

Lear Corporation purchases a company license for iTAC Software's MES suite

Dernbach, Germany 17. November 2008 - The Lear Corporation has expanded its deployment of the iTAC.MES.Suite at its production facility in Kronach and establishing it as the company-wide Manufacturing Execution System (MES). The intention is for the MES solution to control all the automated production lines. Four production lines in real-time operation have already been deployed, with conversion of the remaining lines scheduled..

In 2004, the US automotive supplier installed the iTAC.MES.Suite on one of its Kronach site's production lines as standard software in a safety component production line to satisfy customer requirements of an unbroken traceability chain in the development and production of vehicle electronics.

The company chose the iTAC.MES.Suite for its traceability functionality and for the MES software's high level of flexibility thanks to API interfaces which can communicate with all ERP systems and equipment, irrespective of manufacturer and age. At the same time, it was impressed by the iTAC.MES.Suite's integrated process interlocking function which enables the prompt detection and remedy of faults in the production process. Within the framework of the Lear Corporation's **Zero PPM Strategy**, process interlocking ensures that non-conforming components are immediately taken off the production line and that all products which leave the production line are tested and conform to specifications.

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About Lear Corporation

The Lear Corporation is an American automotive supplier with numerous production facilities in Germany. Its Kronach site (550 employees) specializes in the development and production of vehicle electronics.

The company was founded in 1917 as American Metal Products in Detroit. Lear Corporation is one of the world's largest suppliers of automotive interior systems and components. Lear provides complete seating systems, electronic products and electrical distribution systems. In 2006, Lear ranked # 130 among the Fortune 500. Lear's world-class products are designed, engineered and manufactured by a diverse team of more than 90,000 employees at 215 facilities in 34 countries. Lear's headquarters are in Southfield, Michigan, USA. The Lear Corporation is traded on the stock exchange. www.lear.com

iTAC Software AG

iTAC Software AG is a leading Manufacturing Execution System (MES) provider for the manufacturing sector. As system and solution provider, iTAC Software AG develops, integrates and maintains platform-independent iTAC.MES.Suite for manufacturing companies all over the world.

Thanks to its outstanding technological base and high-level of standardization and its comprehensive service architecture and functions, iTAC.MES.Suite can be implemented in many industries. Functionally the MES-solution of iTAC Software AG enables a substantial improvement in the quality of products and processes up to zero-fault production.

iTAC is headquartered in Germany, and branch offices are located in France, the U.S.A., and the People's Republic of China. www.itacsoftware.de