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## **Overview Brochure**















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# MECOMS™ EMPOWERING SMART UTILITIES

### MECOMS™ in a nutshell

 $MECOMS^{m}$  is a business support system for energy and utility companies that combines flexibility, efficiency and smart insights to drastically cut cost-to-serve.

MECOMS<sup>™</sup> easily and quickly adapts to the changing business needs of any type of utility, both in regulated and deregulated markets. It enables utilities of any size to streamline business processes and combine high efficiency with first-class customer service. MECOMS<sup>™</sup> also offers utilities the insight to detect operational inefficiencies and discover new business opportunities.

### Microsoft's solution of choice

MECOMS<sup>™</sup> is Microsoft's only recommended solution for energy and utility companies across the globe. It is certified for Microsoft Dynamics AX, meeting Microsoft's highest software standards.

### Challenging the status quo

Renowned industry analysts, such as Gartner and IDC, recommend  $MECOMS^{m}$  as a major solution for energy and utility companies.

 $MECOMS^{TM}$  is refreshingly different and empowers utilities to outsmart the competition. This is proven by many successful implementations at utilities around the world.

#### **Global execution capabilities**

MECOMS<sup>™</sup> is developed by Ferranti Computer Systems, and is the result of more than 40 years of experience in the utilities industry.

With offices and a network of certified partners across the globe, Ferranti offers worldwide capabilities for successful, on-time implementations with outstanding training and support.

## A PROVEN SOLUTION FOR ALL UTILITY COMPANIES

The MECOMS™ value proposition is backed up by many successful implementations. Through an international partner network, MECOMS™ has been adopted by utilities in several industries, on multiple continents and in different markets.

Ferranti Computer Systems, which develops MECOMS<sup>™</sup>, has been serving the utility market for more than 35 years. It works together with researchers and participates in influential industry work groups.

Throughout the years MECOMS™ has been implemented at water, gas, electricity and district heating companies. Based on this experience, MECOMS™ has gained broad and deep functionality, incorporating specific requirements for all these commodities. By incorporating best practices from diverse companies from different industries, all MECOMS™ customers benefit alike.

With offices, and a far-reaching partner network around the globe, MECOMS™ has a solid international presence. Our partners have detailed knowledge about local utility markets and proven experience with the technology.

Due to the very attractive Total Cost of Ownership (TCO), MECOMS™ users range from nation-wide metering companies to small municipal utilities and from large-scale water companies to specialized industrial energy suppliers.

MECOMS<sup>TM</sup> is used in regulated and de-regulated markets alike, and its modular design has enabled companies to undergo market deregulation without complications. It supports deregulation at various stages and for different market roles. Moreover, MECOMS<sup>TM</sup> seamlessly adapts during the years of regulatory fine-tuning, which often follow after privatization.

MECOMS<sup>TM</sup> combines flexibility, efficiency and smart insights to drastically cut cost-to-serve, even in a changing environment. Utility companies around the world choose MECOMS<sup>TM</sup> because it makes their business highly efficient, because it allows them unprecedented flexibility to adapt and because it offers them superior business insight.

## **TARGET MARKETS**









## **ELECTRICITY**

Despite environmental concerns, consumption of electricity keeps rising everywhere.

Many governments promote green alternatives and demand side management, which requires smart grids with distributed production environments.

Meanwhile, the first large-scale smart meter roll-outs are taking place. Nevertheless, utilities will still need to deal with a legacy of historical meter parks for a long time.

 $MECOMS^{TM}$  is capable of simultaneously handling manual, automatic and smart meters, enabling a gradual upgrade of the existing infrastructure.

Despite the advent of smart grids and meters, managing losses and allocating residues will remain a major concern. Since regulation for settlement and billing of transport and distribution costs keeps changing, MECOMS™ provides a powerful, yet flexible Market Communication framework to deal with the monetary and informational flows between market players.

## GAS

While the gas market has some similarities with the electricity market, the differences are considerable.

The transported energy of gas depends on the calorific value, quality, temperature and pressure of the gas. Furthermore, liquified gas can be stored and transported, creating a completely different market dynamic.

Therefore, gas prices on spot markets fluctuate enormously. This increases the importance of reliable tools for sophisticated trading, forecasting and hedging.

The sheer amount of energy transported by gas pipelines is unrivalled. Selling this commodity requires a sound knowledge of the market and its consumption patterns, especially in the highly demanding B2B segment.

