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SWORDCTSPACE'S SAAS BUSINESS COLLABORATION SOLUTIONS: INNOVATIVE TOOLS CONTRIBUTING TO EFFICIENT PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

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Projects in the renewable energy industry are typically of very high value, with spend usually in hundreds of millions of dollars. Timelines are long and can be influenced by a wide range of external and internal factors such as government review, ecological factors, political risk, equipment lead time and financing.

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However, traditional methods of project communication (paper documents, CDs, couriers, emails...) are not sophisticated enough for today's projects. They are unstructured, expensive and can lead to each organisation becoming an isolated silo of information.

Online collaboration solutions are thus increasingly being used to manage project information, link dispersed organisations and enable team members to collaborate in real time. These systems allow organisation working on a project to store and manage their documents and formal correspondence online using one secure, central platform. This enables authorised team members to instantly view, track and distribute their files from any location and at any time.

SwordCTSpace is a global supplier of SaaS based software, specialised in Document Management, Business Process Automation and Project Collaboration. SwordCTSpace serves hundreds of customers throughout the world, enabling them to improve internal and external communications, therefore optimising the execution of projects and programmes and demonstrating measurable business benefits. SwordCTSpace's solutions enable companies in the energy industry to reduce operating costs, improve efficiencies and mitigate risk with a consistent audit trail of all activity.

Customers use SwordCTSpace solutions for diverse energy projects such as hydrogen fuelled power plants, diesel power plants, thermo/hydroelectric plants, as well as wind power plants, such as Centrica Energy £750m capital investment Wind Power programme. Centrica is actually committed to developing wind farms as part of its energy portfolio to supply renewable power to British Gas and Scottish Gas customers. Centrica Energy is now using SwordCTSpace technology to help manage the design, construction and operation of its UK wind farm developments (see case study on website).

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