



MSC UK Opts For Topaz Software Solutions To Underpin Key Financial Infrastructure

MSC UK Ltd, part of the second largest container shipping group in the world, has opted to place its trust in financial software house Topaz to underpin its key IT infrastructure – marking the supplier’s entry into the shipping sector.

The shipping agent, which is gearing up to meet the ever-increasing demand from the booming Far East market, rejected both CODA and Access – leading names in the sector – in favour of Topaz.

MSC felt its own in-house developed system had come to the end of its life and the company wished to direct their development skills to other areas of the business.

Financial Director Bruce Voulstaker and his team turned to Topaz Financials rather than its rivals because they felt –

- CODA was too complex and would have been run contrary to MSC’s approach of “doing things in a simple way”
- The team behind Access did not offer the degree of flexibility available from Topaz

Among the advanced features which made Topaz stand out over the competition were

- Credit Control which is unique in that it is both proactive and reactive, making it “best of breed” in terms of reducing debtor days
- Web Portal, a breakthrough module that offers easier access and flexible data browsing capabilities – in particular allowing customers to both view and download their own account information.
- Powerful and flexible general ledger that handles the posting and matching of disbursements – a key issue in the shipping sector.

“We are looking forward to the benefits the topaz credit control module will deliver and find the Web Portal very exciting,” says Bruce Voulstaker.

Although Topaz has a number of high profile clients across a range of sectors including Allied Mills, the Reed Health Group and Arriva Transport – and is well known in the freight forwarding and distribution marketplaces - this is the financial software author’s first win in shipping.

“With MSC on our client list, we are now looking to offer a specialist service to the shipping sector,” says Eddie Stanley of Topaz.



Notes to Editors:

About Topaz

Topaz was founded by a group of like-minded business professionals and began life creating bespoke software solutions and supporting third party applications. At the core of Topaz business solutions are software applications that have been developed by its highly experienced team of software engineers. From inception to delivery, Topaz solutions are produced with the highest level of professionalism.

The company's many years of experience in software development to formal specifications produce both highly flexible packaged solutions and bespoke applications. Topaz's strict quality procedures ensure software is produced to high, exacting standards to a common template that has evolved over many years.

Topaz EMS is an integrated Payroll and HR solution with an optional Time and Attendance module, its inherent flexibility and ease of use. Lends itself to many different sectors of the market providing numerous time and cost saving benefits. Whilst being competitively priced the solution is regarded as one of the most comprehensive systems on the market today. The consultancy services Topaz provide ranges from complex business process re-engineering to production of Gap analysis reports and ultimately technical specifications.

Topaz Financials covers all aspects of a financial accounting solution including sales, purchase and nominal ledgers, cashbook and fixed assets and specialise in key areas like credit control, commitment and project accounting. Their growing user base acknowledge the quality of software developed by Topaz but also the essential services and on-going support. Users come from a range of business sectors and include: Education, Recruitment, Manufacturing, Professional Services and Distribution.

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Please note a digital image is available of the Topaz team outside their headquarters building.

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