MECOMS<sup>™</sup> has been implemented at gas companies in several countries. The gas market blueprint is designed to natively handle all specific aspects of this complex business.

## **WATFR**

Water companies are increasingly subject to mergers, acquisitions and privatizations, which forces continuous reorganization to achieve optimal scale and integration of the entire water cycle.

MECOMS<sup>™</sup> is a flexible and sophisticated solution to deal with water company challenges. For example, it easily handles customer move-in, building owners associations or joint-billing of municipal taxes or garbage collection.

The MECOMS™ Billing engine natively deals with complex situations such as unmetered connections, and makes it possible to calculate charges based on the number of taps, inhabitants or any other parameter.

## **THERMAL**

Many countries are introducing district heating and cooling systems to help provide a cleaner environment and exploit surplus energy of waste incarnation processes.

Thermal companies are often closely embedded into local society and customer satisfaction is of foremost importance. MECOMS™
Contract Management provides flexibility to deal with any number of customers, without losing track of their peculiarities.

Because of the close local ties, a socially conscious pricing policy needs to be maintained. This requires thorough forecasting to balance demand with purchase and/or production. MECOMS™ features sophisticated tools for analysis, planning and portfolio management, taking into account the specific situation and resources of the utility.

## MECOMS™ VALUE PROPOSITION

Obviously, each version of MECOMS™ brings new features and improvements. However, the MECOMS™ value proposition is a lasting promise to energy and utilities companies that differentiates the product against competing vendors.

## A FLEXIBLE SOLUTION THAT WILL ALWAYS COVER YOUR NEEDS

From the beginning, MECOMS™ was conceived as an answer to market turmoil. Flexibility to adapt to changing demands is a core product value and always will be.

#### Integrated end-to-end solution

MECOMS<sup>TM</sup> is a modular, end-to-end solution. A single vendor, Ferranti, develops the MECOMS<sup>TM</sup> product, so all modules work together seamlessly.

#### Modular design

You only need to deploy the modules you need. Later on, additional modules can be added to an existing system. Moreover, the architecture and pricing will suit both large utilities and niche B2B players. This makes MECOMS™ ideal for growing businesses, as it will smoothly scale to handle increasing volumes of customers, meter readings and billing cycles.

### **Configurable**

By design, many changes can be done through configuration instead of customizing the code. And

when customization is necessary, it can be done quickly because of the agile architecture. MECOMS™ uses a system of interchangeable blueprints to adapt to local markets and market roles. This greatly simplifies regulatory compliance and allows rapid time-to-market for new products and rates.

#### State-of-the-art

MECOMS™ is always at the cutting edge of utility business and technology. It offers out-of-the box support for innovations such as smart metering, big data analytics or digital customer interaction channels. Moreover, it is designed to ensure a smooth transition when new technologies or business practices are introduced, such as a gradual roll-out of smart meters.

## LOWERING COST TO SERVE, IMPROVING SERVICE

MECOMS<sup>™</sup> streamlines business processes to combine high efficiency with first-class customer service. It represents more than 35 years of experience in the energy and utilities industry, and incorporates country templates with countless best-practice processes.

### Familiar and user friendly

The user interface is easy to use, consistent and familiar to Microsoft Office users. This significantly reduces the training needs of new users. Additionally, the 360° cockpit empowers call center operators to quickly solve complicated requests with the customer on the line. When a new work routines emerge, it is easy to automate them into new workflows, without any additional programming.

### **Efficient business**

MECOMS™ processes are optimized for unattended behaviour, requiring only a minimum of human intervention. Self-serve channels (web portal, automated telephone system,...) handle routine customer interactions. MECOMS™ also uses a management-by-exception approach to handle regular processes, and intelligently sets aside ambiguous cases for human inspection. Following the "first time right" principle, each process contains configurable checks and validations in each step. This greatly increases early detection of errors, thereby preventing escalations and costly recoveries

### **Superior business insight**

Web-based role centers for common roles in utility organizations provide an intuitive way to interact with MECOMS™. This ensures that data and analytics are always meaningful and accessible to everyone in the organization. Furthermore, because MECOMS™ uses Microsoft technology, it is easy to exchange information with other systems or to export any kind of data to other applications, such as Excel.







