



BlackLine Smart Close in Norsk Hydro

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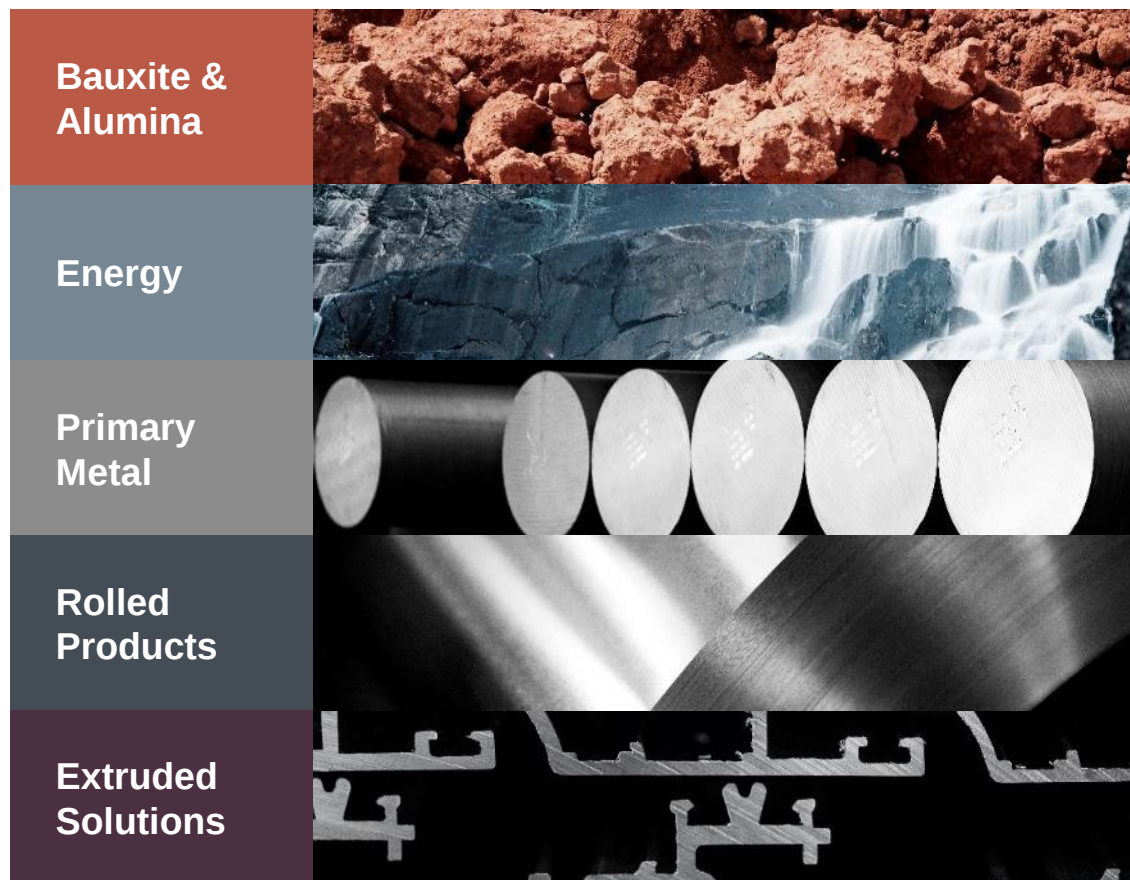
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Intro to Hydro and GBS Finance

