

How Avis Fleet Services Simplified Accounts Payable

Learn how Avis Fleet Services used Laserfiche to improve customer service with advice from Vincent Kelly, Analyst Programmer.

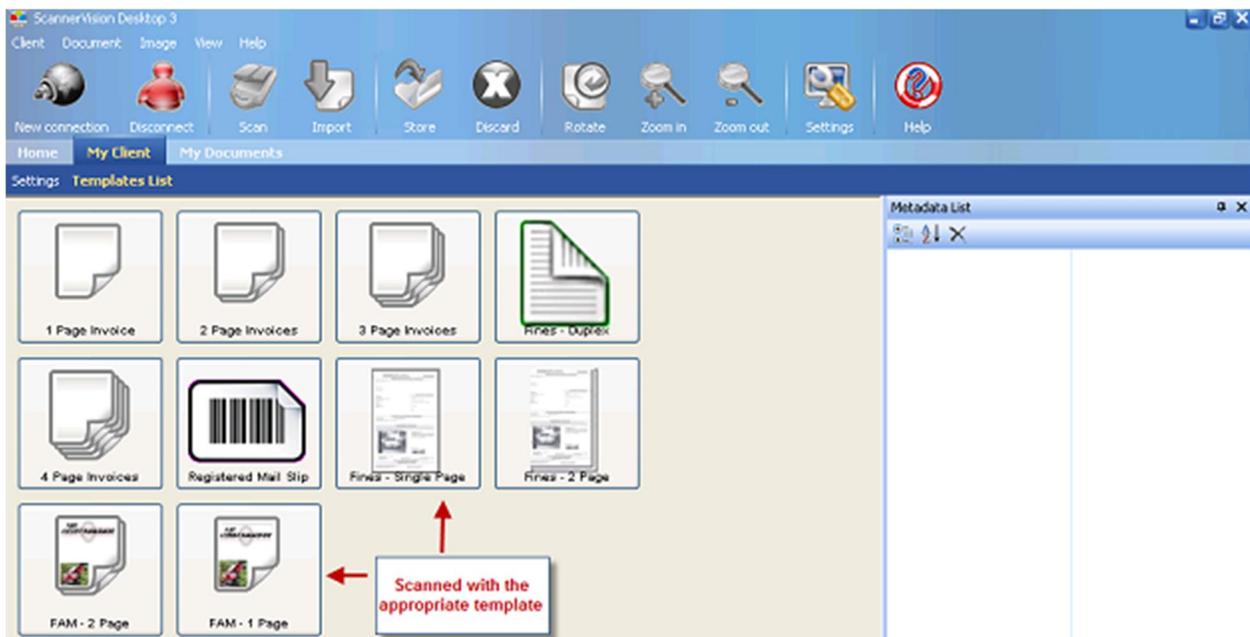
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At Avis Fleet Services, a leading provider of fleet management and product support in Africa, we go through a lot of invoices – ranging from invoices for repair services to those for automobile maintenance – in order to manage our 200,000 vehicle fleet. Here is how we have integrated Laserfiche with all of our other systems to process 85,000 pages of accounts payable and receivable documents each month.

Accounts Payable

All of the supplier invoices have to be stored in our Laserfiche repository first. We scan these in using ScannerVision, an advanced document capture middleware solution that is integrated with Laserfiche using the ScannerVision to Laserfiche Connector ([LF-Link](#)).

- A user chooses the appropriate template and the appropriate settings are automatically assigned.



Once the document is scanned and indexed, the Scanning Clerk finds the **Order Number** on the order and enters it into the relevant template field. A process in the

background then fills in some other vital metadata based on what is stored in the database of our Fleet Management System (FMS). The FMS is where all of our customer and supplier data is kept.

The other information, such as the Invoice Number, Invoice Date, Vehicle Registration and Invoice Total must be entered manually by the Creditors Clerk.

