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Integrated system at Kaba enhances transparency at Hess

Hess is one of the leading international producers of designed outdoor lighting. With a broad range of lights, the company meets all the requirements of light design in public outdoor areas and the indoor and outdoor lighting of buildings.

Its autonomous forms and quality, its light technology ideally adapted to the each use, its maintenance-friendly design, high-quality materials and solid processing have made Hess an international brand.

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The products are exported to more than 45 countries worldwide and ensure the right illumination, for instance in the Olympia Park in Beijing, in the harbor of Los Angeles and in the Jewish Contemporary Museum in San Francisco. The specialists at Hess accompany architects, planners, towns and cities, municipalities and builders from the planning to the installation of the lights and also develop special solutions when required. This makes Hess the right partner when it comes to the design, refurbishment and renovation of municipal lighting. Than Hess has also aligned its product development, among other things, to energy efficiency. Hess energy efficient lights are characterized by optimized reflectors and new light technologies such as LED.

A company like the lighting manufacturer Hess from Villingen-Schwenningen, which has its production facilities in Germany, has to have its costs under control. For this, the company management requires precise figures, particularly from the production department. These figures are now being supplied with immediate effect by a Kaba time and attendance & shop floor data collection system. 'We want to know on a daily basis at what stage we are with our orders and what the individual orders will cost us,' says Friedrich Stromberger, the project manager at Hess, explaining the goal. We were therefore looking for a system that will record all the relevant time and order data and provide this data in optimal form to the SAP system already available. 'We were looking for a SAP-certified system that avoids double entries and duplicate maintenance of data. With Kaba, we opted for a market leader in this area that has a great deal of experience and is an SAP user itself,' says Friedrich Stromberger, giving the reasons for the decision.

With the new system, order data are then recorded automatically and ensure continuous transparency. Hess employees in Villingen and soon also employees at the Löbau site will now be able to enter, for instance, at the multi-touch devices from Kaba, which orders they are working on simultaneously and which machines are being used for these. This substantially increases transparency in production. When an order is complete, the system supplies the figures for the post-calculation promptly and thus provides a basis for future calculations. Hess will thus know in the future in detail how much profit each order generates so that the company continues to be successful.