## PROVEN ABILITY TO EXECUTE

Ferranti and its MECOMS™ Partners continuously invest in their capabilities to ensure successful implementations around the world. MECOMS™ projects have a remarkably short implementation time, remain within budget and are eagerly adopted by their new users.

### Methodology

Over the years, Ferranti has developed proven implementation tools to ensure quality and minimize project risk. The MECOMS™ Impementation Workbench (MIW) and the Data Migration Workbench are two examples of tools that simplify and streamline implementation and leverage the Ferranti insights and best practices. The MECOMS™ Sure Step methodology builds upon Microsoft Sure Step, and can be used for both simple and complex projects. Moreover, all standard processes are implemented in a demonstration-company, called OmegaPoint™. This can act as a blueprint for setting up a new company, and is ideal for demonstrating the system to new customers.

### **Training and certification**

All regional and worldwide MECOMS™ Partners have passed a rigorous training and certification program. This ensures that they have the necessary competencies and knowledge about their market, the product and the technology.

Key to the certification programme is MECOMS™ University, which provides thorough documentation, online e-learnings and classroom trainings at multiple locations. It performs instruction, assessment and certification of future MECOMS™ practitioners, who need to pass rigorous tests to prove their technical expertise, insight in the utilities business and understanding of local markets.

MECOMS™ University offers training and certification, both to partners and end-customers.

Various training tracks are available, ranging from Sales Professional to Professional Developer. Trainees can certify themselves by successfully passing exams. Trainings are given by dedicated Microsoft Certified Trainers (MCT's) in our classrooms in Antwerp (Belgium), Manchester (UK) or Singapore. Additionally, extensive e-learning courses are provided to ensure an optimal transfer of knowledge.

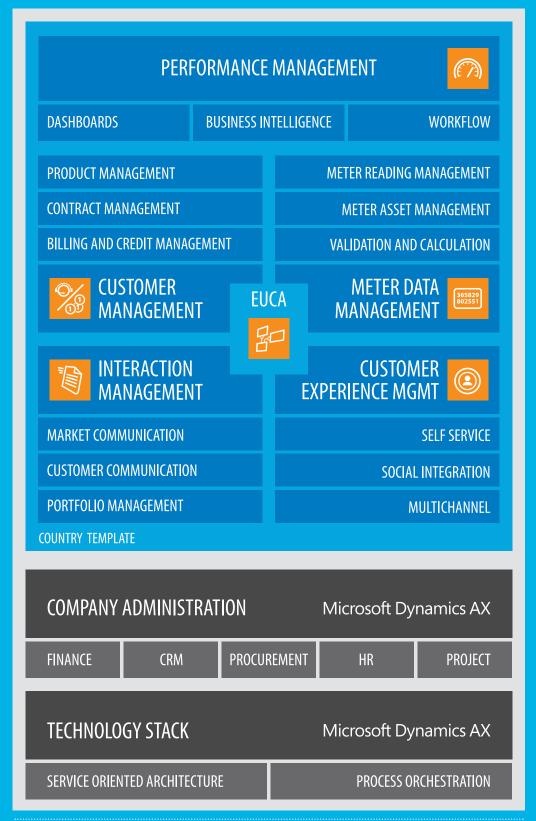
### **Solid partner network**

MECOMS<sup>™</sup> Partners are among the best in their respective geographies. They combine technical prowess with detailed knowledge of local markets.

Moreover, Ferranti closely collaborates with all of them. If necessary, even domain experts from the product development team will get involved to ensure the success of an implementation.

"The key to our success is a business support system that is flexible, intuitive to use and very performing to deal with the flexibility of market messaging and data modelling. So far, MECOMS™ is proving to be the right choice for GEN-I."

— Mr. Andrej Šajn, CIO and Member of the Board at GEN-I





## **MECOMS™ EUCA**

MECOMS™ is designed to be flexible, efficient and to offer superior insight. It is functionally arranged around five business domains, tied together by the Energy and Utilities Community Architecture (EUCA), its core data model. Since the design is non-monolithic, a utility can license and implement only the modules it actually needs. The modular design also enables easy interfacing with other internal and external applications. All modifications are logged and easy to trace back to individual users.

Moreover, data is time-sliced, making it easy to prepare future changes or to revert to a previous situation. Time slicing also provides a thorough audit trail, which eases compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley, SAS-70, etc. The smart architecture of MECOMS™ permits rapid implementations and modifications, at an attractive cost. Tight integration with Microsoft Office and SharePoint allows data to be imported, exported and used throughout the entire organization.



