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CASE STUDY · THIRD-PARTY SCREENING

How one of South Africa's largest banks transformed **supplier screening**

When screening stopped at onboarding and manual checks ruled the day, the bank turned to HLBNGA's RiskSecure I2G — automating due diligence across the entire third-party lifecycle.

60%	**65%**	**100%**	**40%**
Reduction in third-party risk assessment time	Reduction in manual workloads	Compliance with relevant regulations	Increase in identification of critical risks

THE MARKET CHALLENGE

Screening that TPRM systems don't provide

In today's business landscape, comprehensive screening against global risk databases — including Sanctions, PEP/PIP, Adverse Media, and Data Breaches — is crucial for risk management and compliance. However, this capability is often not readily available within Third-Party Risk Management (TPRM) systems, compelling client organizations to rely on multiple data providers or API services.

This not only increases costs but also complicates processes, as companies must also source their own developers to integrate these external services, further straining resources and elongating timelines.

THE HLBNGA SOLUTION

One intelligent API connector

HLBNGA integrates this essential screening function directly into TPRM systems via a single API, simplifying workflows and ensuring effective risk management without the need for additional external services or the hassle of managing complex integrations. HLBNGA's intelligent Third-Party Screening API is designed to seamlessly integrate with most TPRM systems — and I2G can help reduce third-party onboarding time and cost by up to 85%, with significantly lower ongoing risk after onboarding.

50M
Entities monitored

200+
Countries covered

25
Years of data science success

> *"HLBNGA systems and data enhance compliance screening workflows with richer insights while limiting time spent on irrelevant false positives."*

THE CHALLENGE

Screening that stopped at onboarding

Before implementing RiskSecure I2G, one of the largest banks in South Africa faced significant challenges in their supplier screening and due diligence processes. Screening was limited to onboarding, causing gaps in ongoing risk management. Multiple data provider registrations prolonged turnaround times, and verifications relied on manual Google search string checks, lacking integrated screening workflows. Adverse media checks via Google lacked a focus on risk identification.

The absence of a consistent risk grading method hindered effective supplier evaluation. Manual compilation of reports added to inefficiencies. Past issues recurred due to ineffective screening against the bank's own custom blacklists. Moreover, only direct suppliers were screened, ignoring risks from connected companies and persons.

THE SOLUTION

Real-time, automated insight with RiskSecure I2G

To streamline due diligence and enhance risk management, the bank implemented RiskSecure I2G. The solution offered real-time, automated insights, integrated smoothly with their TPRM system, and immediately identified previously unnoticed risks once activated. This led to more efficient, comprehensive risk management, protecting the bank's operations and reputation.

WHAT CHANGED

From manual checks to automated, connected screening

- Screening processes were streamlined through automation, enhancing efficiency.
- Screening coverage was extended to include connected companies and persons, ensuring comprehensive risk assessment.
- Early detection of supply chain disruptions was achieved, enabling proactive risk mitigation.
- The introduction of a custom risk matrix facilitated accurate risk assessment and grading.
- Automated report generation improved reporting efficiency.
- Effective blacklist screening prevented the onboarding of previously blocked suppliers.

THE RESULTS

Measured outcomes after implementation

60%

Reduction in third-party risk assessment time

65%

Reduction in manual workloads for risk management staff

100%

Compliance with relevant regulations

40%

Increase in the identification of critical risks, including sanctions, PEP/PIP, adverse media and data breaches

The strategic implementation of RiskSecure I2G has empowered the bank with advanced supplier screening capabilities, bolstering the security and resilience of its supply chain.

INSIDE THE SOLUTION

How the I2G One API works

01

Light Due Diligence

Screen supplier companies and their officers for red flags prior to onboarding.

02

Full Due Diligence

Screen supplier companies and officers against a wider set of datasets during onboarding. A record is captured for ongoing monitoring at this stage.

03

Ongoing Monitoring

Screen all active suppliers against our risk databases daily or weekly for new risks as they present themselves.

04

TPRM Integration

Optionally keep supplier risk statuses and comments in sync with your source TPRM system, so all personnel are aware of any risks of doing business.

