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One solution for all the Human-to-Human, Application-to-Application and Business-to-Business MFT scenarios

Alliander operates energy networks, which distribute gas and electricity to large parts of the Netherlands. With a market share of 36% they facilitate three Million businesses, homes, transport and recreation customers. Over 7,000 employees makes their energy network with a 99,99% uptime, the most reliable energy network around the world.

For Application-to-Application file ex-changes, Alliander was challenged by a growing number of network shares (NAS) in their SAP IT infrastructure. To replace their 400 NAS shares by a Managed File Transfer solution, the SEEBURGER Business Integration Suite (BIS) was selected. This enabled Alliander to reduce the lead-time to setup new System-to-System file exchanges and re-use existing dataflows and routing data on multiple parameters instead of folder-to-folder integration. This resulted in reduced administration costs on those file exchange flows. The growing need of data protection and security forced Alliander to step away from the NAS methodology for file exchanges. With SEEBURGER BIS they have full control and visibility on their file exchanges,

independent from applications, platforms or protocols used. For Human-to-Human and Business-to-Business file exchanges, Alliander used competitive solutions in the past. Public, cloud based file exchange platforms, do not provide the security and control Alliander requires for Human-to-Human file exchanges. The SEEBURGER BIS provides an on-premise platform, providing a flexible, controlled and secured file exchange solution for Alliander employees.

All Business-to-Business file transfers are managed, controlled and monitored by the central BIS platform. The SEEBURGER BIS solution ensures controlled data move-ments through the different network zones dividing Internet, DMZ, operational IT and the separated, highly secured, management of the energy network.

By using the entire BIS suite including BIS, BIS FileExchange and BIS Link they have one solution for all their Human-to-Human, Application-to-Application and Business-to-Business MFT scenarios.

Joop Aalbers, Alliander

> *We evaluated seven different MFT platforms before selecting SEEBURGER. Within Alliander we saw resistance of using an MFT platform in the beginnings, because NAS shares are so easy to implement. Today we see an under-standing for Managed File Transfer and it's now a prerequisite for every project.*

Joop Aalbers,
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