## CUSTOMER MANAGEMENT

### **Product Management**

MECOMS™ provides unparalleled flexibility for managing products in today's increasingly competitive utilities markets. Users can create and maintain products by linking commodities with rate structures, taxes and levies. A product configuration contains all parameters for billable items and services. MECOMS™ enables utilities to rapidly develop new market offerings, without any additional programming.

#### **Contract Management**

Contract types and templates are created according to the products offered. MECOMS™ features an advanced pricing and quotation suite, which is especially valuable in today's B2B markets. It allows fixed, semi-flexible and full flexible pricing models. The formulas to calculate prices are managed using an intuitive, graphical formula builder.

Advanced contract conditions, such as autobalancing, cash-out and take or pay, are all possible. MECOMS™ automatically takes care of these arrangements in billing and other administrative processes.

#### **Billing and Credit Management**

Billing and credit management are core processes for any utility. MECOMS™ is designed to rapidly deliver impeccable bills, to encourage timely payments and to maximize the payment rate of every customer segment.

The specifics of each contract are seamlessly taken into account by the billing system, which calculates and validates invoice-lines on-the-fly as meter and consumption data enters the system. This workload spreading allows for an amazingly fast billing run when the actual invoices need to be generated. Furthermore, on-the-spot validations detect anomalies long before the actual billing run. This allows error-free billing runs, with increased speed and accuracy. Furthermore, MECOMS™ provides out-of-the-box support for real time pricing and billing. Scheduled and on-demand meter readings are handled simultaneously, and future price changes are already taken into account when calculating advances.

Rules for validation are easy to configure and provide flexibility to cope with unexpected events. Besides metered commodities, a system of consumption units allows billing of unmetered product. Furthermore, additional items can be derived from the metered consumption. For example, calculating waste water charges based on tap water usage.

Bills can be presented in various ways: through a web portal, per e-mail, by post (using a print service), or through standard interfaces, such as EDI and Zoomit.

## **EFFICIENT.**

## INCREASE CUSTOMER SATISFACTION WHILE LOWERING COST TO SERVE

MECOMS™ Credit Management handles payment processing and all communications related to it.

MECOMS™ lets utilities maximize the amount of timely payments, while minimizing the dunning costs. MECOMS™ assigns and regularly updates scores to assess the creditworthiness of every customer. Furthermore, information from external credit checks can easily be linked to the customer database to refine the risk assessments. This is especially useful for B2B customers.

A sophisticated engine for collection management, or dunning, takes into account the customer's segment and individual history. It then determines whether to charge a fee, after which it will send out or plan the most appropriate reminders (letter, e-mail, personal call). If this has no avail, MECOMS™ provides methods to send defaulters to a collections agency or to initiate legal action.

MECOMS™ offers flexibility to adjust payment terms to the specific situation of a customer. Measures such as delaying due dates, custom payment schedules and payment by third parties enable the customer to settle his debt instead of defaulting.

MECOMS™ communicates directly with banks and automatically interprets all incoming payments to manage direct debit administration. At the core is a sophisticated matching engine. It combines many parameters into a dynamic scoring system to decide which payments can be processed automatically. Only when there is too much uncertainty, the system will request human intervention. It will then assist the user to decide by listing the different possibilities based on their probability.



## METER DATA MANAGEMENT

Meter Data Management focuses on data quality and controlling the information flood. MECOMS™ handles all aspects of meter data collection, validation and calculation to turn raw meter reads into reliable consumption data.

## Meter Reading Management / Meter Asset Management

MECOMS™ is smart meter ready. It provides two-way communication with smart meters and is able to processes large volumes of smart metering data via the Smart Metering Communication Bus. Moreover, MECOMS™ facilitates smart metering processes for meter asset management, monitoring and the interaction with customers and other market parties. MECOMS™ also handles Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) as a core process. It can easily integrate with existing systems, such as MV90, but also communicates natively with other automatic meters, without additional appliances. An efficient unmetered to metered flow facilitates large-scale meter deployments and offers bulk transferring connections from specific areas.

MECOMS™ organizes the entire Manual Meter Reading process. MECOMS™ wireless portable terminals for meter readers enable suppliers to receive their meter readings within the same day. MECOMS™ Mobile lets meter readers access and register relevant information on their terminal (e.g. defects, fraud or the meter location). The terminal performs on-the-spot validation and can communicate instantly using a cellular data connection. It also provides meter readers with their assignments for the upcoming days.

