



Press Release

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EXPERTS SEE SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL FOR OPTIMIZATION IN MIGRATION TO S/4HANA

- **Free system scan by SNP offers CFOs and CIOs sound decision-making support and cuts migration costs**

Hanover/Heidelberg, March 23, 2015 - Since the announcement of SAP S/4HANA, many users are faced with the question of when they are going to roll-out the new business suite in their IT. Since at the present time only SAP Simple Finance has been made available and SAP Simple Logistics has been announced, users can assume that in the coming years, various releases with different infrastructures will need to be operated parallel to one another. In light of this fact, IT experts see significant potential to optimize the migration to S/4HANA.

This is the conclusion which can be drawn from the numerous talks with experts which SNP AG, specialist for digital transformation and the consolidation of IT landscapes, held at this year's CEBIT trade show in Hanover. In order to save time and cut costs, SNP AG is offering its clients a free system scan available immediately. CFOs and CIOs can use the statistical and structural information collected in this scan from the SAP systems to draw up a road map of necessary measures which can be used as a pragmatic decision-making aid. The system scan shows the extent of the changes made to the SAP system through customizing and in-house developments, how the organizational structures are set up, and the amount of total data which resides within the system. The results of the system scan can be used to filter out areas with the potential for optimization and implement them in a structured plan.

"The fact is that the road to the new SAP Business Suite is still a long one. If SAP customers use the time before the transition to clean up their current SAP system environment, they will save time and money. Our experience from over 3000 SAP system scans shows that significant potential exists which should not go unused, since it pays off by reducing time and cutting costs during the migration," says **Henry Göttler, COO of SNP AG.**

Dr. André Schüngel, head of software development at SNP, emphasizes: *"The software and services we have developed allow users to prepare well for the migration to the HANA-based applications in the Business Suite S/4HANA. In this context, several preparatory levels are available that can be customized to form an individual road map. For example, older SAP system must first undergo a technical update and be prepared for multilingualism (Unicode), for example. In the following steps, the data, customizing, and ABAP programs developed in-house can be analyzed with regard to their compatibility and revised. Furthermore, the move to a new financial system, such as SAP Simple Finance, not only affects a company's financial departments, but usually also the IT landscapes of external service providers, such as auditors and tax consultants. They must be included in the plan from the very beginning."*

Implementation in Four Stages

The road map toward SAP S/4HANA is, in essence, comprised of four distinct stages: modernizing, consolidation, harmonizing, as well as the migration to the new business suite – the "Lift and Shift." Specific replication scenarios exist for transitional scenarios in which the previous systems will continued to be used and new applications rolled out. The various different steps can be clearly illustrated using SAP Simple Finance as an example. First it is necessary to update the existing SAP ERP to the most current release (including Enhancement Package). SNP offers a combination of release update, Unicode upgrade, and a database and/or operating system update in one step. Once the SAP ERP systems are updated to the latest versions, it makes sense to check whether physically separate systems can be combined. If a central SAP system already exists, consolidating clients or organizational units could be sensible step. When it comes to harmonization, introducing the new general ledger is a good idea, for example. In addition, various charts of accounts should be reduced to the bare essentials in order to migrate to SAP Simple Finance with structures that are as lean and efficient as possible.

About SNP

Today digital transformation and the ability to react quickly to changes in the business world are two competitive factors critical to success in all industries. SNP AG supports companies in consolidating their IT landscapes and rapidly and cost-effectively adapting to new underlying conditions. In this context, SNP views itself as a catalyst and an engine driving digital transformation. With SNP Transformation Backbone®, SNP offers the world's first standard software that automatically analyzes and implements changes in IT systems in a standardized manner. It is based on the experience that SNP has gained from over 4,000 projects carried out worldwide with its software-based Business Landscape Transformation services.

SNP AG has approximately 350 employees located in Europe, South Africa, and the United States, including approximately 250 in Germany. The company is headquartered in Heidelberg and generated revenues of approximately 31 million euros in 2014. Its customers include global companies from the world of industry, the financial sector, and the services industry. SNP AG was founded in 1994, has been listed on the stock exchange since 2000, and has been a part of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange's Prime Standard segment since August 2014 (ISIN DE0007203705).

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