

iTAC Software AG
Chronicle and Success Story

- 1991-92 As a young engineer with Bosch Telecom GmbH in Limburg, Dieter Meuser is charged with implementing a practically oriented specification to develop a quality-data collection system called "REPRO."
- 1995-96 Advent not only of the Internet age, but also of the age of computerized production, the REPRO system for quality-data collection from Bosch Telecom goes into operation.
- 1998 Due to the slump in the telecommunications industry and the focusing of Robert Bosch GmbH on its core business, Meuser decides to found iTAC Software GbR on August 1, 1998, together with his colleagues Christine Lahnstein and Volker Burch from the core REPRO team. The initial objective was to use the emergent Internet industry and develop customized, Internet-based software applications.
- 1999 With the request from Bosch Telecom GmbH to submit a proposal for the migration of the proprietary REPRO system to a year-2000-ready (Y2K) IT system environment, the success story of today's iTAC.MES.Suite begins.
- Leaving Bosch Telecom GmbH on December 31, 1998, iTAC Software GmbH is founded on January 1, 1999.
- Migration of all REPRO system components to the platform-independent JAVA/CORBA technology and the securing of the license rights take place.
- 2000 With the "easy works" manufacturing execution system, it is possible — even in the year 2000 — to map processes across multiple production sites. The consistent use of the JAVA/CORBA Internet technologies attracts the interest of numerous investors. The founders opt for the Pari Capital Group, which, during the period from 2000 to 2006, guarantees personnel management support, in addition to financial resources, during the development of the enterprise.
- 2000-04 New customers are secured with Bosch as an early reference customer. The first customer of iTAC Software GmbH was Mannesmann VDO (today owned by Continental AG and the Schaeffler Group) and led to the opening of a new industry segment for iTAC at the start of 2000. In addition to the automotive, the medical technology and the energy/solar industries, the enterprise was able to serve other market sectors as well.
- 2001 The Caterpillar company is the first U.S. customer. iTAC Software Inc. is founded with headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The headquarters of iTAC Software AG, now with 30 employees, are relocated to Dernbach, Germany.
- 2005-06 As the economy stabilizes, Hella Hueck KG decides on a global rollout of the iTAC.MES.Suite in April 2005. The MES software had already proven itself in various electronic and mechatronic pilot lines.

On account of the strong expansion in the automotive market sector, the iTAC Software Inc. office is relocated to Detroit/Novi, Mich. The Asian market, with focus on China, is supported through the branch office in Shanghai.

2006 Certification according to DIN ISO 9001:2000 is achieved through DQS GmbH with absolutely no objections.

2007-08 The economy booms. At the same time, the requirements placed on MES solutions become broader and more demanding: above all, product yield and quality should be improved.

2007 "More than just Traceability" — the functional scope of the iTAC.MES.Suite is expanded considerably with release 6.10. The product is especially characterized by a modular, four-service structure: Traceability (TR Service), Quality Management (QM Service), Production Management (PM Service) and Material Logistic (ML Service).

In the summer of 2007, iTAC Software AG is contracted by Nordstream AG, a joint venture of the Gazprom, BASF and EON companies, to support one of the largest infrastructure projects in Europe — the construction of the Baltic Sea pipeline — with a tracking & tracing system. The system has been productive since April 2008.

Another important customer was won at the end of 2007 with Johnson Controls Automotive Electronics GmbH; they will be integrating a total of 80 production lines worldwide with the iTAC.MES.Suite in the coming years.

2008 The enterprise, which now consists of more than 70 employees, celebrates its 10-year company anniversary with customers, partners and employees at the historical Besselich monastery manor in Urbar, near Koblenz on the Rhine.

In March 2008, the decision is made for a new, progressive technology: JAVA Enterprise (Java EE 5) replaces Corba and iTAC's own middleware. This makes iTAC the world's first MES manufacturer to align and offer its manufacturing execution system with Java EE 5.