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Voltek adds mobile component to Oracle manufacturing system

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April 6, 2004 -- Voltek LLC is implementing ClearOrbit's Mobile and Desktop Automation for Oracle Process Manufacturing (OPM). Mobile and Desktop Automation provides a mobile bar code solution that allows Voltek to automatically capture critical transaction data on the manufacturing floor. A worldwide manufacturer of lightweight, closed-cell foam products for health care, construction, automotive, athletic and toys, Voltek will use Oracle OPM to blend raw materials into finished products.

While implementing Oracle OPM, Voltek began searching for a mobile bar code solution to augment it. Voltek required a solution that would enable it to scan incoming raw materials (as it blends them to create finished product) and to track outgoing finished products. The company faced substantial costs for custom software coding to build its own system and map it back to the Oracle enterprise data model. Voltek also estimated significant on-going costs simply to maintain and adjust custom modifications, as Oracle changed its system through point releases and patches.


The ClearOrbit system was less expensive than a custom solution, and will maintain compatibility with Oracle's updates.

"We thought we were facing an astronomical bill for custom coding to add the needed functionality to Oracle that it did not offer in its process manufacturing product," said Michael McDonald, project manager, at Voltek. "The cost avoidance offered by ClearOrbit was very compelling, and their experience with Oracle is unrivaled."


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On the stretch wrap.
On the last carton on the pallet.
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