Periodical meter reading routes often reflect the accumulated experience of many years. For unplanned meter readings on demand (MROD), however, routes are generated dynamically. MECOMS™ takes into account the location of the meter reader and the accessibility of the locations to create an optimal route. The continuous connectivity of the terminals allows operators to send updates or additional tasks to a meter reader while he or she is in the field.

MECOMS™ also offers many self-service channels. Paper index cards returned by customers are automatically scanned using optical character recognition (OCR). An interactive voice recognition (IVR) system lets customers report their meter readings over the telephone, and can include immediate validation. Furthermore, MECOMS™ B2C and B2B web portals let customers enter index values, perform validations and consult their consumption history.

#### **Validation and Calculation**

Meter readings are stored and validated in MECOMS™ using flexible business rules. Even on ordinary hardware, MECOMS™ smoothly processes and stores millions of meter readings.

MECOMS™ allows the definition of business validation rules in a user-friendly manner, without additional development. Multiple rules can be active simultaneously, and can be prioritized to match changing business needs. The validation rules are executed in the main MECOMS™ system, but also on mobile devices and self-service portals to further reduce the likelihood of erroneous values.

Converting meter readings into consumptions is done using meter certificates, which are linked to the meter of each individual customer. Thus, readings of a diverse, historically grown metering park are processed consistently. Complex metering configurations, often with local production, are also taken into account. MECOMS™ makes it easy to configure calculation factors, such as daily temperatures (to calculate energy in gas volumes), SLP/EAV's and proxy-consumptions (related products which are metered indirectly). Estimations, based on consumption profiles or historical data, are automatically calculated as a substitute for missing data.

## MECOMS™ Smart Metering Communication Bus

MECOMS™ Smart Metering Communication Bus (SMCB) has been designed to manage Smart Metering assets and complex two-way communication in a multi-



brand, multi-protocol and multi-user environment. SMCB guarantees a comprehensive management of the metering assets, while at the same time offering the flexibility to link several different proprietary protocols to each other and the central system. In addition, it supports 'push' as well as 'pull' AMI architectures. SMCB makes MECOMS™ a deviceindependent solution.

SMCB is developed together with database experts from Microsoft. MECOMS™ uses innovative technologies, such as In-Memory Analytics and Smart Volume Streaming, to ensure that it is able to handle massive amounts of data. In a 2012 benchmark, a few regular PC's running MECOMS™ were able to handle 270,000 metering values per second. In a real life situation, with 15 minute intervals, this would correspond to more than 100 million meters.



## INTERACTION MANAGEMENT

### **Market Communication**

IT systems do not exist in a void. Interfacing with different systems is required to exchange messages, to update information and to account for all business processes in a multi-player market. This is the role of market communication, both in a regulated as well as in a deregulated market.

Market Communication enables SOA-based EDI or XML messaging of customer scenarios, master data and meter readings and invoice information.

MECOMS™ also takes care of settlement processes, by performing grid fee calculation, allocation and reconciliation. In a regulated market, Market Communication can be used for reporting to partners, regulators, etc.

The MECOMS™ design separates generic processes from market-specific business logic, using interchangeable market blueprints. This approach greatly simplifies new implementations and continuing compliance with evolving market rules. MECOMS™ also provides a standard message library and a message mapper tool to rapidly implement new messages. Journals allow easy follow up and error-handling.

"MECOMS™ supports us in one of our most critical core processes as Gas Transport Service Operator (TSO). One of the main reasons for selecting MECOMS™ is the lower cost-of-ownership we expect for the long run because we have maximized the use of the standard out-of-the-box functionalities when implementing MECOMS™. This represents significant savings for us compared to the initial high maintenance costs because every change represented a custom development."

— Willy Pruis

iCT Competence Manager Gas Transport at GasUnie

#### **Customer Communication**

MECOMS<sup>™</sup> does not force utility companies to choose between improving customer service and reducing cost to serve. A high degree of automation, intuitive user interfaces and sophisticated error prevention increase both efficiency and customer satisfaction. Customer care staff is empowered to handle even the most complex situations in fluent workflows, while dynamic rules make it easy to customize MECOMS<sup>™</sup> for specific situations.