MEYERS MOTORS
 MEYERS MOTORS (PTY) LTD. ESTABLISHED 1931
 BRANCHES: EAST LONDON • KING WILLIAM'S TOWN • MTHATHA
 Meyers Motors East London | 75 Cambridge Street, East London 5201
 PO Box 518, East London 5200 | Tel: 043 701 6600
 AFTER HOURS BREAKDOWNS:
 Passenger 082 555 7371 / Commercial 082 555 7370
 Fax General 043 701 6605 / Spares 043 701 6680
 info@meyersgroup.co.za | www.meyersgroup.co.za

DATE: 22/11/2011
ORDER NO.: 4500658
DOCUMENT NO.: 10138495

Tax Invoice (W) VAT REG. NO. 4010101006

AVIS FLEET SERVICES
 P O BOX 396
 ISANDLO
 1600
 MEDEEL

Contact: DANE
 Tel No.: [REDACTED]
 Odo : 0059700
 Job No.: 10R39010 Control: 0
 Cust. Cell No: 0787378585
 Serv Advisor: SHAUN BOSCH

REGISTRATION NO.	REG. YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	SERIAL/CHASSIS NO.	ENGINE NO.	ACCOUNT NO.
FJS443EC	2010	ISUZU	KB 250 D-T EQ EX	ADM2RP86B7 3521276	4JK1855602	102A5024

Particulars Table:

PART NUMBER / INSTRUCTIONS	DETAILS	ORDERED	DEL	UNIT PRICE	DISCOUNT	TOTAL DUE
11060765	Labour BSW-140 500ML	3	3	32.79		1120.56
						98.37

VAT NUMBER: 4430101255
 Sold By : MEYERS MOTORS (PTY)
 Date Sold : 26/07/10
 CARRY OUT 60 000KM SERVICE
 COMPLETED 60 000KM SERVICE

RECEIVED
 2011-11-30

Metadata Panel:
 Template: Supplier Invoices
 AS-400 Comments: VALID
 Invoice Type: Vehicle Maintenance
 Order Number: 4500658
 Supplier ID: MEDEEL
 Supplier Name: MEYERS EAST LONDON - 1603
 Invoice Number: [REDACTED]
 Invoice Date: [REDACTED]
 Vehicle Registration: [REDACTED]
 Invoice Total: [REDACTED]
 MVA Number: 1423085
 Capture Result: W.I.P

Click the image to enlarge.

MASERU TOYOTA (PTY) LTD.
 712 MASERU 100
 LESOTHO 20 BOWKER ROAD
 MASERU
 +266-22313801
 +266-22310277
 E-MAIL: mastoy@hesoff.co.za
 * MASERU TOYOTA (PTY) LTD. INV COPY *
 IN NO: 100441-2 Page 1

Invoice To : 201 VAT NO: 1507480
 VatReg : 4430101255 Supply To : 201
 AVIS FLEET SERVICES VATReg : 4430101255
 P.O. BOX 396 P.O. BOX 396
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 1600 1600
 ATTN: ZELDA RUDMAN ATTN: ZELDA RUDMAN
 0026-0026-0026-2222 0026-0026-0026-2222
 Registration No : X2939
 Model Description : 17A L/CRUISER 200 VX 4.7
 Eng#: 2UZ VIN#: JTMHT05J105021664
 Chassis No : UZJ200R S/Advisor : ELLIOTT GAMA
 Vehicle Job No : 17A521664 Date Sold :
 Description Kilometers : 210589

Description	Qty	Extd.	Ret VAT	Extd. Nett	Total
REPLACE REMOTE BATTERIES		.20 S		62.40	
		Labour:		62.40	
8974552030 BATTERY, TRANSMIT	2	109.38 S		92.98	
		Parts :	109.38		
		Disc :	16.40		
					92.98

Metadata Panel:
 Invoice Type: Vehicle Maintenance
 Order Number: 4475041
 Supplier ID: MASTO
 Supplier Name: MASERU TOYOTA (LES)
 Invoice Number: 86131
 Invoice Date: 09/11/2011
 Vehicle Registration: X2939
 Invoice Total: 177.13
 MVA Number: 1317388
 Capture Result: Invoice Captured
 Employee Name: JONATHAN SCOLTZ
 Costing Result: W.I.P

Click the image to enlarge.

