

Manufacturing Execution System software company ramps up global activities...

iTAC Software AG on the move – MES specialist takes stock

Dernbach/Germany, June 8, 2010 – As the markets strive to recover following the global economic crisis, iTAC Software AG reports above-average results year-to-date in 2010. The Manufacturing Execution System (MES) specialist attributes its success to strong, relevant functionality deployed using future-proof technology to ensure high customer investment security.

One of the main growth drivers is the iTAC.MES.Suite Release 7, which was launched at the beginning of the year. It boasts a comprehensive range of functions, can be flexibly adapted and is deployable in many industries. The system creates a bridge between planning and production to facilitate problem-free production workflows. It enables faster, more cost effective and higher quality process implementation - factors relevant to many manufacturing enterprises.

New customers and global software roll-outs - a measure of success

Since the beginning of the year, iTAC has considerably expanded its international user base. **Johnson Controls**, for example, is implementing a world-wide roll-out of the iTAC.MES.Suite where production facilities are being deployed in phases. The software is already up and running in Skopje (Macedonia), Reynosa (Mexico) and Bir-el-Bay (Tunisia), with further deployments in the next phase scheduled in Laferté (France) and Shanghai (PR China).

Hella KGaA Hueck & Co. is well advanced in its global deployment program. Most recently in Romania, state of the art integration to all Fuji machines was implemented.. This comprehensive upgrade enables the real-time connection of highly complex SMT machine parks. The iTAC solution was also successfully implemented in the **Mando Hella Electronics** joint venture in Korea, while in parallel an additional MDE dashboard was integrated at the

Flora, USA production facility. A key advantage of the solution is the efficiency improvement through KPI evaluation at the US production facility for each individual production line. In the same period, **Siemens AG's Healthcare** plant in Erlangen went live with the complete range of system functions.

Nord Stream AG – iTAC supports construction of the Baltic Sea Pipeline

iTAC supplied the **Pipe Tracking System** that has been in use since construction and installation work on the Baltic Sea Pipeline for **Nord Stream AG** commenced in April 2010. The tracking system provides real-time monitoring of the entire logistics supply chain and pipeline installation process, from pipe manufacture through interim stages such as finishing and sandblasting to polishing. All supplier company data is sent to the central data centre, where they are stored, evaluated and continuously updated. This means they will also be available for the operation and maintenance of the Baltic Sea Pipeline in the future.

Automotive supplier, Huf, implements MES to ensure high product quality

iTAC has another new customer in the automotive supply sector: **Huf Hülsbeck & Fürst GmbH & Co. KG** is implementing the iTAC.MES.Suite in its electronics plants. The initial phase of the program is focused on the Puebla (Mexico) site. Phase II is committed for the German Huf Electronics GmbH plant in Düsseldorf. The Huf Group has around 4,800 employees in 16 countries and is market leader in the segments of automation, testing technology, mould construction, plastics technology, RFID systems and laser technology.

David Burger, Chief Executive Officer of iTAC, explained, "The growth in our customer base confirms the strengthening in demand for MES applications – from single-site projects to enterprise-wide roll-outs. Production data quality & consistency, from the shop-floor through to the board room, are now recognized as of critical importance for manufacturing enterprises. iTAC's strong results year-to-date and promising order pipeline support our ongoing positive outlook."

Zeichenzahl: 3.380

A brief portrait of iTAC Software AG

iTAC Software AG is a system and solution provider specializing in Manufacturing Execution Systems (MES) with an effective production philosophy. In accordance with this philosophy, it develops, integrates and maintains its platform-independent iTAC.MES.Suite for manufacturing enterprises. The software considerably improves the quality of processes and products up to zero defect production. It has an extensive range of features including traceability (TR), production management (PM), quality management (QM) and material logistics (ML). The iTAC.MES.Suite is used by enterprises in various sectors of industry as a result of its core technology and impressive flexibility. iTAC Software AG is headquartered in Germany and has branch offices in France, the USA and China. www.itacsoftware.de

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