almost every sector of industry. This ranges from steel and metals manufacturing, chemical, food and pharmaceutical companies, automobile and electronics markets through to medical, environmental and technological research.

Leading its field in the German and Benelux gas industry, the Messer Group is constantly looking at ways to maintain the highest possible standards, not only in the products it supplies and the service it delivers to its customers, but also within its own internal operations.

NEW AUTOMATED INVOICING SOLUTION

As a result of the forward thinking and proactive approach of Messer's Benelux management team, the company's Belgian facility called on the services of leading systems integrator and services provider WASLET IT and Canon's consultancy team, to introduce a new highly automated invoicing solution that would increase efficiencies within its accounting department.

Explains Victor Riga, IT Manager at Messer Benelux, *"Our existing invoicing system just wasn't performing and we knew this inefficiency was costing us dearly in terms of both time and money. Our original solution lacked the automation we required and we were losing too many man-hours having to manually register and process all our supplier invoices."*

Mr Riga and the accountancy department at Messer Benelux were therefore keen to address the escalating inefficiencies in its existing solution. Hearing of Mr Riga's challenge, the Account Manager at WASLET IT arranged a consultation with Canon's IT integration team and Messer Benelux to discuss the company's requirements.

Mr Riga was keen to explore the opportunities that IRISCapture™ Pro, Canon's professional scanning, archiving and invoice processing solution presented and the benefits it could bring to the business. He was also eager to understand if the system could be seamlessly integrated within the company's existing ERP systems.

Adds Mr Riga, *"We were looking for a solution that would enable us to simply scan in our paper-based supplier invoices and transform them into digital format, provide optical character and data recognition for automated processing and provide us with digital indexed archiving for easy document retrieval."*

**Victor Riga, IT Manager at
Messer Benelux :**

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COST SAVINGS AND PROCESSING EFFICIENCIES

The consultation was a success. Messer Benelux was delighted with the potential cost savings and processing efficiencies that could be achieved by engaging the document management knowledge and IT integration expertise of the WASLET IT and Canon partnership. As a result, Canon's IT consultancy team worked with Mr Riga and his team to undertake a thorough audit of Messer's existing systems, identifying where improvements in automation could be made and the best way of integrating its IRISCapture™ Pro software into the company's existing systems to cause minimal disruption to ongoing operations.

"This was the first time we had worked with Canon, and we were extremely impressed by the technical expertise of its IT consultation team. Not only were they able to quickly identify our specific corporate requirements, and understand the importance of delivering cost and efficiency benefits, they were sympathetic to the need to work within the parameters of our existing IT systems to deliver a structured, shared solution," says Mr Riga.

Canon's consultants integrated its IRISCapture™ Pro software into Messer Belgian's existing SAP system, paying specific attention to minimise operational disruption.

Once installed, the software soon delivered several benefits. Supplier invoices are now simply scanned in via a Multi Functional Device (MFD) where the system's field recognition capabilities review key data fields from the digital document and matches it to the accounting department's SAP system.

"The whole administrative task of managing and processing our supplier invoices is now fully automated and extremely user friendly. Canon's IRISCapture™ invoicing solution has significantly increasing operational efficiencies within the accounting department, reducing manual errors and increased processing speed while meeting our objectives of saving both time and money," adds Mr Riga. *"In addition, the considerable man-hours that we are now saving means we have been able to redeploy staff to more customer-focussed areas of the business."*

WIN-WIN

As a result of the increased efficiencies and productivity benefits that the Belgium team experienced following the installation of the new automated invoicing solution, the Group is now looking to introduce IRISCapture™ Pro into its production headquarters facility in Germany.

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Canon Europe is the regional sales and marketing operation for Canon Inc., represented in 116 countries and employing over 11,000 people across Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Founded in 1937 with the specific goal of making the best quality camera available to customers, Canon's tireless passion for the Power of Image has since extended its technology into many other markets and has established it as a world leader in both consumer and business imaging solutions. Its solutions comprise products, ranging from digital compact and SLR cameras, through broadcast lenses and portable X-ray machines, to multi-function and production printers, all supported by a range of value added services.

WASLET IT Services & Solutions is a leading system integrator and helps companies to seize new business opportunities by maximising the performance of their IT infrastructure, while reducing their costs. WASLET IT has an impressive client list in the area of data centres and services for medium-sized and large companies. The approach taken is always the same, focusing on a longterm relationship by using IT solutions that create real added value. As a Canon Partner, WASLET IT always delivers top quality in the area of IT solutions and prides itself on providing the best possible customer service.

COMPANY'S PROFILE

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DEPLOYED SOLUTION

▶ IRISCapture™ Pro

BENEFITS OF THE SOLUTION

- ▶ Integration with a running SAP
- ▶ Bigger volume of invoices
- ▶ High rate of automated field recognition
- ▶ Defining customized areas for automated field recognition
- ▶ Time saving
- ▶ Positive ROI
- ▶ Increasing of productivity

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