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Entry Title SOCAR Türkiye - Intune
Category Q01a. Company of the Year - Information Technology - Cloud Services
Company of the Year Submission Format Written Answers
a. Briefly describe the nominated company's history and past performance (up to 200 words). Required <p>SOCAR Türkiye, a subsidiary of the State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR), stands as one of Turkey's foremost integrated industrial entities. Operating within the refinery and petrochemical sectors, SOCAR Türkiye is instrumental across the energy value chain, processing crude oil and natural gas to deliver high-value products to a diverse array of end users. Through strategic infrastructure investments and robust production capacity, the company has solidified its position as a significant player in the region's energy and industrial landscape.</p> <p>Faced with the complexities of managing a multifaceted security operation across numerous sites and thousands of devices, SOCAR Türkiye transitioned from its costly on-premise hardware setup to a cloud-centered solution. By migrating to Microsoft Intune and integrating advanced tools such as Microsoft Defender, Microsoft Entra ID P2, and Microsoft Purview, the organization significantly bolstered its data protection while enhancing detection and response capabilities.</p> <p>This strategic shift not only elevated security but also generated substantial cost savings by eliminating the need for on-premise servers. Furthermore, the consolidation of management processes not only improved business continuity but also delivered a seamless and enhanced employee experience, positioning SOCAR Türkiye at the forefront of innovation within the energy sector.</p>
b. Outline the nominated company's achievements since the beginning of 2023 that you wish to bring to the judges' attention (up to 250 words). Required <p>Operating in the highly regulated refinery and petrochemical sector, SOCAR Türkiye demands exceptional data security to safeguard its sensitive operations, which encompass multiple sites and thousands of devices. Previously, the company relied on two on-premise mobile device management (MDM) solutions that offered limited functionality and necessitated considerable operational investment. Maintaining 15 servers incurred exorbitant costs and required substantial efforts for operations, software updates, and hardware maintenance. Additionally, challenges surrounding business continuity were pronounced, necessitating separate disaster recovery infrastructure across various locations. Security concerns were amplified by limited visibility and fragmented endpoint protection.</p> <p>In response to these complexities, SOCAR Türkiye integrated Microsoft 365 E5 and Microsoft Intune solutions, a move that substantially bolstered the company's data protection and threat detection capabilities. Leveraging advanced tools such as Microsoft Defender, Microsoft Entra ID P2, and Microsoft Purview, the organization achieved a comprehensive security architecture.</p> <p>Following the transition to Microsoft 365 E5, SOCAR Türkiye recognized an opportunity for further innovation by migrating its MDM system to the cloud. This migration encompassed nearly 5,000 devices, including iOS, macOS, Android, and Windows platforms. The shift not only enhanced operational efficiency but also resulted in a significant reduction in carbon emissions, delivering substantial cost savings over 2-year period. This initiative exemplifies SOCAR Türkiye's commitment to modernizing its security landscape while fostering a sustainable operational model.</p>

c. Explain why the achievements you have highlighted are unique or significant. If possible compare the achievements to the performance of other companies in the firm's industry and/or to the company's own past performance (up to 250 words). Required

The adoption of Microsoft 365 E5 and Intune solutions represents a pivotal advancement in modernizing SOCAR Türkiye's security infrastructure. Previously reliant on two local mobile device management tools with limited functionality and substantial operational costs, the organization has successfully transitioned to a centralized system that significantly enhances device management, data protection, and threat detection capabilities.

SOCAR Türkiye remains at the forefront of technology by leveraging cutting-edge features to manage its computing platforms irrespective of vendor, enabling the implementation of single sign-on (SSO) and cloud public key infrastructure (PKI) across all devices. This ensures a cohesive security and management strategy across all endpoints.

Notably, the integration of macOS devices through Intune marks a significant achievement, as it was a first for Microsoft. Additionally, SOCAR Türkiye has effectively reduced its carbon footprint by eliminating 15 on-premise servers. This strategic move not only streamlines operations but also demonstrates a commitment to sustainability, contributing to a notable reduction of 567.65 kg of CO2 equivalent emissions annually, based on power consumption and the carbon output from the local power grid. This initiative underscores SOCAR Türkiye's dedication to both operational excellence and environmental responsibility.

d. Reference any attachments of supporting materials throughout this nomination and how they provide evidence of the claims you have made in this nomination (up to 250 words). Optional

The supporting materials attached to this application include the official Microsoft customer success story that outlines how SOCAR Türkiye integrated Microsoft 365 E5 and Intune solutions. This document provides technical insights into the project, including its impact on carbon emissions, cost advantages, and pioneering status within the industry. It also features a unique example of managing macOS devices centrally through Intune—a first for Microsoft.

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