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## Europe's Largest Renewable Energy Company Finds Reliable "Power Source" In ActiveBatch® Job Scheduler

*Advanced Systems Concepts' Workload Automation Software Gives Norway-Based Statkraft  
What It Needs To Manage Wind, Solar, Gas and Osmotic Power Operations in 20 Countries*

MORRISTOWN, NJ – (April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010) – The frontiers of green energy are being blazed as much in the boardroom as they are in the natural world. New technologies and new production sources require new business models. Markets have to be developed, prices set, and distribution networks tested. And the one resource that powers all this activity, is information.

[Statkraft](#), Europe's largest renewable energy company, understands this better than anyone. Based in Oslo, Norway, Statkraft develops and generates hydropower, wind power, gas power and district heating, and is a major player on the European power exchanges. It has an installed capacity of 15,000 megawatts—enough to power roughly 12 million homes. To create its pathways of innovation, this major alternative energy producer relies heavily on automated data collection, processing and reporting for everything from accounting and finance to production and distribution.

Since 2003, [ActiveBatch®](#), [Advanced Systems Concepts' Workload Automation and Job Scheduling software](#), has managed Statkraft's most critical data processing tasks. ActiveBatch executes jobs and workflows in Statkraft's Integrated Control Center (ICC), the system at the heart of the energy producer's energy management processes.

"At the time we upgraded our ICC system from Unix to Windows servers, we set out to find a scheduler with more functionality than our Cron scheduler had," said Knut Fonn, Section Manager, Trading for Statkraft's Nordic and continental operations. "In particular we wanted a stronger logging capability, as well as a more convenient user interface."

After looking at several alternative workload automation products, Statkraft was drawn to ActiveBatch's [feature set](#). "ActiveBatch is known for its stability. It also has the logging and [user-friendly interface](#) we wanted," said Fonn. "ActiveBatch's drag-and-drop approach to building workflows makes it easy to create and test jobs. What's more, the dependency rules give us the flexibility we need to run complex jobs."

Proven in 37 countries and at more than 1,000 enterprise installs, ActiveBatch is a leader in [cross-platform workload automation](#), allowing users to manage tasks involving the most common operating systems, enterprise business applications as well as Web Services.

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Its [event-based architecture](#), combined with an [Integrated Jobs Library](#) of reusable templates and production-ready job steps, helps users quickly and efficiently expedite the IT workload automation process without having to create and maintain custom scripts.

"By implementing ActiveBatch in the analysis team, the whole process of creating and analyzing data has become much simpler to handle," explained Kenneth Andresen, Operation Manager. "Instead of several manual operations, we're now able to automate the whole process, which reduced the risk of failure by human error. We're also much more flexible in how we want to load-balance our runs on different servers. This gives us a huge advantage in completing analysis results on time with the resources at hand."

[Event-based scheduling](#), load balancing, improved service levels, [reporting/alerts](#), and proven reliability are all reasons Statkraft has stayed with ActiveBatch. But as the relationship with U.S.-based Advanced Systems Concepts (ASCI) has matured, Fonn and Andresen have been pleasantly surprised at the level of Professional Services support they have received.

"Having ASCI's Professional Services team onsite during the installation helped me to learn the basics of ActiveBatch. It was a great introduction and a real advantage in using the system," Andresen stated. "The response time of the Professional Services Group has been exceptional as well. I've gotten immediate help whenever I've needed it. Twice in the last three years, ASCI consultants have been on site with us for an entire week each time. This expertise helps me a great deal and gives me the opportunity to deliver what our business needs."

Statkraft is currently in the process of expanding its use of ActiveBatch for other automation purposes. Said Fonn, "ActiveBatch's stability has helped make sure our systems are up to date with data collection and calculation. Our Integrated Control Center runs 24/7, and the systems and processes ActiveBatch schedules, govern the most important energy management functions here at Statkraft."

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