



AkzoNobel

Enhanced security and reduced costs

“ Security is of vital importance to AkzoNobel to protect the company’s intellectual property. Orange Business Services has transformed our approach to network and Internet security, and we now have a service that protects the company more effectively and costs €1M a year less. ”

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Highlights

- Largest global paints and coatings company
- Need to protect corporate network
- Hybrid legacy security service was expensive and not fit for purpose
- Orange provides a 24x7 managed service
- Three regional hubs with dual connectivity (Internet and WAN) with fully redundant security servers
- Comprehensive network/Internet security services
- Global, robust, reliable service with enhanced security functionality
- High availability and reliability and meets SOX compliance requirements
- €1M in annual savings



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Issues and challenges

AkzoNobel is the largest global paints and coatings company with international brands including Dulux, Sikkens, International and Eka, and over 55,000 employees in 80+ countries. This Global Fortune 500 company has a constant need to protect its people, data and intellectual property. However, its security solution was a mix of legacy in-house systems, multiple outside vendors and a range of outsourced security services. In addition, its business acquisitions had significantly increased bandwidth demand, which highlighted the need for a security upgrade.

AkzoNobel's requirements included rationalizing, standardizing and consolidating services as well as enhancing governance capabilities to meet audit and SOX guidelines. The company also wanted to release its in-house security team from day-to-day operations so it could focus on developing and overseeing the company's global IT security strategy. Last, but by no means least, the security review was considered an opportunity to address increasing budget pressures.

The objective

Reduce costs while enhancing network and Internet security.

The benefits

The Orange Business Services managed global security solution has delivered significant financial savings together with enhanced and proven capabilities for protecting AkzoNobel's business.

Cost and efficiency improvements

- Business case savings of €1M per year
- Day-to-day management of operational issues
- Internal resources refocused on IT security strategy

Consolidated service

- Simplified management by a single global security provider
- Rationalized and standardized worldwide service

Enhanced functionality

- Robust and reliable 24x7 managed service
- Comprehensive security capabilities

Stronger governance

- Clearer, more defined internal usage regulations
- Compliance with SOX requirements

The Orange Business Services solution

- Outsourced 24x7 managed security service
- Three regional hubs: Asia Pacific, EMEA and Americas with dual connectivity – Internet and WAN
- Fully redundant security servers
- Internet access and web filtering
- Remote web/network/Internet/application access
- Third-party network/local network gateway/server-to-server gateway/IPSec VPN/firewall

The results

- Standardized, reliable, secure global network and Internet access
- €1M savings per year
- Increased security capabilities
- Refocus of internal resources on IT strategy
- Enhanced governance and meeting of SOX requirements

“ We are working on a number of joint initiatives, which are very exciting for the future and reflect the open relationship between our two companies. ”

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