



**HULAMIN**

## **Maximo Upgrade at Hulamin Rolled Products**

Hulamin is Africa's leading and independent producer of semi-fabricated aluminium products, situated in South Africa. Hulamin is focused on the South African market and other specific niche markets around the world. With activities stretching over 60 countries, Hulamin export to customers around the globe, while distinguishing themselves as a key supplier to South African industry. Hulamin are also committed to developing South African aluminium manufacturing and making a meaningful contribution to sustainable development in Southern Africa.

Due to their continuous drive for excellence, while the market demand was high, Hulamin decided to revisit the value realised by their management systems such as Maximo for Inventory and Procurement and Oracle Financials. Replacing these systems with a single ERP was considered. Vetasi assisted Hulamin in evaluating the present environment and determining the best approach to realise quick value and address pertinent business issues.

Although Hulamin has been using Maximo for more than 10 years, Maximo has not been used for work and asset management but mainly focused on driving inventory and procurement. The plant reliability concerns were a clear indication of areas that need improvement. The quickest way to resolving these issues was to rollout Maximo's best of breed work and asset management functionality to the maintenance environment.

Vetasi was subsequently contracted to upgrade the existing Maximo 6.1 to Maximo 6.2.7 while designing new maintenance management processes in collaboration with Hulamin management. Vetasi also did the necessary Maximo configurations to support the maintenance environment. Supply chain processes were also adapted to follow the flow through approach where material is planned, costed, approved and captured against each work order.

The upgraded solution went live during November 2011 and has been stabilised into a much more stable application due to improved hardware and more up to date product release. The implementation of the initial decision to replace the existing custom integration between Maximo and Oracle Financials with a commercially off the shelf adapter was delayed until the versions of the two products have been aligned. This phase of the project is expected to start in April 2012.