



IBM signs agreement on industry framework

Stavanger, Norway, 26 May 2010: IBM (IBM:NYSE) and Statoil (NYSE: STO), the leading Norwegian Oil and Gas company, today announced a five-year agreement to pilot and deploy IBM's Integrated Information Framework (IIF).

The contract comprises the IIF roll-out and implementation, estimated time close to 3 years, in addition to a 5 year AMS services contract for the implemented solution. Alongside the IIF implementation, Statoil will run a separate project, providing Statoil's first application on top of IBM's framework.

"IBM is proud to be chosen as Statoil's strategic partner in developing this framework for integration and exchange of information across Statoil installations," said John Brantley, General Manager, IBM Chemical & Petroleum Industries.

"This is a breakthrough for IBM, and proves our ability to contribute to value creation for globally integrated companies like Statoil. IIF enables information flow between process domain and enterprise applications, giving access to real-time and historical information to make faster and better decisions when needed," John Brantley concludes.

IIF will enable a new generation of decision support tools in the industry, opening for applications to improve monitoring and optimization of production, operations and maintenance, to mention a few.

IBM's Integrated Information Framework is a result of an industry research project to develop solution for Integrated Operations. The industry framework is developed by Norwegian expertise located at IBM's Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Stavanger, in collaboration with Statoil and other partners in the C&P industry.

The integration of information from various sources and systems is enabled by IBM's Reference Semantic Model (RSM), leveraging industry standards based information integration models, which enables all systems to communicate. IIF is built on service oriented architecture (SOA), and industry standards, such as ISO and ISA.

Integrated Information Framework

IIF is a platform of interoperability that enables information flow between process domain and enterprise applications. IIF acts as the glue and the enabler of seamless information flow, enabling the collection of real-time data from oil and gas plants. By feeding the information into analytics tools, collaboration will be improved and onshore support centers can monitor and support plant operations.

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