



Northland Contract
Boatbuilders Ltd

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Case Study Empower Software

We are a contracting / manufacturing company with a significant alignment to the Composite (fibreglass) Boatbuilding industry. As a company our business plans asks us to focus on three areas of operation.

1. Marine. As in boat building in our own right or manufacturing and assembling portions of a boat, being built by some other entity. As part of our Composite work we are recognised at one of New Zealand's leading resin infusion specialists and are continually wanting to further our strengths in high tech composite production ... our work includes;
 - a. The first resin infused boat in NZ.
 - b. 2 x 35 tonne resin infused superstructures, manufactured, part assembled, shipped to Auckland and incorporated into two 50 metre super yachts.
 - c. A fully infused, prototype, heavy transport bridge.
2. Non-Marine. As in the bridge mentioned above, agricultural products, transport industry, motor homes, caravan & horse floats, repaired and/or manufactured and help within the aircraft industry.
3. Large 'one-off' projects. This is most likely a large vessel 'refit', but covers a multitude of possibilities, some of which overlap with the points mentioned above but differ from continuous 'production type' work fronts.

We are based in Whangarei and employ between 15 and 55 factory staff depending on what projects are on the board at the time.

Empower time tracking and labour management was implemented in our business three years ago.

Analysis of our production and financial figures confirms that Empower has enabled us to increase our factory productivity from between 35 to 40 percent.

Our management team gets real value out of Empower for:

1. Up to the minute reporting, from the factory floor. Accurately reporting actual times compared to budgeted times on each project and stage of project.
2. Accurate labour time and job profit on each project at the end of the project ... this also allows easy look-up of past jobs to compare with similar projects we may be asked to quote on at a later date.
3. Reporting of all forms of unproductive time and down time

Empower was simple to put in, as long as you understand there is always a need to closely manage change in workplace procedures for a few weeks until they become the norm. We get good on going support from the team at Empower.

Empower has been a good investment for us.

Feel free to contact me to discuss further. You are also welcome to visit us to see Empower in operation.

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*Achieving maximum client satisfaction by providing
a quality finish, on time and within budget.*

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