All of the supporting documentation is linked to the supplier invoice by the **Order Number**field and is easily accessible to the Costing Department.

The screenshot shows a Laserfiche client window titled "4475041 - Vehicle Maintenance - Laserfiche". The main content area displays a Toyota invoice for MASERU TOYOTA (PTY) LTD. The invoice includes contact information for AVIS FLEET SERVICES, VAT details, and vehicle specifications for a L/CRUISER 200 VX 4.7. A table at the bottom of the invoice lists items such as "REPLACE REMOTE BATTERIES" and "BATTERY, TRANSMIT" with their respective quantities and costs.

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The right-hand side of the window shows a "Metadata" panel with a "Links" tab selected, displaying a table of document links:

Name	Link Type	Reverse Link	Path
LES - 4475041 - Government Order	Supersedes	Superseded by	Departmental View\LES\Costing\Pending Proces
LES - 4475041 - Quote	Supersedes	Superseded by	Departmental View\LES\Costing\Pending Proces
LES - 4475041 - Quote (2)	Supersedes	Superseded by	Departmental View\LES\Costing\Pending Proces

Click the image to enlarge.

Let's say that someone in the Costing Department gets a query from a customer about a specific order. They can either open this document directly in the Laserfiche Client or they can pull it up from the FMS. The Costing Clerk types in the **Order Number** and the order details are displayed. Once they hit F11 on the keyboard, this document opens in a custom developed Laserfiche Viewer which is integrated with the FMS.

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CASSEYS AUTO
BENONI
A Division of Super Group Trading (Pty) Ltd.
Reg. No. 1972/009592/07
nr. Mowbray Ave. & Tom Jones Street
akeside Mall, Benoni 1501
3 668, Benoni 1500

BASIL GREEN EDENVALE
131 Van Riebeeck Avenue, Edenvale
717, Edenvale 1610

CASSEYS AUTO SPRINGS
140 Second Street, Springs
285, Springs 1560

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dealerships

TAX INVOICE (W) 20A11887 Tech: 007 Pgs: 001

ACCOUNT HOLDER: AVIS FLEET SERVICES, P.O. BOX 396, ISANDO, DEALER CAUBEN 1600

COPY DRIVER DETAIL

Cust. Cell No: [REDACTED]
Date: 13/01/2012 michel20

Registration Number	ZKC3036P	Selling Dealer		Job Number	20L44970
Make & Model	FORD FOCUS 2.0TD	Last Serviced (ems)	0059256	Retail Date	?
VN Number	AFAUXXMJ04A401932	Cell Number	LOUIS HENDERSON	Account Number	20400114
Engine Number	401932	Tel. Number (H) Code	0832941850	WT Number	4870203512
Stock Number		Tel. Number (W) Code	NULL	Order Number	4567135
Kilometres	0061773	Service Advisor (NVCode)	RONNIE BADENH	Technician (Name/Code)	JAN LE ROUX

Replaced Parts to be Returned to customer: 00 We noticed the following:

1. WASHED CARBURETTOR
2. WASHED HOOD
3. CLEANED MARK CARVED OUT
4. REMOVED AND REPLACED FRONT BRAKES
5. REMOVED AND REPLACED REAR BRAKES
6. OIL CHANGED FRONT OILS AND REAR OILS
7. CHECKED ALL FLUID LEVELS
8. CHECKED ALL LIGHTS
9. WAXED CAR
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11. WAXED CAR
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20. WASHED CAR

1 FRONT 0L70 10011 204,50
2 REAR BRAKES 0L70 10011 204,50

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Cust. Cell No: [REDACTED]
Date: 13/01/2012 michel20

