

## Fast React Systems - Planning Software Solutions

Fogarty (Filled Products) Limited, the UK's leading branded bedding Supplier achieves rapid business improvements and cost reductions through Fastreact.

### The Company

Fogarty (Filled Products) Ltd is a stock based business, servicing numerous customers with a wide range of products, often in customer specific packaging, and in varying quantities. Response times for several major customers require despatch from stock within 24 hours of order receipt. The business comprises both an offshore product sourcing operation, dealing primarily with natural, feather filled products and a UK manufacturing operation, which deals primarily with synthetic products.

### The Solution

Fogarty (Filled Products), premium supplier of both Own brand and Customer Branded bedding products and a major supplier to UK retail customers Marks & Spencer and Debenhams, has implemented the latest Advanced Planning product from Fast React Systems with remarkable results. A huge reduction in the manual workload throughout the planning process has led to rapid improvements in speed of response and more available time to address potential supply issues.

Direct, operational cost savings include an £80K Sterling per annum, in addition to significant reductions in stock levels. Assisted by Fastreact, the planning team are now able to challenge stock policies and forward requirements. Further reductions are anticipated in the coming months.

Stewart MacDonald, Logistics Director explains "Over time, as the demands on our business increased in terms of flexibility and speed of response, it became apparent that our existing, spreadsheet based planning could simply not cope effectively, the total planning cycle time had become unacceptably long. We needed to find a better solution, which could work with our existing business systems in a much more automated and responsive manner".

"Fastreact APS has dramatically reduced our planning cycle time and provides a platform for systematic business improvement, allowing us to challenge stock levels and policies, lead times etc., all of which can be modelled quickly in the system."

### The Conclusion

Andrew Brown, Managing Director, Fast React Systems adds "Fastreact APS has replaced a large amount of manual work, which was restricting the opportunity of the business to move forward. Whilst significant benefits have already been realised, Fastreact now provides a platform for Fogarty to challenge many more aspects of their supply chain, supported by the power of the Fastreact planning solution. This will allow the company to become more strategic in its operation. We look forward to working with the management team to realise further gains in the near future."



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# Fast React Systems - Company Overview

Fast React Systems Limited is a leading global provider of planning and scheduling systems to companies involved in domestic and offshore manufacture and product sourcing within the Apparel, Footwear and Textile market. Customers continually choose Fast React's planning systems for their visual appeal, ease of use and rapid implementation and payback.

## Key Benefits For Production Planners / Sourcing Managers / Manufacturing Managers

- Control capacity scheduling using mouse-driven drag & drop
- Easily examine "what-if scenarios", hence respond quickly to changes
- Manage factories, machines, groups, teams and people numbers
- Improved communication of the Production Plan
- Improved bottleneck management
- Provide workload schedules for each department
- Critical Path priorities directly linked to the latest production plan
- Proactive Critical Path planning includes escalation procedures
- Produce materials flows which are dynamically linked to the plan
- Improved decision making and less fire fighting
- Increased on time shipments
- Increased machine utilisation
- Reduction of "work in progress"
- Improved labour and capacity planning - level loading throughout the month
- Faster and easier creation of production plans
- Improved anticipation of problems
- High reliability and easy maintenance
- Better communication between departments
- Hot list tasks
- Less volatile schedule
- Ability to undertake "what if" scenario planning for when requirements change

## Key Benefits For Executive Management

- Improved capacity planning
- Clear visibility of all orders
- Improve customer service
- Quote accurate delivery dates over the telephone
- Improved vendor relationships
- Reduce lead-times through improved control
- Significant Cost Reduction in a short period of time
- Quick Return on Investment (ROI)
- Increased competitiveness
- Increased asset utilisation
- Quick implementation
- Increased profits
- Improved critical path planning
- Remote site update capability
- Central control or local autonomy, as appropriate
- Stand alone or linked to a business system
- Include sub-contractors and sourced products
- Report on sales value of production, materials costs, production costs and margins
- Reports generated quickly
- Can export to other systems if required

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