

SAP Endorses OR Soft's Manufacturing Workbench Advanced Planning and Scheduling Solution

Merseburg, Germany – November 14th, 2007 – OR Soft Jänicke GmbH today announced its Manufacturing Workbench has become an SAP-endorsed business solution. The announcement comes after collaboration with SAP AG over the last several years in the areas of supply chain management (SCM) and advanced planning and scheduling (APS).

The Manufacturing Workbench from OR Soft provides tremendous opportunities for customers using SAP® solutions for supply chain management. As an SAP-endorsed business solution, it is positioned primarily for current customers who have specific requirements that complement SAP applications. The solution has achieved "Powered by SAP NetWeaver®" status and is integrated with the SAP ERP (specifically for Production Planning, Production Planning Process Industry, Quality Management and Plant Maintenance) and the SAP Supply Chain Management (SAP SCM) applications, complementing the Production Planning/Detailed Scheduling application of SAP Advanced Planning & Optimization (SAP APO). For small and midsize businesses, it can be deployed as an "Advanced Planning Board" in the context of SAP Best Practices offerings.

SAP-endorsed business solutions are complementary to SAP software offerings, are developed in accordance with SAP development guidelines, and provide additional choices and flexibility for businesses running SAP software. SAP-endorsed business solutions are powered by the SAP NetWeaver platform

With the help of OR Soft Manufacturing Workbench, custom programming will be limited in order to support customer-specific business processes in production planning. OR Soft Manufacturing Workbench sits on top of the data structures of the leading SAP solution-based systems and does not require additional infrastructure. It supports a wide spectrum of tasks, from single-plant detailed scheduling to multi-plant production planning, including shelf life, tank and silo planning, up to quality laboratory resource scheduling. Typical benefits for customers are maximized capacity utilization as well as high delivery reliability and customer service levels through improved simulation capabilities and higher visibility in the planning process.

"By endorsing solutions such as OR Soft Manufacturing Workbench, which increase manufacturing efficiency, we help customers lower their total cost of ownership, reduce business risk, and provide a new level of industry interoperability across their networks," said Franz Hero, vice president of Chemicals industry business unit, SAP. "The functionality provided by the OR Soft solution integrated with SAP solutions will help companies reduce compliance costs and implementation time, providing additional choices and flexibility."

Dr. Rainer Lecht, Head of the Supply Chain Management at GFB Chemikalien, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co. KG stated: „The division Chemicals of Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co. KG uses SCHEDULE++ - the basis version of Manufacturing Workbench for its planning and production business since 2001. Manufacturing Workbench obtained the SAP endorsed business solution status recently and due to the high level of users' satisfaction and the close integration with the leading SAP ERP system we currently consider a roll-out of this solution in the US and potentially in other countries as from 2008. In the long run we intend to deploy OR Soft's Manufacturing Workbench to our planning of multi-site supply chains.

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