

# Sundt Construction Builds a Solid Data Management & eDiscovery Foundation with Simpana Software

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--Top Construction Company Archives a Decade of Emails to Comply with FRCP, Expedites eDiscovery Searches and Leverages Deduplication to Lower Tape Vaulting Footprint by an Expected 90 Percent--

OCEANPORT, N.J., Feb 24, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- CommVault(NASDAQ: CVLT):

## **News Facts**

- <u>Sundt Construction, Inc.</u>, one of the largest construction companies in the United States, has deployed the <u>CommVault(R)</u> <u>Simpana(R) software</u> platform to elevate <u>data protection</u> for nearly 1,000 employees while lowering the risk and cost associated with legal <u>eDiscovery</u> requirements.
- As U.S. engineering/construction companies spend increasing amounts on litigation, Sundt has embraced a best-practices approach to <u>According to the company, typical construction projects involve vast amounts of electronic information</u> including contracts, project schedules, emails and more. By replacing Symantec Backup Exec with CommVault Simpana software, Sundt notes that it has dramatically increased its protection of 30 TBs of data, established litigation hold policies and met corporate policies to archive emails for up to 10 years, while cutting administrative costs in half.
- Sundt also uses Simpana software to expedite eDiscovery <u>search</u>, retrieval and sort requests across online, <u>archive</u> and <u>backup</u> data copies. This reduces the time it takes to produce search results from three days to less than an hour the company reports.
- Following the success of a pilot project using Simpana software's <u>Deduplication</u> feature, where the company cut the number of offsite tapes needed each month from 30 to five, Sundt is rolling out the feature company wide. The company projects an overall reduction in its footprint of long-term vaulting or compliance copies by approximately 90 percent in the long run.
- A team of 10 oversees 120 Microsoft Windows 2003 and 2008 servers, SharePoint 2007, SQL 2005 and 2008 as well as construction industry applications, including Prolog and Primavera, along with a full line of Dell servers, desktops, laptops and tablet PCs.

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#### Simpana Search and Archiving Expedites eDiscovery

- Sundt accelerates information access and eDiscovery of electronically stored information (ESI) to improve productivity and lower risk using the Simpana Search module. Used in combination with the CommVault Simpana active data archiving module, Sundt preserves e-mail for compliance and eDiscovery purposes.
- With Simpana software's web-based interface, Sundt can easily search for emails using attributes and content found in messages, including email attachments.
- Simpana software's advanced search capabilities including "search within a search" enable Sundt to quickly produce highly relevant, granular results.
- Sundt plans to extend CommVault software's archiving and search functionality to include all files and SharePoint; self-serve searches for the legal team also are planned.

#### Simpana Deduplication Reduces Data Storage Costs

- Sundt evaluated hardware-deduplication appliances from Data Domain and Quantum, but according to the company, found them costly and lacking in scalability which presented a problem for the fast-growing company.
- Sundt determined that CommVault's software-based deduplication provided more cost-effective scaling and greater flexibility in reducing duplicate data across data backups and archives.
- According to Sundt, CommVault software's embedded deduplication yielded an 85-percent compression rate during the pilot project, which exceeded the company's expectations and provided a strong business case for full-scale deployment in 2010.
- Sundt's projected ability to reduce its long-term vaulting footprint by up to 90 percent will translate into fewer tapes and tape drives as well as less time required to manage the system, which is a big plus since the 10-member IT staff lacks a dedicated resource for managing data protection, the email archive, search requirements and deduplication.
- Sundt found CommVault's single-platform approach and the software's centralized console to ease both deployment and

ongoing operation, enabling the company to run one, cohesive system instead of disparate, point products.

#### **Supporting Quotes**

From Zach Croxford, Corporate IT Manager for Sundt Construction:

- "When it comes to FRCP compliance and eDiscovery, we're ahead of the curve as far as the construction industry is concerned, thanks to sound corporate practices and CommVault Simpana software. As we move toward a fully digital environment, we're counting on CommVault to take on an increasingly critical role in both our eDiscovery and overall data management efforts."
- "Simpana software provides a layer of search intelligence that yields better search results and speeds the process, which makes a big difference in accommodating eDiscovery and corporate governance best practices."
- "CommVault's web-based interface is so easy, my kids could use it. The back-end of the Search module is incredibly fast, so it literally takes seconds to perform an initial search."
- "At the end of the day, Simpana software provides all the information I need to show my executive team that dedupe isn't just a trend--it's a critical driver of our overall data management strategy."

## Resources

- Sundt Construction case study<u>http://news.commvault.com/pdf/sundt\_construction.pdf</u>
- CommVault Simpana(R) Archive<u>http://www.commvault.com/products-archive.html</u>
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A singular vision -- a belief in a better way to address current and future data management needs -- guides CommVault in the development of Singular Information Management(R) solutions for high-performance data protection, universal availability and simplified management of data on complex storage networks. CommVault's exclusive single-platform architecture gives companies unprecedented control over data growth, costs and risk. CommVault's Simpana(R) software suite of products was designed to work together seamlessly from the ground up, sharing a single code and common function set, to deliver superlative Data Protection, Archive, Replication, Search and Resource Management capabilities. More companies every day join those who have discovered the unparalleled efficiency, performance, reliability, and control only CommVault can offer. Information about CommVault is available at <u>http://www.commvault.com/</u>. CommVault's corporate headquarters is located in Oceanport, New Jersey in the United States.

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