

Fast React Systems - Planning Software Solutions

Slimma Contract achieve effective management of their Supply Chain with an upgrade to Fastreact Evolution

The Company

Slimma plc is a leading British clothing group with a portfolio of strong and established brand names. Its aim is to become one of the largest ladieswear suppliers to the retail market through both organic growth and acquisition. Slimma Contract Division's "State of The Art" Centre for Design and Excellence allows products to be quickly designed and developed. This coupled with the effective use of offshore sourcing, offers an unrivalled level of service to their high street and mail order customers.

Slimma believe that IT systems provide a vital link that enables the formation of strong partnerships with their customers and suppliers. As part of their ongoing commitment to investment in IT, Slimma have recently upgraded to Fastreact Evolution

The Solution

Main Board Director, Chris Heath, who is also the Managing Director of Slimma Contract commented, *"We have been a satisfied user of Fastreact for a number of years. It has enabled us to remain competitive in our very difficult market. The new highly visual system will build on the firm foundation that we have created in our business. It will enable us to work closer with our suppliers and react quickly to our customer requirements"*.

Fastreact Evolution is the latest release in a long line of successful software developed by Fast React Systems Ltd, who are specialist providers of software for the Apparel, Footwear and Textiles industries. Fastreact Evolution provides the ability to visualise the latest sourcing/production plans graphically on screen. It allows the user to simultaneously consider any manufacturing capacity constraints and material requirements, and provides full critical path management facilities thus helping to ensure on-time delivery. A simple direct feedback mechanism from offshore suppliers ensures that the plan remains up-to-date, providing an improved and accurate view of planned production, enabling enhanced management decisions for better customer service.

The Conclusion

Andrew Brown, Managing Director, Fast React Systems *"We understand the apparel industry at a ground level and have consequently built a system that enables complete visibility and control of the supply chain. We remain committed to ensure that our customers have the best tools available to enable them to survive and prosper in a very difficult and competitive market sector."*



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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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