In order to increase customer intimacy, MECOMS™ offers innovative interaction channels. B2B and B2C web portals let customers consult and update their information with a web browser. Furthermore, for B2C customers, MECOMS™ offers a smart home application which runs on Xbox game consoles and an App for tablets.

MECOMS™ CRM offers customer care staff a 360° Cockpit™ for a quick and complete view on all information related to a customer, from meter readings and consumptions, to contracts, invoices, payments, repair, and maintenance. State-of-the-art screens enable real-time completion of complex processes, such as move-in, final invoice, contract creation and catch-up of payment advances. With the 360° Cockpit™, processes are completed so fast that the customer can remain on the phone until completion. This significantly reduces call times and improves the experience, both for customers and employees.

#### **Portfolio Management**

Portfolio Management offers a comprehensive toolset for program management, portfolio analysis, position calculation, risk management and mark-to-market. Users can set-up and develop a forecasting model using a deal/trade subsystem, a configurable calendar and a formula generator.

Based on the results, companies can manage their risk and position within the market. This includes sourcing activities (buy/trade) on spot and futures markets, often using flexible contracts in the MECOMS™ contract management module.

## FLEXIBLE.

ADAPT QUICKLY TO CHANGING BUSINESS NEEDS



## CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE MANAGEMENT

Utility companies have long been struggling with low customer interactivity. MECOMS™ helps you improve this with rich and structured communication. MECOMS™ is built on the industry's best practices. Design Thinking is at the heart of MECOMS™, while Machine Learning and Al are continuously being investigated for the value they can bring to the solution and your customers.

#### **Self Service**

MECOMS™ Online, the self-service portal, provides a top-notch user experience on an administrative level. We've rebuilt the portal to cover all of the most important use cases, like requesting support, paying bills, exploring meter usage and arranging a move to a new location. The new intake experience also facilitates a custom user registration and creation.

#### **Social Integration**

We added social listening functionalities to create a true 360° view of your customers. All interactions across all channels can be brought to a single department in your organisation. This way, tone-of-voice mismatches and conflicting messages are a thing of the past.

#### **Multichannel**

You can easily generate rich documents (digital and print) for close interaction with your customers, on the channels they prefer.



## **MECOMS™ TECHNOLOGY**

MECOMS $^{TM}$  is a vertical solution for the utilities industry, built on top of Microsoft Dynamics $^{TM}$  AX, Microsoft's flagship ERP suite.

Microsoft Dynamics™ AX provides generic ERP functionality, such as Finance, CRM, Procurement, HR and Project Management. Microsoft Dynamics™ AX is a layered system, which allows for seamless integration on one hand and easy maintainability and upgradeability on the other hand. Because MECOMS™ is fully integrated into Microsoft Dynamics™ AX, all of the functionality and company processes are in one, integrated system with one user interface, one database and one set of business logic, providing a single version of the truth.

With only one technology stack to support, the total cost of ownership is much lower, both from a business and an IT perspective, as opposed to having disparate systems that are linked together.

MECOMS™ is often integrated in more complex legacy environments. Therefore, integration requiring business process management across systems is often needed. MECOMS™ leverages the Microsoft Dynamics™ AX infrastructure and optionally Microsoft BizTalk® to deliver true SOA integration.

MECOMS<sup>™</sup> is certified for Microsoft Dynamics<sup>™</sup> AX, which means that each release is thoroughly tested by an independent third party.



## PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

To preserve competitiveness, modern enterprises need raw data to be transformed into analytics and strategic insights.

#### **Dashboards**

MECOMS™ offers pre-defined role centers for common job functions in utility organizations. These offer an intuitive approach to use the system, and help to cope with the natural overlap between different modules and departments.

These web-based screens provide a unified view with all relevant work cues, navigation, links, KPI's and graphics, so managers can quickly asses their unit's performance.

Apart from common financial and operational KPI's, any workflow can be turned into a KPI, to assess its speed and outcome.

#### **Business Intelligence**

MECOMS™ lets utilities measure their effectiveness by transforming data into intelligence. Profit Management, based on customer segmentations, margin calculation and cost to serve analysis, empowers energy and utility companies to identify businesses opportunities and take informed decisions. Furthermore, users can configure their own KPI's, such as environmental impact or staff productivity. Past trends can be analysed to forecast future evolutions and data can easily be exported to other analytical tools.