Registration Number	ZKC3036P	Selling Dealer		Job Number	20L44970
Make & Model	FORD FOCUS 2.0TD	Last Serviced (ems)	0059256	Retail Date	?
VN Number	AFAUXXMJ04A401932	Cell Number	LOUIS HENDERSON	Account Number	20400114
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Template: Supplier Invoices

AS400 Comments
UPDATED

Invoice Type
Vehicle Maintenance

Order Number
4567135

Supplier ID
CAAUBEN

Supplier Name
CASSEYS AUTO BENONI

Invoice Number
20A11887

Invoice Date
13/01/2012

Vehicle Registration
2KC303GP

Invoice Total
3334.14

Currency

MVA Number

CASSEYS AUTO BENONI
A Division of Super Group Trading (Pty) Ltd
Reg. No. 1912000097
81, Mowbray Ave. & Tom Jones Street
Mandela Mall, Simon 1501
2 668, Benoni 1500
Tel: 011 427-2000
Fax: 011 427-2120
Attn: 011 427-2140

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131 Van Riebeeck Avenue, Edenhale
212 717, Edenhale 1810
Tel: 011 606-3066
Fax: 011 452-6008

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TAX INVOICE (W) 20A11887 Tech: 887 Page: 001
COPY DRIVER DETAIL

ACCOUNT HOLDER
AVIS FLEET SERVICES
P. O. BOX 396
ISANDI
DEALER CAAUBEN
16089

Cust. Cell No: [REDACTED]
Date: 13/01/2012 nicho128

Registration Number	2KC303GP	Selling Dealer	Job Number	20A11887	
Make & Model	FORD FORD 3.0TD	Last Serviced (and)	06/09/2011	Rental Date	?
VIN Number	FAUXXHJ64B4B193P	Cell Number	I. DEUS HENDERSON	Account Number	20488114
Engine Number	48193E	Tel. Number (4 Code)	0832941658	WF Number	487828351E
Stock Number		Tel. Number (80 Code)	NILE 1	Order Number	4567135
Warranty	8861773	Service Advisor (M Code)	BUNNIE BODENH	Technician (M Code)	TAN L E ROUX

Replaced Parts to be Returned to supplier: (N/A)
Next Service will be at: 68705268 | Est. Cost of Next Service: R

We noticed the following:

Code	Work Performed	Quantity/Time Units	Unit Price	Unit	Amount
	WAT NUMBER: 4438181255 (-----) Work Requested (-----) 1. BRAKES NOISY (-----) Work Carried Out (-----) 1. REMOVED AND REPLACED FRONT BRAKES 2. REMOVED AND REPLACED REAR BRAKES 3. SKIPPED FRONT DISCS AND REAR DRUMS 4. CHECKED ALL FLUID LEVELS				

RECEIVED
2012-01-30

INV 20A11887 - 2012/01/13 - Vehicle Maintenance (2)

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Document metadata can also be viewed inside the FMS and, for some processes it can also be flagged as approved or rejected by the Costing Clerk.

