



## Orica uses System p™ to get the most out of SAP.

As one of Australia's leading publicly-owned companies, Orica employs over 11,000 people in 40 different countries.

Specialising in mining services, chemical distribution and consumer products, Orica turns science into solutions that satisfy a range of human needs.

To meet the fluctuating demands of their growing business and address increasing IT costs, Orica needed a system that was highly efficient, flexible and easy to manage.

They found the solution by consolidating their 40 disparate UNIX® systems into 2 IBM® System p UNIX servers.

The IBM solution is already breaking new ground.

“We are now able to dynamically reallocate CPU and memory between our systems at peak workloads to ensure that we're getting the best out of our resources.

Plus the Capacity Upgrade on Demand ability gives us the variable resources to expand when we have new systems to procure.

We've already seen a significant improvement in performance. Our SAP response times, batch run-times and back-up times have all been cut by half.

What's more, our infrastructure has been consolidated from around 40 servers down to 2 – leading to reduced cost and complexity.

And we've been able to respond to business needs due to the flexibility of the environment.

For example, we are able to very quickly build a new SAP environment to enable an upgrade of our SAP system to take place.

This has allowed us to maintain our SAP software at the latest-version release levels quite easily.

In summary, the IBM System p solution allowed us to provide more flexibility and better performance at a lower cost to our businesses.”

*Tony Hayes, SAP Technical Support Manager, IT Shared Services, Orica*

### THE KEY POINTS

#### Orica:

- Reduced servers from 40 to 2
- Halved response times for SAP
- Reduced cost and complexity
- Found migration to be straightforward
- Uses Capacity Upgrade on Demand to boost business flexibility

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