

# Kinross Gold Corporation and Vyapin DocKIT – Uncovering Value, Speed, and Efficiency

**Customer:**

Kinross Gold Corporation  
Headquarters: Toronto,  
Canada.



<http://www.kinross.com>

**Client Industry:** Gold Mining

**Products Used:**

Vyapin's DocKIT for SharePoint  
[www.vyapin.com](http://www.vyapin.com)



Microsoft SharePoint:  
<http://office.microsoft.com/sharepoint>



Kinross Gold Corporation, one of the world's leading gold mining companies, knows there's gold not just in the ground but also in the insights locked away in the company's documents. During a recent document management project, Kinross discovered a faster way to move a large volume of information for a specific project from one Document Management environment to another. Using Vyapin's DocKIT solution, Kinross met the challenges of migrating thousands of documents with tight timelines while minimizing impact on business operations.

### *About the Client*

Kinross Gold Corporation, founded in 1993 and operating in the Americas, West Africa, and Russia, produced 2.71 million gold equivalent ounces in 2014, making it one of the world's leading gold mining companies.

For over 9000 employees, the "Kinross Way" shapes culture and informs how work is done. This culture centers on embracing the values of putting people first, outstanding corporate citizenship, high performance, and rigorous financial discipline. The "Kinross Way" guides the organization in managing all of the opportunities and responsibilities that come with being a global mining company.

### *The Business Challenge*

In the mining industry, data is vital to an organization's effectiveness and efficiency and at Kinross, SharePoint 2010 is at the heart of the document management system that stores and manages thousands of project documents. In this particular case, documents needed to be moved from an external document management system to Kinross' SharePoint based document management system. Migrating documents always pose challenges and getting these documents moved was no exception. Some of the challenges that needed to be addressed included:

## CASE STUDY



**Challenge:** To migrate several thousand gigabytes of data and ensure accuracy of metadata in the migration.

- A large volume of documents. Several thousand documents needed to be moved accurately into the Kinross SharePoint environment.
- Maintaining metadata. At Kinross, extensive metadata is applied when users create or upload documents to the system. Each document is assigned a unique number making it easy to locate. During the migration, it was critical that all document metadata and mapping information be maintained.

Without the consistency of metadata between the two document management systems, users would be unable to find documents.

- Tight timelines. The challenge of moving a large volume of documents with minimal disruption to day-to-day business operations was amplified by the requirement that the data be available to use as quickly as possible. Needless to say, all of this placed a lot of pressure on the Kinross team responsible for the move.

### ***Solution: Vyapin's DockIT***

Kinross was introduced to Vyapin's DockIT as a viable solution for the SharePoint migration. DockIT for SharePoint helps organizations migrate content from network file shares, file servers, and local hard drives to Microsoft SharePoint on premises as well as Office 365 (SharePoint Online). DockIT also preserves NTFS permissions, file properties, and associated metadata. After only a few training sessions, DockIT proved easy to understand and use, and it was determined that it would meet the requirements for a successful migration.

#### **Metadata handling.**

During the migration, DockIT allowed the metadata to be assigned to individual documents quickly and easily. Easy assignment of metadata

**Convenient scheduling.** Because DockIT could be scheduled to run after-hours and on weekends, the migration team could schedule the work to take place when it would not impact network performance or business operations, thereby speeding up the overall process of migration.

#### **Benefits of Using DockIT:**

- **Seamless Migration**
- **Easy export of metadata**
- **Reduction in overall migration time**

*“We quickly understood how the product worked and it was easy to see how it fit our needs. If we had a question, the Vyapin customer support team helped us quickly so we could focus on making the migration a success”.*

- Swati Shukla  
Document Control  
Specialist, Kinross Gold  
Corporation

### **Benefits**

The migration of documents from the EPCM document management system to the Kinross' SharePoint environment was a success. The company realized the following benefits from working with Vyapin and DockIT:

- Seamless migration of several thousand documents, saving time and allowing team members to shift work efforts to other business priorities.
- Easy and compatible export of metadata which maintained data integrity in the new SharePoint environment and ensured that employees could search for and find important documents.
- Using DockIT's pre-migration validation tool, errors were tracked and fixed before the actual move, reducing the overall migration time while limiting the impact on operations.
- The Vyapin support team was highly responsive to questions throughout the project, supporting Kinross to make the migration as smooth as possible.

DockIT is providing ongoing value to Kinross and is now being used for all mass uploads into the document management system.

### **Conclusion**

The DockIT solution and the exceptional customer service team at Vyapin helped Kinross successfully migrate several thousand documents from one system to another. With documents that are easy to find and access, Kinross has been able to handle critical information efficiently.