

# The Benefits of a Single Instance

Yamana Gold achieves efficiency with Oracle® Platinum Partner iSP3's mining industry solution

**Y**amana Gold is a Canadian-based gold producer with several mining properties throughout Latin America. The company has six active production mines, four sites under construction, and a number of other exploration sites in Brazil, Argentina, and Chile. The company expects to expand rapidly as the construction of the new mines is completed.

To manage operations at its mines in Mexico, Argentina, and Chile, Yamana Gold was using Oracle's JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Xe solution. However, each country ran its own instance of the enterprise resource planning (ERP) application, with no integration between instances. Pulling information to create reports or run analytics was a manual, laborious process.

With the help of Oracle partner iSP3, Yamana Gold consolidated its JD Edwards EnterpriseOne ERP application into one instance and upgraded to the latest release, gaining significant cost savings and building a solid foundation for future company growth.

## A Golden Opportunity

Founded in 2003, Yamana has been growing rapidly through development of its own mines and acquisitions of other gold companies. Five years ago, the company's yearly revenue was US\$1.69 billion; today it is US\$1.8 billion.

Yamana was using JD Edwards EnterpriseOne Xe to manage operations at its mines in Chile, Argentina and Mexico, including financials, supply chain planning, maintenance, and human resources. However, with three separate ERP instances running its mines in Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico, operational insight was next to impossible. None of the three offices had visibility into each other's information. Running as if they were separate companies, each location had a separate chart of accounts, and there was no standardization of business processes and key master data between instances.

After working successfully with iSP3 on a prior IT engagement, Yamana Gold executives asked iSP3 to help them consolidate their ERP instances and upgrade to JD Edwards EnterpriseOne 9.0. They wanted access to a centralized, one-source database to facilitate financial information consolidations and drill down to detail. They also sought to lower the cost of managing an infrastructure with three instances by going down to one instance.

## Gaining Business Visibility

Over four months in late 2010, iSP3 implemented iSP3's Accelerated Solution for the Mining Industry

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for Yamana Gold's single instance. “With many successful mining implementations that we have done utilizing iSP3's latest Accelerated and custom solutions, the combination of industry-leading software, best practices, and rapid implementation methodologies has enabled many of our mining clients to achieve faster return on investment,” says William Liu, senior partner at iSP3.

With the new JD Edwards EnterpriseOne release, iSP3 was able to eliminate a large number of country localization customizations in Argentina, Chile and Mexico, as release 9.0 enables them to manage localization requirements, reducing manual reconciliation and month-end tasks. As a result of the consolidation, Yamana was able to centralize IT resources, resulting in better system management and security and significant cost savings. The

company has access to one single data source, which simplifies financial consolidations, reporting, and analyzing key performance indicators. Users are able to drill down to details online, and data duplication and redundancies have been reduced.

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## Future Plans

The consolidation provided Yamana Gold a platform for standardizing business processes,

which iSP3 is currently implementing. This will increase interoperability among the company locations and further decrease costs associated with manual data consolidation.

“We are very happy with what iSP3 has helped Yamana achieve to date, but we are even more excited about the benefits we will gain as we extend the single JD Edwards EnterpriseOne instance to include all of our sites,” says Baltodano. z

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