API SCREENING COVERAGE

What the screening covers

Our API delivers rapid and thorough risk assessments of third parties and their associates, presenting a detailed risk score along with potential red flags across multiple categories within just 8–10 seconds. Full details on hits are provided in a subsequent API call.

Global PEP & Sanctions Screening

Screen third parties against global watchlists including OFAC, UN, HMT and EU sanctions lists, plus PEP lists from around the world.

Global Adverse Media Intelligence

Real-time access to more than 20,000 global adverse media sources across 22 categories, with richer insights and fewer false positives.

Patented COMFORT™ Score Technology

Scores an individual or company on the level of risk presented in online public media, for deeper insight than traditional research.

Global Data Breaches

Track and report incidents where sensitive or confidential data has been exposed, to assess the security posture of third parties.

3rd & 4th Party Association Risk

Evaluate direct relationships and those one step removed, revealing cascading risk effects through your supply chain.

Country Risk Scoring

Assess political stability, economic conditions and compliance standards to guide where you operate and whom you engage.

WHY HLBNGA

25 years of data science success has enabled us to reduce our customers' association risk. Our integrated suite of applications with built-in AI capabilities connects and extracts insights from internal and global data to modernise compliance screening workflows and fast-forward due diligence processes.

FOR TPRM SOLUTION PROVIDERS

The benefits of integrating HLBNGA's screening

Integrating HLBNGA's screening capabilities into TPRM platforms offers significant advantages:

Competitive Advantage

Provides comprehensive, native and real-time access to global databases for your customers.

Streamlined Operations

Eliminates their need for multiple data providers and complex API integrations, simplifying the risk management process.

Cost Efficiency

Reduces expenses associated with sourcing and maintaining external third-party data services.

Resource Optimization

Frees up internal resources by reducing the need for additional development work for integration, allowing your client teams to focus on core business tasks.

Compliance Assurance

Ensures adherence to global regulations, mitigating risks of non-compliance penalties.

Enhanced Risk Management

Offers a consolidated view of third-party risks, improving the ability to quickly identify and act on potential threats.

This approach not only streamlines risk management but also positions organizations for greater success in a competitive market by ensuring efficient, compliant, and effective third-party risk assessments.

By integrating HLBNGA's Advanced Third-Party Screening with Third-Party Risk Management software, you can supercharge your ESG screening with AI and human-enriched data, ensuring compliance and ethical conduct with comprehensive third-party screening for all business relationships.

RISKSECURE ENTERPRISE

Rule-based screening for the enterprise

Our rule-based Third-Party Screening solution is designed for enterprises looking to elevate their third-party risk management processes. Seamlessly integrating with your existing third-party datasets, the system enables continuous monitoring and instant alerting to identify potential risks swiftly — while amalgamating multiple external and internal datasets for a more robust and detailed risk assessment.

Multi-layer False Positive Management

Advanced algorithms filter out false positives through criteria-based layers, improving efficiency by focusing on genuine risks.

Reporting into Your Data Lake

Seamlessly integrates screening results into your centralized group risk reporting data lake for holistic risk exposure analysis.

Maker-Checker

Enforces a dual-control system where one user initiates actions and another approves, ensuring accuracy and accountability.

Auditability

Automatically logs every action for a comprehensive and tamper-proof audit trail, simplifying compliance and due diligence.

Advanced Case Management

Streamlines case handling from alert to resolution with customizable workflows, improving collaboration and efficiency.

Risk Grading Engine

A dynamic, customizable risk grading system using both external and internal data, for effective prioritization and resource allocation.

BACKED BY A WORLD-CLASS PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TEAM

- Seamless integration with existing systems for a smooth transition.
- Audit support: full backing during audits, ensuring a stress-free process.
- Consistent methodology: uniform screening and scoring across the board.
- Unified risk view: a comprehensive overview of risks in one place.
- Personalized support: tailored remote development and named support services.
- Reliable SLA support: top-tier support with strict adherence to Service Level Agreements.

"Leading companies rely on HLBNGA's RiskSecure platform to provide a single access point for all internal and external data required to ensure their business relationships operate with the same level of ethics as they do."

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Let's empower innovation and promote **risk-free relationships**, together.

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