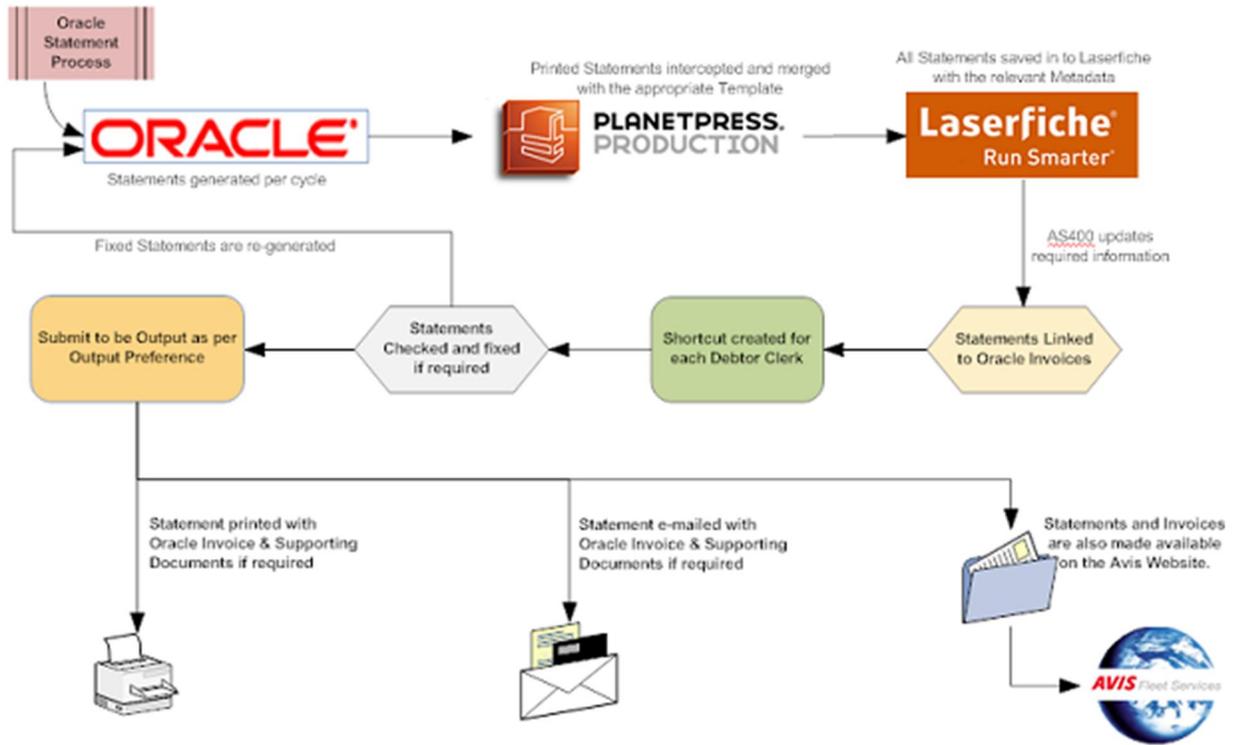
Accounts Receivable

Once we have all of the supplier invoices and relevant supporting documents in the system, we generate our accounts receivable statements. We produce the transactions in our Oracle Accounting System, after which they go through [Planet Press](#), where they are input into a specific form and released as statements. Each statement is then stored in Laserfiche.

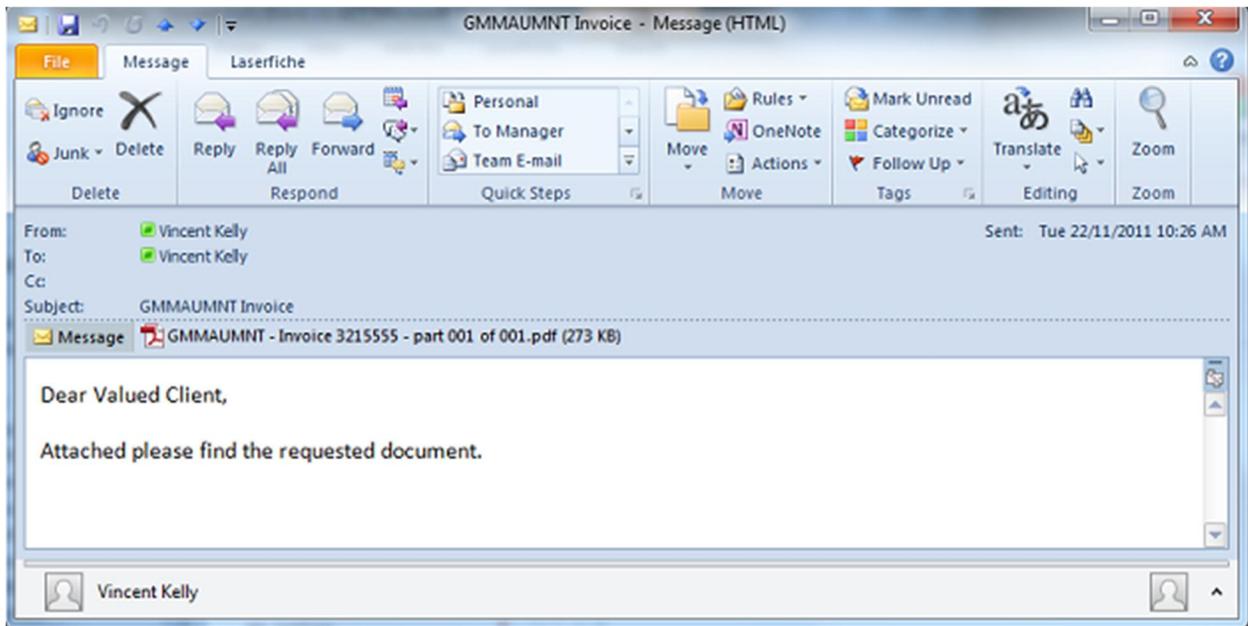
If the customer has opted to receive statements electronically, they are e-mailed. Otherwise, they are printed and mailed directly. Statements and invoices are also made available on the Avis Website.

