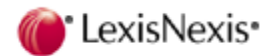


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ATLANTA, May 4 /PRNewswire/ -- Olson International today reported it has saved more than 80 percent on its standard overtime expenses and nearly wiped out its premium freight costs as a result of implementing lean **manufacturing** scheduling software from Infor, the largest global **enterprise software** provider focused on developing solutions for the **manufacturing** and distribution industries.

Olson's substantial cost savings derived from its use of the Infor **ERP** SyteLine Advanced Planning and Scheduling (APS) solution.

Illinois-based Olson International is a precision metal-stamping company that serves a range of industries, including automotive, electronics, lawn and garden, computers and communications. The company also performs staking, tapping, welding, drilling and component assembly in each of its three state-of-the-art facilities.

An early adopter of Enterprise Resource Planning, Olson chose Infor SyteLine as its first ERP system in 1992. After more than a decade of success, the company began to recognize that industry-wide changes in technology, capability and customer expectations were challenging Olson's planning and scheduling processes to keep pace. At the time, the company was still scheduling manually, confirming product availability and scheduling production time on an order-by-order basis for more than 400 part numbers. Completing the process took an average of three full days and required the company to employ a full-time scheduler.

To update its existing ERP system, Olson turned to SyteLine APS. SyteLine APS automates the entire planning and scheduling process, integrating seamlessly with Infor SyteLine to confirm inventory levels as well as employee and equipment availability.

"SyteLine APS schedules for maximum productivity with minimum downtime, planning every aspect of the production line," said Mike Frichol, vice president of global industry marketing for Infor's discrete **manufacturing** group. "And because the system accounts for inventory and specialty-item shipping schedules, SyteLine APS makes it possible to confirm delivery dates and work with customers to provide solutions when a deadline cannot be met."

"SyteLine APS lets us take a more proactive approach to customer service," explains Olson's corporate MIS manager Greg Keating. "The more integration and automation we have between our three facilities, the more we can focus on innovation and constant improvement. We've even begun sending SyteLine APS data to our critical suppliers to use for forecasting and planning their production. This has helped our suppliers meet our needs, which is vital to our success."

Olson's improvements can now be seen beyond the shop floor -- on the company's balance sheet. After adopting the solution, the company's quarterly overtime costs have fallen from \$40,000 to less than \$7,900. Premium-freight costs are down from \$37,000 to just \$1,200, a 97-percent cut. On the production floor, Olson has reduced "days in inventory" by two and has increased on-time deliveries from 97 percent to 99.8 percent.

"With global price pressures and annual push-backs from automotive customers, we have to do what we can to sustain profitability; lean **manufacturing** and SyteLine APS help us do that," said Keating. "With our focus on lean **manufacturing**, we look for waste and remove it from our processes. Through automation for forecasting production schedules, we've eliminated a lot of wasted time and costs (such as overtime and

premium air freight) from our production scheduling."

#### About Infor

Infor is the largest global software provider focused on delivering world-class enterprise applications to select verticals in the **manufacturing** and distribution industries. Infor delivers integrated best-in-class solutions that address the essential challenges its customers face in areas such as **supply chain** planning, enterprise asset management, relationship management, demand management, ERP, warehouse management, and business intelligence. With more than 3,100 employees in 50 global offices, Infor provides enterprise solutions to almost 24,700 customers in over 100 countries. For additional information, visit <http://www.infor.com/>.

#### About Olson International

Olson International is a world class metal Stamping Company serving several industries including automotive, industrial production, consumer products, technology and communications. Olson systems deliver superior quality and exceed qualification standards across industries, including those with stringent quality systems and sophisticated delivery systems with JIT inventory requirements. Established in 1937, Olson operates an international two-plant configuration with more than 500 employees and presses ranging from 32 to 600 tons. Committed to providing quality products and services, accurate information and the highest level of customer satisfaction, Olson International has been a leader in the industry for more than 60 years. For additional information, visit <http://www.metalstamper.com/>.

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