

## Vehicle inspections go green for Zenith with TAAP

Leading **mobile device data capture** specialists TAAP recently announced yet another successful application story as **Zenith Vehicle Contracts** harness their powerful OnTAAP Forms technology. Prior to using OnTAAP technology Zenith processed cars for re-marketing and disposal at end of lease, recording the damage on paper. They are now able to capture full and precise details of all vehicles that are returned, electronically and remotely, with the inspection and validation tools ensuring the user completes all the relevant parts. The removal of the need for paper forms is also a great step in helping the environment and helping companies become “greener”.

OnTAAP Forms allows users from their PDA to receive and send forms based data. The forms like Microsoft's next generation applications describe their interface in XML. This means that the user interface for each form changes dynamically based on the message received.

Messages received on an individual's PDA may have been generated by other OnTAAP Forms users, or directly from a back office computer system which leverages its extensive workflow capability. TAAP describes this as its forms business e-mail which acts like a mini database that dynamically processes the information received. Additionally it can be linked to an infinite number of back office users making it a flexible solution for mobile/remote based work activity.

The enhanced version of OnTAAP Forms, complete with Inspection control allows a number of items to be inspected against predefined criteria. Comprising 150 checks and photo annotation capabilities, means the device is ideal for deployment in the on-site vehicle assessment arena for example.

Leading fleet management service provider Zenith Vehicle Contracts are confident that OnTAAP Forms technology will build further their reputation within their industry by offering consistent accurate and detailed vehicle condition reports supported with high resolution pictures.

**Mike Burn, Remarketing Manager at Zenith** comments: “OnTAAP Forms optimises our inspection process providing a higher quality of data for our customers. They are more confident in the quality and accuracy of the vehicle data; can visually see the extent of the damage and in return this generates a higher return for our re-marketing clients.”

Mike continues: “Using the OnTAAP Inspection control means all of our vehicles are now inspected to the same high standards, with consistency in the data that is being collected.”

When a car has been inspected by its respective defleet centre it is sold via the internet with the

inspection photos and report displayed without any human intervention to deliver this capability.

This means that not only have Zenith got a much more accurate assessment of the vehicle damage but the prospective purchaser is able to gain a better understanding of its overall condition. This allows Zenith to realise a greater return through the disposal process because the buyers are less likely to be concerned about the damage as they can clearly see all faults reported. Items that are missing can also be logged such as handbooks, keys, security codes etc.

TAAP's technology has helped a number of high profile global automotive brands by offering innovative mobile customised solutions such as Chevrolet, Fiat and Vauxhall. **Steve Higgon, CEO** commented: "This control is very simple to use and with the step by step interface it encompasses simple workflow. By ensuring that key data is mandatory we capture this critical information for the clients. Eliminating paper from the process is a fabulous step in being more environmentally friendly as well as making your business faster, more efficient and more profitable. It's a win win situation!!"

#### **About TAAP**

TAAP is a leading provider of software solutions which allow organisations to mobilise their operations using hand held computers. Its award-winning agile application platform allows new systems to be delivered "OnTAAP", that is, fast, flexibly and at low cost.

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