

Press Release

peiker adopts the new RPLAN e3 software for high-performance and audit-proof multiproject management

Following a very short implementation phase, peiker has adopted Actano's de facto standard software to gain better control of its projects and schedules.

Friedrichsdorf/Munich, 3 August 2011 – peiker acoustic GmbH & Co. KG is now planning and controlling its development projects with RPLAN e3 from Actano, the leading vendor of cross-department and cross-site project management software. The decision in favor of RPLAN e3 can be attributed primarily to the dynamic growth of business at peiker. The company has seen a significant increase in the number of customers, partners, and development

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requests. In order to master the growing complexity of project management, peiker – a tradition-rich, mid-size company and specialist in communications and radio technology based in Friedrichsdorf, Germany – has opted for the Actano solution. peiker has chosen RPLAN e3 as an ISO/TS16949-compliant and Automotive SPICE-compliant multiproject management solution that integrates geographically dispersed teams and international locations. The decision to implement RPLAN e3 is in keeping with peiker's quality standards and the company's desire to be the first to develop innovations to full market maturity within budgetary constraints.

By deploying the RPLAN e3 standard software, peiker aims to make scheduling and the management of parallel development projects much more efficient, as Dick Bosch, head of the project department at peiker, explains by reference to an example: "Bluetooth plays a key role in many of our development projects. But it's obvious that our leading experts in this technology cannot attend all meetings of the various project teams. Time and productivity would be lost. With efficient processes in mind, what we need is a project management software solution that's easy to use and supports the synchronization of geographically dispersed teams and experts by means of a uniform database. Fewer meetings, better coordination, and the fastest route to prototypes – that's what we're interested in."

RPLAN e3 replaces MS Project

It was not only the direct contact with Actano and the company's rapid-response support but, above all, the collaborative project management methodology of the Actano solution that clinched the decision to fully replace MS Project with RPLAN e3. The new solution ensures that schedule dates are not shifted

by individuals in an uncoordinated way but are maintained jointly by project members and can only be changed with the consent of project management.

In the medium term, peiker plans to migrate its entire project management and controlling activities to RPLAN e3 and, in particular, to replace Excel island solutions. "With Automotive SPICE assessments in mind and with a view to winning orders for safety-relevant components and systems, it is essential to guarantee transparency in project management and to ensure that all development steps are documented. With RPLAN e3, we have a solution that can make a big difference when it comes to audits and winning contracts", is Dick Bosch's view on the deployment of RPLAN e3.

About peiker:

peiker acoustic GmbH & Co. KG is one of the leading suppliers of components to the communications sector – for in-vehicle and professional mobile radio (PMR) products. Established in 1946, the company has built up a wealth of experience in the area of acoustics. The product portfolio covers the whole range of in-vehicle infotainment and entertainment products. peiker's customer base includes high-profile international car makers, industrial companies, government agencies, and mobile phone manufacturers. Further information is available at www.peiker.com

About Actano:

Companies in the discrete manufacturing industry are professionalizing the development of complex products by deploying the RPLAN software and employing Actano's implementation consulting services. RPLAN integrates national and international suppliers in end-to-end value chains, thus implementing highly efficient product development processes. Currently, more than 100 high-profile companies with more than 100,000 users worldwide deploy RPLAN to master challenges such as globalization and heterogeneity, integration of non-industrial partners, and synchronization and interaction in dynamic processes. Customers include Airbus, Allgaier Werke, Audi, BMW, Daimler, MTU Aero Engines, VW, and many more. Actano has entered into partnerships with leading solution providers and consultancies such as SAP, Siemens PLM, PTC, MHP, and Accenture. The company has its head office in Munich and subsidiaries in Stuttgart, Wolfsburg, and Detroit/USA. Further information is available at www.actano.com

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