Here is a diagram of the entire process:

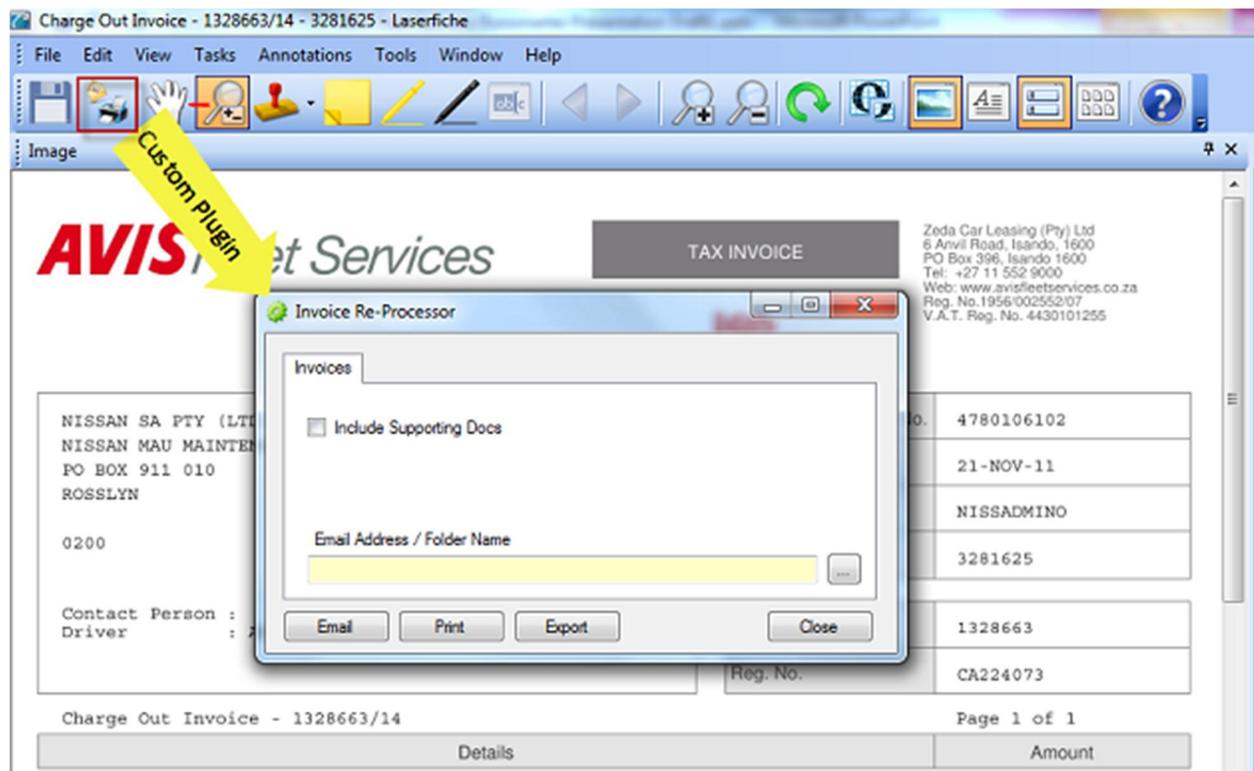
Proposed AR Process: Oracle Statements Phase 1



