

Petroware 2000 Dramatically Simplifies Accounting Process for Independent Geologist

Accounting procedures at Bob Bertolet's independent oil and gas office are certainly easier these days. Thanks to Avatar's premier accounting software, Petroware 2000, input of revenue distribution, accounts payable, and joint interest billing is no longer a dreaded chore. For Sue Hewitt, the Office Manager who runs Bob Bertolet's two-person office and handles accounting for the satellite location in Jackson, Mississippi, Petroware 2000 is a dream come true.

Hewitt's job responsibilities include managing all the accounting information for Bob Bertolet's business, which consists of four separate companies. Petroware 2000 easily handles the accounting needs for the entire operation. According to Hewitt, "Petroware 2000 does everything you need for the oil business – everything."

A History with Petroware

An independent geologist, Bob Bertolet has been successfully drilling wells in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama for more than two generations. Since the early 1980s when he went out on his own, Bertolet's company has depended on Petroware to provide its accounting software needs.

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Almost twenty years later, however, Sue Hewitt found herself working on the originally installed DOS-based Petroware program. "I was afraid the old system would crash and that we would lose everything," she says. "We were in desperate

need of an upgrade." Petroware 2000 promised to do all that Hewitt needed and more.

She looked at several competitor systems, but Hewitt knew from experience that Avatar service couldn't be beat. "Other support groups don't have as many people responding as Avatar does," she explains. "Avatar consistently returned my service calls within thirty minutes." The decision was therefore made to stick with the trusted vendor.

Company Profile

Name:

Bob Bertolet

Address:

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Natchez, MS 39121

Telephone:

(601) 442-0424

Function:

Geologist

Locations:

2

Employees:

3

Office Manager:

Sue Hewitt

Accounting Software:

Avatar Petroware 2000

Invoices Keyed:

500 per month

Accounts Payable Checks

Generated:

150 per month

AVATAR
SYSTEMS

*Oil and Gas Software Solutions
Providing World-Class Customer Support*

On-Site Training Eases the Upgrade Transition

After Petroware 2000 was installed at the Bob Bertolet office, it was time for training. Everything was new to Hewitt – even the Windows environment. “They say it’s hard to teach an old dog new tricks,” she jokes. “But with Petroware 2000, there’s nothing to it. I’ve even taught myself how to do several things. This old dog has definitely learned some new tricks!”

Hewitt attributes her ability to master Petroware 2000 to the system’s ease of use and Avatar’s commitment to training. An Avatar representative spent three days in Bob Bertolet’s Natchez, Mississippi office, giving Hewitt undivided attention. “The hands-on training was fantastic,” Hewitt recounts. “It helped me tremendously. It’s so important to do because the needs of every company are unique.”

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When Hewitt first input the company data into Petroware in January of 2002, she entered the accounting information for two entities and was able to close out the entire year in an amazing two weeks. Now, she enters each week’s work every Friday and accomplishes in one afternoon what previously took two to three days to do. “In one day, I can do Mr. Bertolet’s books for the month,” Hewitt shares. That, too, used to require two to three days’ work.

Hewitt is most impressed with Petroware 2000’s reports, which she calls “astronomical.” The date-driven software can accept parameters to generate reports that detail general ledger history, trial balance, monthly income statements, balance sheets, trend analysis income statements for specific periods, lease

operating statement summaries, vendor lists, and more. Avatar has offered to customize reports for Bob Bertolet, but that is not necessary, as the standard Petroware 2000 performs all the geologist requires. “Petroware 2000 provides us with any information we need,” shares Hewitt.

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Bob Bertolet’s accountant certainly gets what he needs at tax time, thanks to Petroware 2000. “I used to go to the accountant with a box for each company,” says Hewitt. “Now all I have is a folder.” The result is greater efficiency and a lower accounting bill.

Petroware 2000 has certainly made life easier for Hewitt. “I can’t sing its praises enough,” she says of the Avatar software. “Petroware 2000 is a superb product.”

