



GOLDEN STAR

Company
Golden Star
Resources Ltd

County
Ghana

Industry
Mining

Solution
Panda Cloud Office
Protection (PCOP)

Licenses
600

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IT Manager*

Golden Star strikes Gold with Panda Cloud Office Protection

Golden Star Resources Ltd is a mid-tier gold mining company in Ghana with production to date totalling around 330 000 ounces of gold.

Operating from a number of different geographical locations (with independent operations in Ghana and offices in Canada and Brazil), Golden Star faced a number of unique challenges in terms of its IT infrastructure and management. Because of its geographical spread, the company sought to simplify security administration without compromising the integrity of sensitive data governed by stringent compliance protocols.

Prior to the installation of Panda Cloud Office Protection (PCOP), Golden Star administered Avera (a German solution) from a management server on a single site. However, this did not meet their needs for independent device control.

Although Golden Star holds 600 PCOP licenses, more than 1000 employees access the IT network, as many PCs are shared by shift workers working around the clock.

According to Richard Darko-Addison, IT Superintendent in Mining Discourse, a key requirement for a solution was device control. The deal breaker for them was PCOP as it offers excellent device control and an ability to lock access to sensitive data thereby successfully meeting compliance requirements.

"Before PCOP, we had to manage everything from a single site. Now we have appropriate role groups for the various managers so they can manage devices independently."

With around 20 servers and close to 1000 users (30% of these laptop users) and a number of wireless LANs and wired networks, the implementation of PCOP was swift and efficient with the installation taking around 15 minutes and the rollout being completed within 24 hours.

"The deployment of PCOP was quick for us and, because of this, a major relief."

Because PCOP was a replacement solution, management did not undertake to measure savings per se but Darko-Addison believes that considering senior administrators are no longer required to visit remote locations in order to manage the antivirus solution, “We’re looking at not less than US\$ 20 000 in savings.”

The personalised nature and level of the technical support has been an enormous plus for Golden Star. “Panda has been a lifesaver,” says Darko –Addison. “I’m hoping that it only gets better in the coming years.”

The Solution: Panda Cloud Office Protection

Panda Cloud Office Protection is Panda Security’s innovative endpoint security solution offering cloud-based anti-malware and firewall protection. Protecting Golden Star against harmful viruses and malicious software.

Panda Cloud Office Protection is an easy-to-use, secure solution providing constant, robust protection for workstations, laptops and servers. Based on the concept of software as a service (SaaS), it leverages the Collective Intelligence knowledge base from the cloud, and allows Golden Star to focus on their core business and forget about the costs and difficulties associated with traditional security products. PCOP has saved Golden Star no less than US\$ 20 000 on traveling costs and less time has been spent troubleshooting problems.

With Panda Cloud Office Protection security is managed from a simple, intuitive Web console, allowing centralised management of computers anytime, from anywhere. Senior administrators were no longer required to visit remote locations in order to manage the antivirus solution.

Customer’s Profile

Headquartered in Toronto, Canada, Golden Star Ltd is a mining company that engages in the acquisition, exploration, development and operation of gold properties in Ghana, West Africa and Brazil.

It currently has two operating mines situated along the prolific Ashanti Gold Belt in Ghana and maintains an aggressive exploration program.

Its goal is to grow its business in Ghana and other selected countries in West Africa. The company is well financed and has a strong, experienced and operationally focused management team.

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