



## Spotlight on Success

# SGS turns to NetApp for storage that delivers powerful scalability and simplified support

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### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

#### Customer

- SGS
- Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, UK
- [www.sgs.co.uk](http://www.sgs.co.uk)
- Industry: Cross-industry inspection, verification, testing, and certification services

#### NetApp Partner

- Concorde IT Group
- [www.concordeitgroup.com](http://www.concordeitgroup.com)

“Everything is much easier and quicker with NetApp. The converged FlexPod infrastructure included is not only good for support but provides us with a platform to start small and grow bigger.”

**John Cresswell**  
IT Manager, SGS

#### Products and Services

- NetApp FAS2520 HA
- Up to 84 drives and 336TB of storage
- 3-year support
- FlexPod prevalidated reference architecture

#### Customer Profile

SGS is a world-leading inspection, verification, testing, and certification company. It is globally recognised as providing global benchmarks for quality and integrity. It provides industry-leading inspection, verification, testing, and certification services anywhere in the world. Its services also cover a wide range of industries, from agriculture and automotive to chemical, construction, and oil and gas, as well as the public sector. SGS has more than 80,000 employees and a network of more than 1,650 offices and laboratories around the world.

#### Customer Challenges

- Their IBM storage was approaching end of life and was also running out of storage space.
- The platform also had limited management functionality, which was making it difficult to run the businesses it was underpinning: a SharePoint®-based collaboration intranet, an order-processing system, and a laboratory system for oil, gas, and chemical quality assessments.

#### Solution

- NetApp® FAS2520 built on a FlexPod® infrastructure to support a VMware® virtualised environment and data replication to Veeam for business continuity
- Can scale to 84 drives and up to 336TB of storage

- Leverages the NetApp Data ONTAP® storage operating system to simplify data management across the enterprise IT environment
- Management capabilities that simplify tasks through automation and help to reduce setup time and repetitive operations
- Implemented by NetApp partner Concorde IT Group

#### Benefits

- Reliable, cost-effective platform designed to scale and meet growing storage requirements
- Underpins and supports UK consumer testing business
- Provides storage for approximately 20 virtual machines that support production, including help desks, and testing and developing environments
- Advanced software management tools enable services to be delivered quicker and more reliably
- A platform for further expansion and fail-safe support
- Lower costs, greater reliability and improved management

#### Environment

- Applications: SharePoint collaboration site for 1,500 users and bespoke consumer order, booking, and processing application
- Database: Microsoft® SQL Server®
- Operating system: Microsoft Windows Server®
- Protocols: NFS, CIFS, iSCSI