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### BEST PRACTICE BROADBAND CASE STUDY: BENSON GROUP LIMITED.

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#### Abstract


##### OBJECTIVES

Benson's growth has been rapid with annual turnover growing from £14 million in 1998 to over £100 million. The Group needed an on-line communications solution to support its rapid growth. The workforce is distributed not only across each of the six offices but also across construction sites. It was therefore necessary to provide effective on-line facilities at its individual construction sites as required as well as at the main offices.

##### SOLUTION

Daniel Piggott, Group IT Manager, has implemented a Virtual Private Network (VPN) solution based on broadband connections to provide the workforce with an effective communications system. A VPN uses encryption data to provide a secure network suitable for off-site workers or remote office access. Benson's VPN connects 250 users across the six regional offices and provides remote access for up to 250 users per regional area office. It also enables secure broadband connections to be provided at the construction sites.

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The company's broadband connections are a combination of ADSL and leased lines to meet the specific requirements of each location. For example leased lines are used in both the Reigate and the London City locations as the heavy usage there requires the extra bandwidth.

Benson Group Limited provides construction, interior fit out and property maintenance services from six regional locations in the UK for clients such as Tesco, Royal Sun Alliance and the Royal Ballet School.

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