

## Press Release

# FACTON Introduces Should Costing SaaS Solution in the Cloud

FACTON EPC Should Costing customers now have the option of operating their server infrastructure in the cloud.

Troy, MI, July 26, 2016 FACTON's Should Costing Cloud allows enterprises of all sizes to quickly deploy the solution in a software-as-a-service (SaaS) environment. Benefits of the cloud offering include the immediate availability, rapid deployment and scalability of the FACTON EPC Should Costing solution. It is easy to calculate the monthly fixed costs as a service and users always have access to the latest and most up-to-date software technology via the cloud. This greatly reduces maintenance expense and infrastructure costs for upgrades.

FACTON's Should Costing Cloud also makes everyday tasks easier for users without the need to change established and familiar workflows. Full integration in the corporate network enables users to work with FACTON EPC via single sign-on. IT administrators work in the same administrative environment and continue to administer users in the company's directory service as usual. Integrated offline capability is still available in the cloud, which is an important feature for employees who work from remote locations and need both online and offline capabilities.

#### Runs on Microsoft Azure

The EPC Should Costing SaaS solution runs on Microsoft Azure. "There are a number of reasons why we prefer to use Microsoft Azure," says Alexander Swoboda, CEO at FACTON. "For one, we've had good experiences using it intensively as part of our own development and quality assurance activities and for training with the Microsoft solution. We – and the same is true for our customers – also benefit from the major budget savings because there are no expensive investments in setting up and operating new infrastructures. Another factor is that the solution from Microsoft meets the highest demands for data security. This is something we must offer our customers."

Daniel Heckmann, Azure Business Development Manager at Microsoft, adds: "Not too long ago we introduced our cloud computing platform Azure and we were certain that it would quickly establish itself. Our own expectations have been exceeded and we are happy to welcome FACTON as a new member to the community. Based on Microsoft Azure and using its built-in services such as Azure SQL Database, Elastic Pools and Azure App Services, FACTON now offers a cloud solution that takes enterprise-wide product cost management to a whole new level. It goes without saying that we are very pleased to be able to make such a contribution here."

## Pricing and availability

Enterprises will be able to switch to the cloud starting early August. Just like the on-premise version, pricing is based on the scope of the required modules and number of licenses. The Should Costing solution in the cloud is designed for enterprises of all sizes.



#### About FACTON

The FACTON EPC Suite is the leading Enterprise Product Costing (EPC) solution for the automotive, aerospace, mechanical engineering and electronics industries. Its specific solutions offer robust answers to the requirements of executive management and individual departments within the enterprise. FACTON EPC enables standardized, enterprise-wide costing independent of location and department for maximum product cost transparency throughout every phase of the product life cycle. Businesses accelerate their costing, achieve pinpoint cost accuracy and secure their profitability.

FACTON GmbH was founded in 1998 and has locations in Potsdam, Dresden, Stuttgart and Detroit. Hasso Plattner, founder and chairman of the supervisory board of SAP AG, has supported this innovative company since 2006. The international portfolio of customers includes Airbus, MahleBehr, Deutz, MANN+HUMMEL, Porsche and other renowned OEMs.

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