#### **Workflow**

MECOMS™ Workflow is a generic framework to automate the steps of any process. It greatly improves cooperation between departments and increases accountability. Furthermore, the status and results of any workflow can easily be included as KPI's in a role center.

## INSIGHTFUL.

DETECT INEFFICIENCIES
AND DISCOVER NEW
BUSINESS
OPPORTUNITIES

"Ferranti Computer Systems is Microsoft's utility partner of choice. MECOMS™ is based on the Microsoft Dynamics AX platform and also provides integration with Dynamics CRM, which has already been implemented at EBL."

— Philippe Kienner Chief Information Officer EBL

## MECOMS™ MARKET ROLE OVERVIEW

MECOMS<sup>™</sup> is functionally arranged around five business domains, tied together by the Energy and Utilities Common Architecture (EUCA), its core data model. You can explore MECOMS<sup>™</sup> in a functional way or you can choose the Market Role approach where you will be able to view the business processes which are enabled through our MECOMS<sup>™</sup> Modules for your specific role in the market. We have mapped this flow for 5 Market Role types: Generation/Producer, Transmission System Operator, Distribution Network Operator, Retailer/Supplier and Integrated Companies. This high level overview gives you a feeling of how MECOMS<sup>™</sup> can work for you. Note that even more MECOMS<sup>™</sup> modules can be added if richer functionality is required.

## **BUSINESS BENEFITS EXPLAINED**

#### **FASTER GO-TO-MARKET**

- Quick set-up of products
- Simple as well as complex products
- Full integration with other modules (eg billing engine)

## OPTIMIZED CUSTOMER ACQUISTION, RETENTION & SERVICE

- Full customer view (360° cockpits)
- Data / customer insight
- Management by exception minimum errors

### HIGHER PROFITABILITY & RISK REDUCTION

- Highly flexible forecasting / formula engine
- · Insight in deals & consumptions
- Integration with outside world (eg commodity exchanges)

#### **FASTER INTERVENTION**

- Link between customer & asset data (insight in customer data)
- Deep integration with AX (eg finance)
- Automation where possible (eg usage of templates)

## TROUBLEFREE HANDLING OF COMPLEX INFRASTRUCTURE & DATA QUALITY

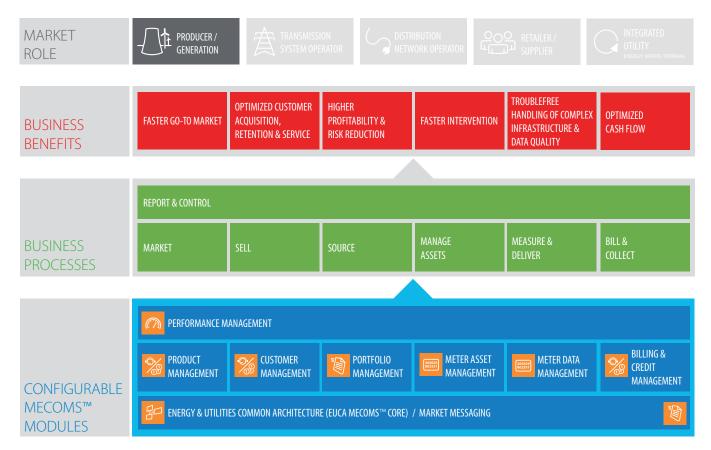
- Mapping of real-life situations with highly flexible certificates
- Smart-ready
- Management by exception (eg validation framework)

### OPTIMIZED CASH FLOW

- High automation
- Management by exception (eg validation framework)
- Process Insight (1 data model for all processes)

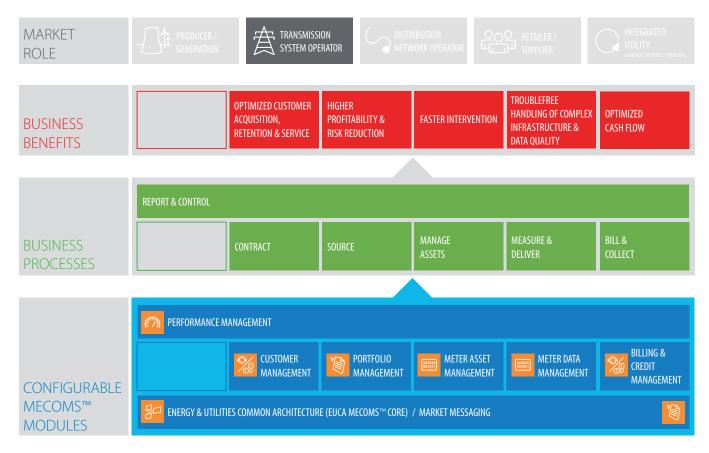
## **GENERATION**

View the benefits per process through configurable MECOMS™ Modules for Generation Companies / Producers.



