



ORTEMS solutions have been selected as the corporate tool for detailed planning & scheduling at SPHERE, number-one producer of household wraps and waste collection packaging

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Sphere is Europe's number-one producer of household wraps and waste collection packaging, SPHERE has 14 production units in the Netherlands, UK, Spain, Italy, Germany and France.

Planning at the heart of the operational excellence of the group SPHERE is supervised at the highest level within the company to:

- meet customer expectation (this may involve changes in the very short term)
- increase responsiveness to the market (rush orders, demand change, reservation...)
- manufacture the right product at the right time
- maximize assets utilization
- Reduce costs and eliminate wastes
- Optimize Supplies and delivery

The project will be deployed in 3 stages: 2 pilot sites will start in 2010. Then a core model will be defined and roll out is scheduled with the new ERP (Oracle JDE) roll out on the other sites.

During the selection process, a prototype has been realized by 3 short-listed planning vendors. ORTEMS was selected for its good answer to SPHERE's expectation and ability to manage SPHERE's detailed constraints:

- Optimize productivity and asset utilization (extrusion)
- Synchronisation between extrusion and finishing (also minimize intermediate storage and WIP)
- Minimize set up time
- Check availability of chariots
- Manage overlapping, order splits...
- Manage hazards

ORTEMS was selected for its understanding of SPHERE's constraints and ability to roll out the solution worldwide.

About ORTEMS

ORTEMS, a leading provider of manufacturing planning and detailed production scheduling solutions, offers innovative solutions based on Agile Manufacturing concepts. ORTEMS is the ideal complement to ERP systems due to the power of its finite capacity optimization engines, the efficiency of its models for dynamic synchronization of production flows and the quality of its certified integrations. ORTEMS provides a dynamic, comprehensive model that integrates the performance of its synchronized MRP technology, which enables obtaining optimal customer service rates in a pull planning production environment.

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