



Waternet's IT infrastructure in 'smooth waters' despite a data deluge

Waternet has recently signed a 5-year contract with Proact for the supply, implementation and maintenance of a new storage infrastructure. This environment will serve as a basis for increasing availability and related IT infrastructure services.

In 2011, Waternet launched a project called "Vital" which centres on the renewal of the company's IT infrastructure and increasing its availability. As part of this project, Proact has advised Waternet on modifying the existing storage infrastructure and placing a new platform in a second data centre. Both environments are based on NetApp technology and will guarantee required availability and scalability, now and in the future. The platform will also provide the required performance for a virtual desktop environment, set to be deployed in the future, through the use of NetApp Flash Cache technology.

Availability will be ensured by using Disaster Recovery & Backup replication for a second, fully refurbished, data centre. The NetApp Snapmanager software will be used for a full SAN-based backup, whereas SnapVault and SnapMirror will be used for backup and disaster recovery.

"Availability and performance are inextricably linked. In order to meet Waternet's expectations, Proact has increased performance and availability levels by deploying NetApp. We expect 'Vital' to work optimally and we are all working together to make this a reality. Our users require capacity and availability and, by ensuring the system's reliability, we are again living up to our promises by increasing our users' competence and efficiency levels", says Craig Taylor, Waternet's Programme Manager.

Lucas den Os, Managing Director of Proact Benelux, is pleased with this agreement: "Steering 'data deluge' generated by our customers in the right direction is in our genes. So it's very nice to see that we are giving a personal stamp to an important part of Waternet's 'Vital' project. We look forward to a successful partnership with Waternet."

Proact will supply the total solution, including 24/7 support, all of its own, for the hardware and software.

About Waternet (www.waternet.nl)

Waternet is the joint organisation of the Amstel, Gooi and Vecht Water Board Districts and the Amsterdam Local Authority. Waternet is responsible for managing the entire water cycle. All of its activities are focused on the cleaning and supply of drinking water, disposal of waste water, cleaning of surface water and the maintenance of dykes.

About Proact (www.proact.eu)

Proact is a specialist in storage, archiving and securing large volumes of mission-critical information. As an independent integrator, Proact provides systems, support and consulting services within its focus area of data storage and archiving.

The Proact Group has more than 650 employees and conducts business in Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Great Britain, Latvia, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain and Sweden. Proact was founded in 1994 and its parent company, Proact IT Group AB (publ) has been listed on Nasdaq OMX Stockholm since 1999 under the symbol PACT.

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