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## **Change in name**

# **MaK DATA SYSTEM is now Consist Software Solutions**

**By changing its name to Consist Software Solutions, the Kiel IT enterprise is demonstrating in name as well as in fact its membership in the Consist World Group, to which it has belonged since 1995. With this change in name, Consist Software Solutions, which specializes in custom applications and select software solutions, is also strengthening its international orientation.**

Kiel – The IT enterprise MaK DATA SYSTEM Kiel GmbH changed its name in January 2008 to Consist Software Solutions GmbH. The new company name demonstrates that the enterprise belongs to the international Consist World Group. It has been a subsidiary of the group since its purchase from the Krupp Group in 1995. "After 13 years of sailing in the fleet of the Consist World Group, the change of the brand name 'MaK' to 'Consist' within our company name is a logical consequence of the course we have been steering. We have long considered ourselves as belonging fully to Consist," explained Managing Director Martin Lochte-Holtgreven in reference to the motivation for the name change.

## **Stronger international orientation**

"We want to increase our use of global resources within the Consist Group," said managing director Ines von Jagemann. This allows larger development projects to be carried out under more cost-effective conditions thanks to collaboration with Latin American sister companies. Project management will remain in Germany at Consist.

## **What is changing – what won't?**

This is simply a change in name. Besides the company name and the corporate design, nothing will change: Your current contact people will be the same. And all existing contracts will continue to be valid, without changes.

## **The business activity of Consist Software Solutions**

Today's business activity is based on three pillars: In the "Professionals & Projects" department, Consist Software Solutions concentrates on IT consulting, projects, and the provision of qualified IT specialists (sourcing). In the context of "Managed Services", the enterprise handles the maintenance and continued development of custom software (Application Maintenance Services) and offers cost-effective offshore development within the Consist Group (Consist Group Services). The "Solutions" department includes internally developed applications like the signature solutions CertiWare, Modawi for electronic data exchange in waste management, the tracking software VERS, and the performance monitor PerfoMon.

The ever-growing company, with over 600 clients worldwide, currently employs about 160 people, and its annual sales in 2007 were Euro 15 million.

## **About Consist**

The shareholder Consist Software Solutions Inc. in New York is a software service provider with over 35 years of experience. Consist employs over 1,000 people worldwide, and is present in many locations in Latin America, for instance in Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, and Peru, as well as in Israel, Spain, and Germany. Within the Consist World Group, the German Consist Software Solutions is the most important subsidiary in Europe.

## **Company history**

MaK DATA SYSTEM started in 1983 as a profit center of Krupp MaK Maschinenbau GmbH. The core business fields were originally in software and consulting services for other companies in the group, as well as for external customers. MaK DATA SYSTEM first won a reputation as an Adabas/Natural specialist. With the advent of PCs and client/server technologies in the mid-80s, it broadened its spectrum.

After the profit center had developed for eleven years under the Krupp MaK flag, becoming an IT consulting firm and software service provider and finally an independent company, it was sold on January 1, 1995 to the Consist International Inc. in New York. In the following years, MaK DATA SYSTEM extended its activity across a broad spectrum of technologies – from Software AG to Oracle, IBM, HP, Novell, and SAP. In 1996, with the outsourcing of the system and application maintenance for elevator and escalator manufacturer Otis, the company laid the groundwork for today's Application Maintenance Services. In project business, object-oriented architectures and technologies like Java, and later .NET, now extend the offering. Since 2002, the Kiel company is also working with internally developed solutions in niche areas, like the CertiWare signature solutions and Modawi software for electronic data exchange in waste management.

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## **More information:**

- About Consist: [www.consist.de](http://www.consist.de)

## Illustrations



Caption (Source: Consist Software Solutions):

Managing directors of Consist Software Solutions (left to right):

Daniel Ries, Ines von Jagemann, Martin Lochte-Holtgreven



Caption (Source: Consist Software Solutions):

The Consist Software Solutions logo

*Pushing IT forward!*

Caption (Source: Consist Software Solutions):

The Consist Software Solutions motto