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Enhanced distribution? That's the Spirit for JBT!

Spirit Data Capture Limited, the specialist independent mobile enterprise consultancy, has boosted efficiency and created cost savings for JBT Distribution. Spirit has supplied a new electronic proof of delivery and collection solution that includes Motorola MC65 mobile computers and a management portal.

JBT Distribution Limited is Scotland's leading road haulage operator, with warehousing and distribution depots in Aberdeen, Inverness, Kirkwall, Lerwick, East Kilbride and Bathgate. It also provides haulage to and from the Orkney and Shetland Islands and throughout the UK via the PalletFORCE network.

The firm recently started looking for a robust IT solution for parcel delivery and tracking. It wanted to streamline its current manual warehouse systems, electronic proof-of-delivery and proof-of-collection systems, and third-party courier processes. It also needed to manage KPI (Key Performance Indicator) data; to produce reports for customers; and to provide live tracking of the company's vehicle fleet.

Michael Beveridge, JBT's Director, explains: "We were previously using our clients' own systems or paper-based systems. We needed a new solution that would be reliable, accurate and rugged and would provide tracking and communications facilities such as GPS and 3G."

JBT approached Spirit about possible solutions. Spirit recommended the Motorola MC65, a rugged mobile computer using Windows Mobile 6.5 Professional. The MC65 is ideal for warehousing and distribution environments, with features such as a 3.5" display, a camera, a 2D imager, an IP64 rating, 3.5G, Bluetooth and GPS.

Spirit's application package includes vehicle safety checks; RID and sort; van loading; proof of delivery / collection; depot collection; barcode printing; and feature-rich reporting. JBT also took Spirit's Gold Managed Service, which provides first-line support, and Soti's MobiControl mobile device management solution. Spirit also provided a web-based management portal and a customer-facing portal.

The new solution has led to a reduction in paperwork, fewer manual errors and increased productivity. It has also improved response and performance times. The processes are more eco-friendly, with greater visibility and improved Service Level Agreements for JBT's third-party distributors.

"The new solution is popular with the users," says Michael. "Spirit have been very friendly and professional throughout. They always offer solutions rather than problems. We will continue with them in the future as they have become a key business partner and we have already travelled a long way together."

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Notes for Editors: Spirit Data Capture is an independent consultancy specialising in mobile enterprise solutions. Based in Sutton Weaver, Cheshire, the company has extensive

experience of wireless and mobile computing technologies. It is committed to sourcing solutions that will streamline its customers' operations and boost their productivity.

Spirit's capabilities include software application development; hardware (including handheld and wearable devices, mobile printers and wireless infrastructure); mobile device management; wireless network implementation; maintenance; and many other services. Its extensive client base includes organisations in the utilities, field service, transport and logistics, healthcare, government and manufacturing sectors.

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