

Marquardt goes global with the iTAC.MES.Suite

Dernbach, 18th March, 2009 – Marquardt, the world-wide leading manufacturer of electromechanical und electronic switches and switching systems, has acquired an enterprise licence for iTAC Software's iTAC.MES.Suite. The production software is to be deployed as the core manufacturing execution system (MES) across the Marquardt Group's 9 production locations.

Marquardt initially deployed iTAC's MES solution during 2006 in the SMT production of electronic switching systems, ensuring satisfaction of the demanding customer requirements for complete traceability in the development and manufacture of automotive electronics.

For Marquardt, a number of factors were deemed critical in selecting the iTAC.MES.Suite; Firstly, the iTAC solution offered an all-encompassing function portfolio and the necessary flexibility, whereby an integrated process optimization can be ideally implemented with best costing to usage consideration. Secondly, the iTAC MES solution fits exactly into the strategic fields of zero fault production, adherence to delivery deadlines and the just-in-time principle (JIT) – which are uppermost in the Marquardt Group's company philosophy. "The iTAC solution is one of the most advanced MES solutions on the market today - and the iTAC.MES.Suite has proven its value in practice too" said Helmut Gerlach, Manager for Information Systems in the Marquardt Group.

A third key criteria for Marquardt was iTAC's approach to delivering standardized interfaces in the iTAC.MES.Suite. Thanks to the API interfaces, all machines can communicate with one another, irrespective of manufacturer and age - significant factor in the assembly of homogeneous infrastructures and future plant investments. In parallel, the standardized ERP adapter offers extensive integration with the inventory control system / ERP, at

Marquardt with SAP, hence safeguarding transparency through goods receipt.

About Marquardt

The Marquardt group is one of the world-wide leading manufacturers of electromechanical und electronic switches and switching systems serving the automotive, power tool, appliance and other industrial markets. The family-owned company with headquarters in south-western Germany, in the village of Rietheim-Weilheim and additional factories in Europe, Africa, Asia and America could achieve a turnover of more than 500 million EUR in 2008 with approximately 4,500 employees.

About iTAC

iTAC Software AG is a leading provider of intelligent product software in the area of Manufacturing Execution Systems (MES). As system and solution provider, iTAC Software AG develops, integrates and maintains its modular and platform-independent iTAC.MES.Suite for industrial companies all over the world.

The highly standardized iTAC.MES system offers with the outstanding technological base and the extensive functional portfolio – within a modular service architecture – intelligent automatisms and tailored solutions for global and special production processes. iTAC.MES.Suite specializes in traceability, quality, production and material logistics and is suited for a versatile use in many sectors.

Reputable customers with highest quality standards as Beru, Continental, Johnson Controls (JCI), Hella, Hitachi, Küster Automotive, Lear, Lenze, Magna, Marquardt, Nord Stream, Preh, Siemens, Schneider Electric and many others rely on iTAC Software.

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