Application Story

Industry: Water
Products: Control Systems

Sewage treatment plant
Landshut

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The sewage treatment plant in Dirnau was first commissioned in 1989. Every day, the plant processes up to 40 million liters of waste water from the city of Landshut and the neighbouring villages Ergolding, Altdorf, Furth, and Kumhausen. The waste water reaches the plant via an extensive sewer network with a total length of 345 km. After treatment, the water leaves the plant with a quality that is far above the legal requirements.

After many years of reliable operation, the automation equipment had reached its end of life or was obsolescent, so that adequate maintenance – and therefore plant reliability – could no longer be ensured. It was therefore decided to renew the entire process management & automation system. In addition, overall plant efficiency was to be increased by installing modern technology and automation functions.

In 2007, ME-Automation Projects, formerly known as KH-Automation Projects, received an order to renew the process control & automation system. Requirements such as distributed architecture, data consistency, the ability to process large amounts of data, and utmost availability were decisive factors during assessment of the new process management system.

Due to the sewage plant’s distributed layout, particular demands were placed on the topology of the process management system. Moreover, by distributing the process control & automation tasks in several process servers, optimum matching of the automation system to the process as well as utmost availability are ensured. Tasks are executed directly where they are required.

All data of the extensive sewer system and the external structures are integrated by coupling the existing telecontrol system to the new process management system. To ensure efficient plant operation, the PMSX® pro process management system permits operation from the central control room and also from any of the distributed automation stations.

Also in critical situations, PMSX® pro supports the operators with a transparent display of the process, which enables them to make the necessary decisions quickly and confidently. Moreover, plant-wide system programming and configuration is possible from a central engineering workstation. What’s more, the integrated Help function plus powerful tools for diagnostics, simulation, and quality assurance assist the personnel in efficient plant operation.
Technical requirements

Process management of entire plant from a central point
Operation and monitoring of entire plant by means of mobile operator stations
Conversion and expansion during normal operation without retroactive effects
System-wide engineering from all operating stations
Vertical and horizontal data consistency
Coupling of data from the existing telecontrol system
Archiving of all incoming alarms & messages during the entire life cycle
Archiving of all relevant measurement values in appropriate compression stages
Strict data consistency in all software tools
Access to all process values from the office environment
Standardized software tools in accordance with IEC 61131-3
Emulation of the real process by means of simulation software
RFID-supported process management of third-party equipment

Test system

Scope of delivery

- Process management system PMSX® pro
- Automation equipment
- Network using switch technology
- Video monitoring system
- Installation & wiring
- Target specifications / engineering / programming
- Documentation
- Factory tests with plant simulation
- Commissioning / trial operation / training
- Coupling to the existing telecontrol system

Process management characteristics

- Process management system PMSX® pro
- Topology: distributed system
- Network: optic fiber, Ethernet TCP/IP
- Automation system: Mitsubishi System Q
- Data points: about 9,000
- Automation stations: 8
- Operating stations: 6
- Mobile operator stations: 4
- Process servers: 9
Excerpt from our reference list

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