Visionnaire enhanced AngloGold Ashanti's Microsoft SharePoint Portal, reducing rework and increasing operational efficiency

AngloGold Ashanti, a global gold mining company with a strong presence in Brazil, needed to evolve a Microsoft SharePoint portal developed by third parties and used by suppliers. At the time, the portal served only for payment consultation and was considered limited and unable to support a complete process workflow. A large portion of the stages (such as scheduling, execution, measurement, and payment) was managed outside the system through spreadsheets, e-mails, and PDF files, causing rework, disorganization, and lack of traceability. Suppliers sent invoices by e-mail, with varied subject patterns and loose attachments, making screening and invoice entry difficult.

Given this scenario, the need was to transform the portal into a structured system with a complete workflow and clearly defined statuses (under approval, scheduled, in execution, executed, calculation memo, measurement report, verification, payment, and finalized).

The solution should allow organized submission of invoices directly through the portal, with the completion of fields such as Purchase Order and FRS, PDF attachments, stage-based control, and management reports to monitor requests.

Visionnaire addressed the demand by adopting a structured and incremental approach based on agile methodology (Scrum), with sprint deliveries and continuous refinement of requirements. Visionnaire worked on the existing technology (Microsoft SharePoint 2013, C#, and Microsoft SQL Server, hosted on-premises), avoiding disruptive changes, reducing technical risks, and ensuring easier future maintenance by AngloGold Ashanti's internal team. The project included a qualified team, with mid-level and senior developers and a Project Manager/Scrum Master, as well as robust quality and governance practices such as risk management, scope control, formal documentation, and an acceptance process.

As a result, AngloGold gained more standardized processes, reduced manual controls, and better organization of supplier and payment information. Information became centralized in SharePoint, providing greater traceability, easier auditing, and better support for decision-making, generating gains in governance and compliance.

In addition, the solution structured the existing system and created a solid foundation for future evolutions without requiring a platform change or high migration costs.