



Speedibake Seeks Out Right IT Ingredients For Payroll, HR and T & A From Topaz . . .

- Topaz Solutions on roll in food and drink sector
- Client list now includes Allied Mills, ADM and British Sugar

Speedibake has become the ninth major player in the food and drink sector to place its financial and HR infrastructure in the hands of Topaz Software.

As such, the company joins a client list, which includes household names such as Allied Mills, ADM, British Sugar and Imperial Tobacco who have turned their backs on other developers to plump for Topaz.

The subsidiary of Associated British Foods has already had the Topaz Payroll implemented to service its 500 employees at its two main manufacturing sites at Wakefield and Bradford.

Now Speedibake has increased its reliance on Topaz by giving the developer the go ahead to introduce the Topaz HR and Time & Attendance modules.

In the 20 years since it produced its first muffin, Speedibake has grown to become one of the leading producers of bakery products in the UK – today offering the most diverse range from a single supplier.

Following a period of restructuring, Speedibake has embarked on an ambitious programme of investment and development.

As well as a £9 million capital investment in bakery equipment, an industry-leading innovation and training centre, and improved quality control resources, Speedibake has also turned to Topaz to streamline its payroll and human resources operations.

Speedibake has acquired the Topaz Employee Management system because it offers –

- An Inland Revenue approved payroll which reduces processing time by up to 50 per cent
- A Human Resources solution which enables users to record and report on all aspects of HR, maximising the usefulness of data and helping employees to fulfil their potential
- A Time & Attendance system designed to support flexible working practices operating in tandem with the most sophisticated of “clocking on” devices such as biometric fingerprint readers

And Topaz is one of the few players in the market that can offer all three products – Payroll, HR and Time & Attendance – fully integrated from one supplier.

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Topaz has been setting the pace in the food and drink sector since it won the Allied Mills' contract in the face of competition from all the big players including JDEdwards and Sun Systems.

And the Speedibake win shows the supplier has not lost any of its momentum.

"The implementation of the Topaz products will mean a big increase in the quality and quantity of the reported information for planning and management resources," says Jo Hewson, Speedibake's HR Manager.

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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.

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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