Here is a sample e-mail message:



We have implemented a custom Laserfiche plug-in that allows the Debtors Clerk to generate a single PDF document of the statement/invoice and all of the supporting documents.



The document is also watermarked as a "Copy".



NISSAN SA PTY (LTD)
 NISSAN MAU MAINTENANCE CHARGE OUTS
 PO BOX 911 010
 ROSSLYN
 0200

 Contact Person :
 Driver : ADNKO30000A001120

Customer VAT Reg. No.	4780106102
Date	21-NOV-11
Account Number	NISSADMNO
Document Number	3281625
M.V.A. No.	1328663
Reg. No.	CA224073

Charge Out Invoice - 1328663/14

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Details	Amount															
1 90000 SERVICE COGT CENTER : HANDBODY : HANDBODY PRODUCT : MAU MODEL DESC : NISSAN HANDBODY 2.5TDI LWB (08)NP300 CUSTOMER REF : N/A ORDER NUMBER : 4419775 ORDER DATE : 29/09/11 SUPPLIER NAME : CMGFINE - CHG PINKTOWN (0446000) INVOICE NUMBER : 61458575 KILOMETERS : 0089983	R 2,892.87															
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You can download a full version of the plug-in code (written in the Laserfiche SDK 8.0) [here](#).

We have also made use of the [Laserfiche SDK](#) on the Avis Website. Customers can log in, find the relevant invoice and view it as a PDF. Our custom script retrieves the required document from Laserfiche based on the metadata acquired from the FMS for the specific customer.

Search and Download Invoices

Document Number :

Transaction Type :

Transaction Number :

Start Date : 2011/06/02

End Date : 2011/12/02

Registration Number :

MVA Number :

 : Refresh the search results.
 : Export the search results to an Excel spreadsheet.
 : Export the search results to an Adobe portable (PDF) document.
 : Downloads the invoice.

Note : You may type values in the input fields inside the search results to filter on document number, transaction number, transaction type, motor vehicle asset number or vehicle registration number. You may sort the search results by clicking on the column header.

Document Number	Generated Date	Transaction Number	Transaction Type	MVA Number	Reg. Number
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 3270911	2011/11/03	1520684/7N	Charge Out Invoice	1520684	BJ36RYGP
 3274087	2011/11/11	1312030/22	Used Cars Repair Invoice	1312030	XRJ439GP
 3283044	2011/11/21	1320984/22	Used Cars Repair Credit Note	1320984	XTZ172GP
 3283039	2011/11/21	1320984/21	Used Cars Repair Invoice	1320984	XTZ172GP
 3291286	2011/11/30	1520684/4C	Charge Out Credit Note	1520684	BJ36RYGP
 3291292	2011/11/30	1520684/7N C	Charge Out Credit Note	1520684	BJ36RYGP

Benefits of Laserfiche

As a result of streamlining our Accounts Payable and Receivable process with Laserfiche, we have found the following benefits:

- Improved customer service. Issues with invoices can be addressed while on the phone with a customer or supplier by simply searching for the invoice by Order Number in Laserfiche.
- With documents all linked together in Laserfiche, a clerk does not need to go between departments looking for information, but can access everything with one click.

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