CASE STUDY: WELCRON HANTEC, KOREA





FACTS AT A GLANCE

Company: Welcron Hantec

Website: www.hantec.co.kr

Description: Welcron Hantec is a Korean engineering and manufacturing company, specializing in food and pharmaceutical plants, energy saving thermal plants, environmental plants, and green technologies.

Industry: Plant EPC

Country: Korea

PRODUCTS USED

- CADWorx® Plant Professional
- CADWorx P&ID Professional

KEY BENEFITS

- Significant reduction of work hours through the automatic generation of deliverables
- Minimization of duplicated activity such as the creation of bills of materials based on P&IDs and isometric drawings
- Reduction of human error due to manual checking

WELCRON HANTEC USES INTERGRAPH® CADWORX® AND ANALYSIS SOLUTIONS TO DELIVER PILOT BIOMASS PLANT

CADWorx® solutions help Korean engineering company to reduce project schedule by two months

BACKGROUND

Established in 1994, Welcron Hantec Co., Ltd (Welcron Hantec) is a Korean engineering and manufacturing company, specializing in food and pharmaceutical plants, energy saving thermal plants, and environmental plants.

In recent times, the company has extended its line of business to include green technologies, such as renewable energy, fresh water treatment, and desalination plants. One of its current focuses is on promoting its capabilities in the delivery of biomass power plants, as well as biodiesel and bioethanol plants.

THE CHALLENGE

Welcron Hantec recently won a significant contract to perform the design, manufacturing, transportation, installation, and commissioning of one process in a 300TPA pilot biomass plant, which will later be scaled up to a 150,000TPA commercial-size plant. The pilot plant is required to perform many of the same processes as the commercial plant, but on a smaller scale.

The plant owner set a significant challenge for Welcron Hantec. In the technical meeting prior to the awarding of the contract, the owner demanded the project be completed in five months. As the shipping date had been fixed, and they spent two months in the request for quotation process, all deliverables were required within three months – from piping and instrumentation drawings (P&IDs) approved for design, right through to delivery to the port transport facility.

Prior to winning this contract, Welcron Hantec required three months to complete such a project. On its own, the first stage of the project (productions of documents such as P&IDs, layouts, pipe plans, general arrangement drawings, and instrument lists) needed to be completed within one week after the kick-off meeting, a dramatic reduction in schedule from the at least one month it would usually take.

Given these requirements, it was clear to Welcron Hantec staff that their existing AutoCAD® software would not be sufficient to complete this project in the required timeframe. They looked to other solutions on the market for an answer to this issue.

THE SOLUTION

After evaluating a number of competitive design solutions tailored to the small-to-medium sized plant market, Welcron Hantec selected the following products from the Intergraph® CADWorx® & Analysis Solutions range:

- CADWorx Plant Professional, a complete set of tools for efficient 3D plant design
- CADWorx P&ID Professional, which enables the creation of fully intelligent P&IDs

"As CADWorx is AutoCAD-based, we knew it would be easy for us to learn. This was very important given the compressed project timeframe, because CADWorx-trained staff can teach new staff very quickly in order to get them up-and-running on a project," said Welcron Hantec's chief engineer, Sahnghyun Cho. "The bi-directional links between the solutions were also a key factor in our decision, ensuring that drawings and databases are continuously in synch.

"Overall, CADWorx represented excellent value-for-money."

After just one week of implementation, Welcron Hantec staff were ready to tackle the biomass pilot plant project with CADWorx.

THE RESULTS

Overall, Welcron Hantec noted a range of benefits after implementing CADWorx, each of which helped the company to meet its goal of producing all deliverables in three months instead of five. These benefits included a significant reduction of work hours through the automatic generation of deliverables, minimization of duplicated activity such as the creation of bills of materials based on P&IDs and isometric drawings, and the reduction of human error due to manual checking.

CADWorx Plant Professional - specific benefits and results

1. Welcron Hantec's original estimate of the work hours required to produce the isometrics, layouts, section views, and pipe plan drawings for this project was eight weeks from the equipment layout except steel structure design. CADWorx was able to produce them in two days, including the design of steel structures and the production of loading data which usually takes 2 weeks by the collaboration with structure

- company. This reduced the time to create a basic structure, including the location of individual equipment, in a 3D model.
- 2. Because CADWorx Plant Professional and CADWorx P&ID Professional share a database, the bill of materials (BoM) for piping was created in far less than the two days typically required when 2D drawing processes are applied. "An error-free BoM was also a bonus," added Cho.

CADWorx P&ID Professional - specific benefits and results

- 1. The P&IDs produced by AutoCAD are not "intelligent" which means the data required to provide the project owner with a quotation and budget estimate is extracted manually. Welcron Hantec estimates that the intelligent P&IDs produced by CADWorx have saved them a minimum of half a day per P&ID drawing page items such as BOM for valves, equipment/pipe/valve tag number check, and double-checking.
- 2. The company saved half of one work hour for each P&ID modification if revision works such as numbering checks, BoM modifications, valve/nozzle checks, and pipe fitting checks were performed simultaneously. "Previously, when we were performing these checks manually, many mistakes occurred and we required at least one work day to correct three pages of P&ID drawings and related documents," said Cho.

THE FUTURE

Welcron Hantec is already applying the CADWorx solutions and new methodologies to another biodiesel plant project, located in China and due to start commercial production in June 2017.

"We have been very impressed by the functionality of these CADWorx solutions, and the results they have provided," said Cho. "In the future, we hope to make CADWorx the company standard across Welcron Hantec, which will ensure we are getting the best results on all active projects."

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