An integrated and customer-oriented aluminium company

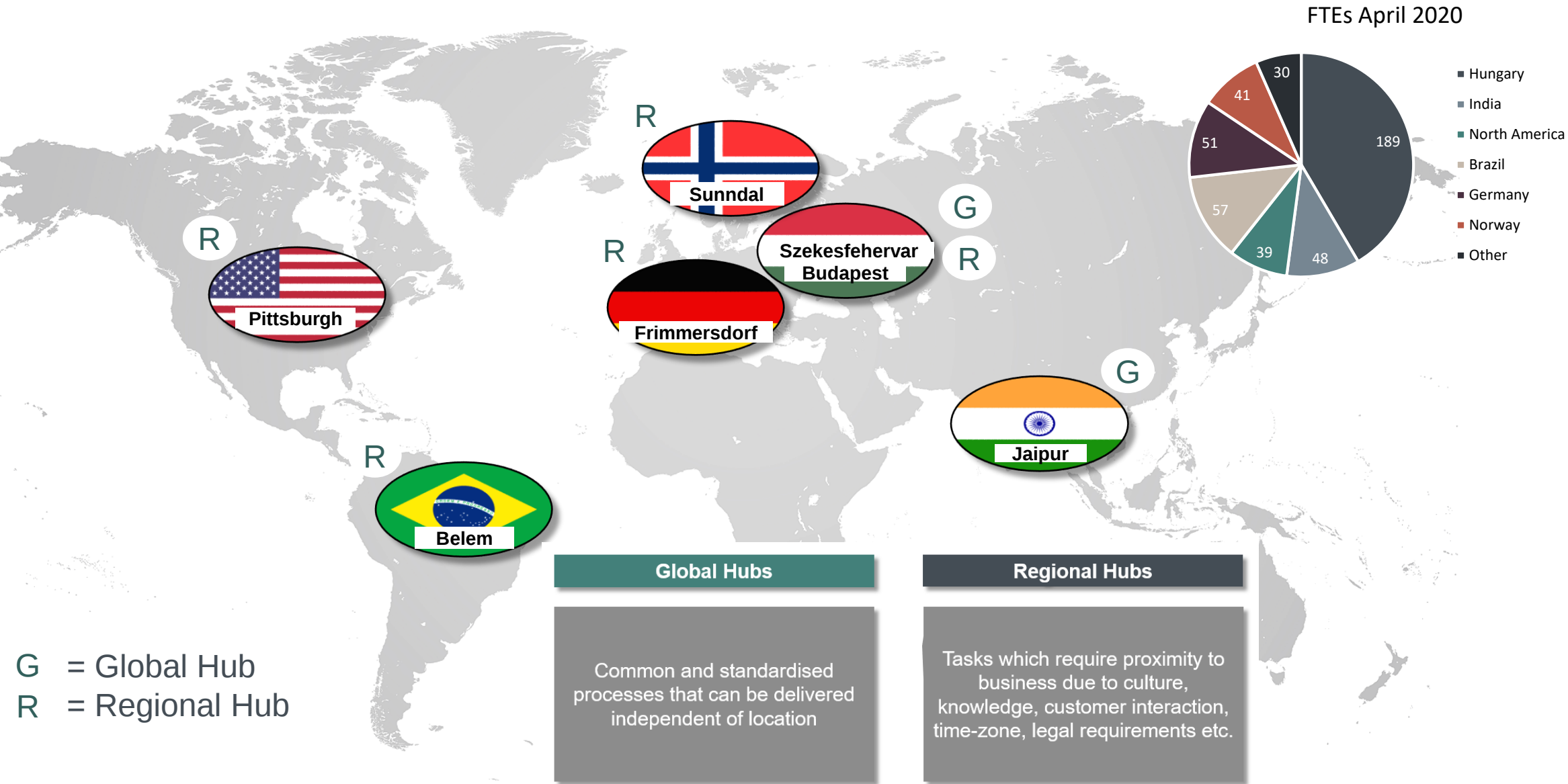
With robust positions across the value chain



- Global provider of alumina, aluminium and aluminium products and solutions
- Leading businesses along the value chain; raw materials, energy, primary metal, rolled products, extruded solutions and recycling
- 35,000 employees at 150 locations in 40 countries
- Market cap ~NOK 60 billion/ ~USD 6.5 billion^{*)}
- Annual revenues NOK 150 billion (2019)
- Included in Dow Jones Sustainability Indices, Global Compact 100, FTSE4Good

