GRUPA AZOTY DIGS DEEP INTO DATA TO PROTECT ASSETS WITH RSA NETWITNESS® LOGS AND PACKETS

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Challenges

– Grupa Azoty wanted to make its security protocols more efficient and replace manual processes.
– It also wanted to centralize its data and audits, and demonstrate to customers that it was a modern and safe company to work with.

Results

– Grupa Azoty deployed RSA NetWitness Logs and Packets and gained significant insight into the wider threat landscape, improving the team's efficiency.
– The organization will now look to further improve its intelligence and communicate with other companies in the industry to fight cyber-attacks.

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ANDREW WOJCIK, HEAD OF IT SECURITY, GRUPA AZOTY

Grupa Azoty is the largest chemical company in Poland, and one of the largest across Europe. The company manufactures chemical-based products, from mineral fertilizers and engineering plastics to OXO alcohols, plasticizers and pigments. Many of them are recognizable commercial brands.

How important is security to your business objectives?

It's important that we secure our chemical information and intellectual property. Many of our recipes and patents are dangerous if misused or if they fall into the wrong hands, so we need to protect our products with the utmost diligence.

What were the drivers behind your decision to improve your security systems?

Before, our system administrators spent their time monitoring various endpoints within our network – such as distributed devices and in-house computers – to detect potential threats. While this is a strong way of protecting our intellectual property, it was taking up too much of our team's time, and as a result we were becoming more inefficient at detecting threats.

Why did you choose to deploy RSA NetWitness Logs and Packets?

We chose RSA NetWitness Logs and Packets for its full packet capture capability. This provides greater visibility into our infrastructure, and better prepares us to find potential incidents and threats.

Although we researched many different vendors, we made our decision after visiting Media Recovery's security operations center (SOC) in Warsaw. It had a showroom which demonstrated how RSA's products could be integrated with solutions from other vendors. As a result, we realized that we could deploy RSA solutions within our own center without needing to rip and replace our current architecture.

Can you provide examples of how RSA NetWitness Logs and Packets has benefitted your business?

With RSA NetWitness Logs and Packets, we now have a greater visibility of potential threats. This will ensure that we have an overview of general problems, and spend more time focusing on the identified threats. It will also better prepare us to deal with those threats in the future.

We also built our own SOC, inspired by what we saw at Media Recovery, and have deployed further products which can help to detect incidents. This means that we can have the same level of power within our own organization and can protect our products and property. Additionally, our staff must also attend regular training sessions and top-up classes. This ensures that our team has the very latest insights on potential threats and can minimize the risk of cyber-attacks on Grupa Azoty.

Finally, we've used the insights gained from RSA NetWitness Logs and Packets to better manage our own capabilities as an organization which protects its customers' information. It also means that we can keep control of our system and can easily participate in external audits, to ensure we're meeting the standards that our industry demands. Deploying RSA has allowed us to become more secure, and we're now a more modern, reliable and safe pair of hands.

What are your future plans for your security strategy?

As a company, our next step is to combine our approaches to IT and operations technology (OT) security – after all, the two areas have a large amount of overlap. We believe that our SOC ought to embrace these two sides to security, and with RSA all of our information is within a centralized point.

In addition, we are aiming to become more open about what we're doing to protect our company's data while ensuring that we're protecting it from threats. Utilizing RSA solutions allows us to do business safely with our clients by giving us the chance to be transparent about what we're doing. I personally believe that companies should exchange information and intelligence with one another, because with the full picture of the threat landscape, everyone can do their part to protect customer data.

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