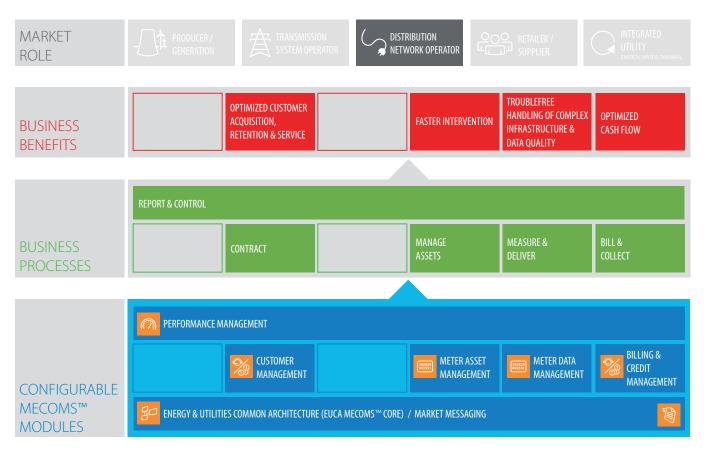
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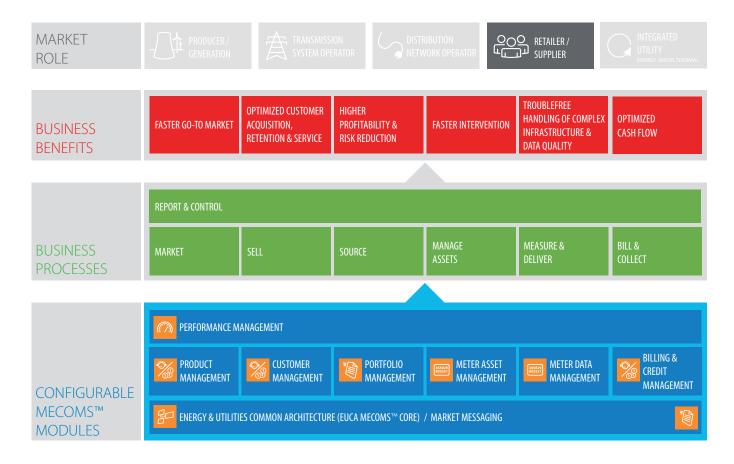
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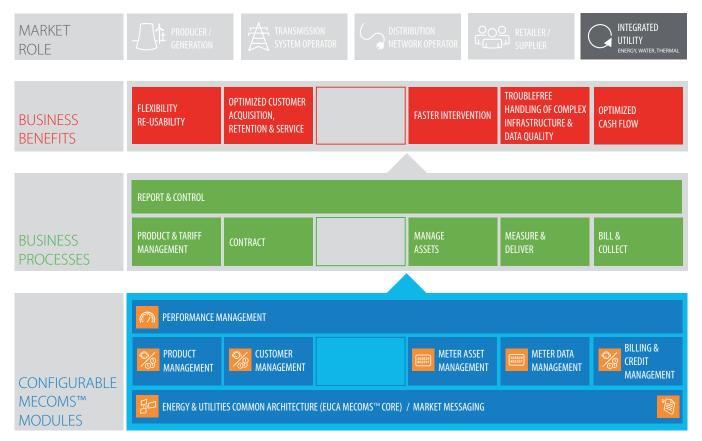
## **RETAILER / SUPPLIER**

View the benefits per process through configurable MECOMS™ Modules for Retailer/Supplier Companies.



## **INTEGRATED**

View the benefits per process through configurable MECOMS™ Modules for Integrated Companies (Energy, Water and/or Thermal).



Visit our website for more information and details about our solution.

www.MECOMS.com



MECOMS™ is a proven solution for suppliers & retailers in the utility sector. Our system is built, managed and maintained by industry experts and adheres to the industry's best practices. MECOMS™ lets you improve customer interaction by streamlining business processes, and combines high efficiency with first-class customer service.

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