^{*)} 1) As per Jan 28, 2020

GBS Finance – a competent & performance oriented service partner



Complex system landscape, on our way to 3-4 SAP systems



... and to have Record to Report and total I2P process in GBSF teams



„SM@RT GBSF“ – Global Process Owner Design & Toolbox

Master data



servicenow

BLACKLINE

WINSHUTTLE

D&B Onboard

Bankers
ALMANAC

- ✓ Compliance
- ✓ Screening
- ✓ Transparency
- ✓ Quality of data
- ✓ Efficiency
- ✓ Harmonized

Invoice to Pay

OPENTEXT

SEEBURGER
BUSINESS INTEGRATION

SAP Concur

BLACKLINE

- ✓ Global solution AP
- ✓ Globalization
- ✓ Highly automated
- ✓ Drive for touch-less
- ✓ Auto-payments
- ✓ Full transparency
- ✓ Simplified approval
- ✓ Simplified Travel Expense

*Standardization
Simplification
Automation*

drive

Record to Report

BLACKLINE

Option

SOVOS

WINSHUTTLE

SEEBURGER
BUSINESS INTEGRATION

meridian

- ✓ Business comp.
- ✓ Harmonized
- ✓ Highly automated
- ✓ Quality reviews
- ✓ Fast close

AR and Credit Management

mx mendix

WINSHUTTLE

BLACKLINE

- ✓ Invoicing or interface
- ✓ Credit limits
- ✓ Order release
- ✓ Dispute management
- ✓ Collection
- ✓ Highly automated
- ✓ Customer analysis

*Efficiency &
Compliance*

Improves:
✓ *Quality*
✓ *Cost*
✓ *Speed*

All processes

SAP S/4 HANA

servicenow

celonis

UiPath

Power BI

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BlackLine Smart Close at Hydro

BlackLine Smart Close



Quick overview

- Fully integrated in SAP
- Checklist form with tasks to be done to complete the process
 - Dependencies
 - Teams (responsible users for tasks)
 - Deadlines / flexible schedule
 - Workflow notifications
- Automations are possible
 - Run program (T-Code) with predefined parameters
 - Verify report output based on executed program
 - User can be notified when any exception occurs

Quick overview



Scenario execution: 119 MONTH_END 2020_9

Refresh

Filter

Save filter

Delete filter variant

Icon legend

Attachments

Entity

119

Hydro Extrusion Spain S.A

Comments

Scenario

MONTH_END

Month end closing activities

Execution ID

2020_9

Base Date

30.09.2020

Frequency

Posting Period

2020-09

Owner

SMART CLOSE ADMIN

Global

Yes

Locked

Processes supported in Smart Close at Hydro



- Month End process
 - GBS Finance Month End closing plan
 - Controlling Month End closing plan
- Payment process
- Dunning process
- Master Data quality checks
- Daily/Weekly/Monthly routines checks and tasks:
 - AP related
 - Consolidation related
 - GL related
 - BlackLine Recs balance upload
 - TRUE Reconciliation preparation cycle
 - Inventory related

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BlackLine Smart Close – payment use case

Payment process before automation

- Manual preparation and processing of payment run in T-Code F110
 - Reuse prepared variants
 - Update with current parameters
 - No fixed time for payment run
 - Not all units run every day
 - Different run for internal and external vendors
- Review payment proposal
 - Manual identification and review of error messages
 - Manual follow up of items that should not be paid
- Execute payment run
 - Manual start of execution
- Manual file transfer to TCMS (Treasury and cash management system)
 - Verify amount and number of payments (manual)
 - Authorize external payment in TCMS for further transfer to external banks (manual)
- Follow up status and error messages in TCMS
 - Verify that all payments are received by external banks
- Manage error messages from banks

Payment process after automation

- Daily payment run for all units
 - All payment methods included
 - All invoices approved, open for payment (not blocked) and where due date is within range of “pay-through date” are included
 - Value date ahead +7 days (pay-through date) – will be paid on due date
 - Separate variant for AR direct debit and credit balance payment
 - Fixed time every day
- No payment proposal review
 - All vendors managed through AP ledger in SAP
 - Block invoices that should be excluded from payment / unblock when ok
 - Error messages from payment run sent to Finance Portal (ServiceNow)
 - Managed and corrected before next payment run (next day)
- Automatic file transfer to TCMS (Treasury and cash management system)
 - Verify amount and number of payments (manual)
 - Authorize external payment in TCMS for further transfer to external banks (manual)
- Follow up status and error messages in TCMS (Treasury and cash management system)
 - Verify that all payments are received by external banks
- Manage error messages from banks

