

Customer Success Story

REAL-TIME PRODUCTION CONTROL FOR LARGE-SCALE EARTHWORKS OPERATIONS

CASE SNAPSHOT

Project	Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Channel
Budget	- USD 1.2 billion-
Year	May 2021 – Ongoing
Customer	ACCIONA, S&B GROUP, & NORTH AMERICAN CG
Location	Fargo, North Dakota, USA
Project type	Dams and earthworks
Scope	Real-time production monitoring and operational control across 24/7 earthmoving operations
Solution	Digital production control platform for earthworks execution management

THE CHALLENGE: EARTHWORKS AT UNPRECEDENTED SCALE

The Red River Flood Diversion project presented a uniquely complex operational challenge: coordinating and controlling earthworks production across an immense construction footprint, with continuous activity running 24/7.

The project involved moving **48 million cubic yards of material**, requiring precise coordination of equipment, operators, haul distances, and production targets across multiple simultaneous work fronts.

Previous attempts to solve similar challenges using proximity-based tracking systems had proven too rigid for the dynamic realities of earthmoving operations. Traditional alternatives could track time and volumes, but lacked the operational detail required to understand how production was being achieved.

We needed much more than production totals. We needed detailed operational intelligence to understand exactly how work was being performed.

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48M yd³	200 Reports/Day	6 FTE Saved	24/7 Visibility
MATERIAL MANAGED THROUGH DIGITAL PRODUCTION CONTROL	AUTOMATED WITH REAL-TIME PROCESSING	ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD ELIMINATED	CONTINUOUS OPERATIONAL OVERSIGHT

THE SOLUTION: BUILT FOR OPERATIONAL
ADAPTABILITY

Drawing on earlier experience in New Zealand, Acciona chose to continue developing its own platform rather than adopt off-the-shelf alternatives.

“External tools could track volumes, but they couldn’t provide the operational detail we needed.”

The result was a specialized earthworks control system designed around field realities.

CORE CAPABILITIES:

Production Reporting Digital capture of field production data	Shift Line-Up Real-time workforce coordination
Operational Alerts Immediate visibility into deviations	Equipment Monitoring Continuous activity tracking
Data Integration Unified operational data flows	Historical Analytics Long-term production intelligence

IMPLEMENTATION: 18MONTHS TO FULL
DEPLOYMENT

The platform required **18 months of refinement**, with Fargo’s extreme environmental conditions adding significant hardware challenges.

Close collaboration between project teams and local engineering support transformed the system into a reliable field-ready solution.

“It was a difficult road, but once everything came together, the results were clear.”

THE TRANSFORMATION: FROM REPORTING TO REAL-
TIME CONTROL

The project generated approximately **200 production reports per day** across continuous operations.

Without automation, processing this volume would have required significant administrative effort and delayed operational response. Instead, the platform delivered instant visibility and enabled immediate intervention when needed.

“Real-time visibility allows operational intervention as things happen—not days later.”

LOOKING AHEAD: SCALING EARTHWORKS
INTELLIGENCE

Following its success in Fargo, the solution is being considered for future large-scale earthworks projects, including upcoming developments in New Zealand.

Its long-term value lies in building a production intelligence database capable of improving future planning, productivity, and cost optimization.

I’m proud to have contributed to such a complete earthworks solution.

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IMPACT AT A GLANCE

- Real-time visibility across continuous earthworks operations
- Automated processing of **~200 daily production reports**
- Elimination of manual reporting delays
- Avoided need for **5–6 additional administrative staff**
- Faster operational response to field deviations
- Improved production accuracy and reliability
- Valuable historical database for future optimization
- Scalable model for future earthworks projects