

Baumit Group uses GALsync after group-wide migration project

“It’s great to see a product that works exactly as advertised. With GALsync this is certainly the case – we now synchronize our Global Address List securely and smoothly every day at a good price-performance ratio.”

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THE CUSTOMER

Baumit is a leading manufacturer of building materials in the field of paint, insulation, plaster, renovation and flooring systems. Baumit’s customers include building material and paint retailers, plasterers, painters, architects, planners and the housing industry. Baumit is part of Schmid Industrie Holding.

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THE CHALLENGE

Due to Baumit’s digitization strategy, the existing Exchange environment had to be split across several organizations. In order to maintain the synchronization of the address book quickly and easily, the company uses the GALsync solution from NETsec.

Healthy Living

For more than 25 years, the Baumit Group has been engaging with the topic of “Healthy Living” and has brought numerous innovative products to the market. Today, Baumit – as part of the Austrian Schmid Industrie Holding – is represented in 25 countries and has grown on solid foundations within the last 30 years. With a total of 3,600 employees, Baumit is the largest group of companies in the Schmid Industrie Holding, which includes around 100 companies and strategic holdings.

Group-wide migration

Previously, it was possible for about 6,500 employees of Schmid Industrie Holding to be combined in a single Exchange organization. “Due to the digitization strategy, it was necessary to split the existing Exchange organization into several organizations,” explains Bernd Bauer, IT Infrastructure & Security Expert, Baumit Group.

CUSTOMER BENEFITS

- GALsync serves the Baumit Group as a long-term solution after their migration project by quickly and securely exchanging address book contacts across six forests.
- Noticeable time savings are achieved thanks to easy installation and automated synchronization.
- Licensing is based on the number of user objects to be synchronized.

ADVANTAGES OF GALSYNC

- Synchronizes Global Address Lists (GAL) of any Exchange organization
- Can be implemented within an hour
- Encrypted data transmission via email, so no new trust interfaces are required
- Good cost-benefit ratio
- Low demand on server resources
- No need for consultants

Implementation after testing

Bernd Bauer works in the IT department of the Baumit Group in Waldegg near Vienna, which is also responsible for strategic issues and project implementation. "We were looking for a solution that could synchronize global address books and soon came across GALsync from NETsec," says Bernd Bauer. "We had a test deployment at headquarters – it worked brilliantly, and then we rolled out GALsync to all subgroups."

Quick installation

The launch went smoothly. The Baumit Group IT team first installed GALsync at its Austrian headquarters. "We went through all the steps with NETsec support for reassurance," says the infrastructure and security expert, "but I can confirm that the software is very easy to use. The other installations for the subgroups took half an hour to an hour each, including tests."

Smooth migration

Thanks to GALsync, the 6,500 Schmid Industrie Holding employees did not notice the Exchange migration at all. They were able to continue accessing all contact data even after being split into different organizations. "This is very important in our group," explains Bernd Bauer, "because sometimes several companies in our holding company are involved in a project, or colleagues simply wish to support each other."

Lean process

The daily synchronization runs via encrypted email, which keeps the process very lean and simple. In any case, Bernd Bauer is satisfied with his choice of software:

"We use GALsync as a permanent solution so that our employees from the different organizations always have the current contact data of their colleagues to hand. As an IT security expert, I can confirm that the GALsync security precautions are very good."

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