Benefits from payment process automation

- Streamlined process accross SAPs
- One standard integrated payment process across all GBSF organizations involving workflow-based invoice control with an adequate approval process
- Payments are generated through AP (and AR) - manual payments are in principle not allowed
- Timely and cost-saving payment process that ensures high STP (Straight Through Processing) and security end-to-end

Payment run by BlackLine Smart Close



Scenario example

Scenario execution: ADN PAYMENTS_B 20201007

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Delete filter variant

Icon legend

Entity

Scenario

Execution ID

Base Date

Frequency

Posting Period

ADN

PAYMENTS_B

20201007

07.10.2020

2020-N.A.

Alunorte Alumina do Norte

Brazil Payment scenario - daily schedule (working days)

Comments

Owner

KUBACKI P

Global

Yes

Locked

No

Payment run by BlackLine Smart Close



Error messages sent to Finance Portal

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GBSF Enquiry - ACC0288358 [Default view*]

Follow

Internal comments

Update

Save

Manage Attachments (1): [Report as HTML.HTM](#) [view]

Number

ACC0288358

End user external

noreply@hydro.com

Type

General Mail

Order form

ACCNO mail

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Category

Subcategory

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Parent GBSF Enquiry

🔍

Contact type

Email

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State

Resolved

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Priority

4 - Low

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Assignment group

GBSF_Payments

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Assigned to

Szibilla Tál

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HFM code

GBSF Home

Closed

Short description

Error in CA - 0001 Payment proposal - Identification EA001

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Guest

Additional comments • 2020-10-12 11:08:32

reply from: noreply@hydro.com

Dear User,

System detected errors in CA - 0001 Payment proposal - identification EA001. Please check attachment for full report. This run was executed for day 20201012.

Have a nice day.

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Payment run by BlackLine Smart Close



Error messages sent to Finance Portal

Production Karmøy. Payment settlement list for payment run 12.10.20/EA001 Time 11:03:02 Date 12.10.2020 RFZALI00/RB_BATCH Page 1

Err.no. Error text

001 No pymt possible because items with a debit bal.still exist; see job log
 003 Item is blocked for payment
 004 Account is blocked for payment
 020 +/- sign for local/for.curr.balances are different, pmnt not possible
 032 Payee flagged for deletion

14.10.2020

Payment Run - list items with errors

Run On	ID	Paying CC	Vendor	Customer	Payment	CoCd	Year	DocumentNo	Itm	Doc. Date	Pstng Date	Doc. Type	AccTy	PK	PM	Err	PBk	L
14.10.2020	ADN	ADN	3070001			ADN	2019	100526681	001	04.11.2019	29.11.2019	AB	K	31	B	003	9	
14.10.2020	ADN	ADN	3070001			ADN	2019	100532912	001	02.12.2019	02.12.2019	AB	K	31	B	003	9	
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14.10.2020	ADN	ADN	3070501			ADN	2020	4900311425	001	07.10.2020	14.10.2020	KR	K	31	B	016		
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14.10.2020	ADN	ADN	3070667			ADN	2020	4900310310	001	16.09.2020	02.10.2020	RE	K	31		016		
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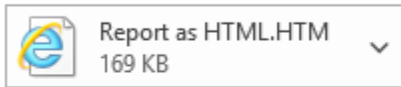
Payment run by BlackLine Smart Close

Paid items send to TCMS team for approval

Smart Close AMP - ADN - Domestic AP - paid items list for day 20201016



Runbook user RB_BATCH <noreply@hydro.com>



Report as HTML.HTM
169 KB

This is automated e-mail please do not respond to it

Dear User,

System executed task Domestic AP - paid items list for ADN. Please check attachment for full report. This run was executed for day 20201016. This list contains items send to TCMS.

Have a nice day,

Smart Close Team

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Live demo



Q&A

