



Ultriva Announces Ultriva Electronic Kanban 6 with Multilingual Support and a Mandarin Language Pack

CUPERTINO, Calif., August 27, 2007 – Ultriva Inc., the world leader in lean manufacturing software, today announced the general release of Ultriva Electronic Kanban (UEK) 6 with a multi-lingual toolkit that will enable Ultriva to rapidly deliver new language packs when requested by new and existing customers.

Ultriva customers include global manufacturers such as Emerson, Rexnord, AO Smith, and Timken that are all expanding their lean programs internationally. With this release, Ultriva will be able to support both global manufacturing and global supply chains. UEK 6 allows Ultriva to support its customer's lean programs, regardless of whether the customer wishes to communicate with international suppliers in their own language or whether they want to deploy lean manufacturing processes in their own international plants. These new capabilities will improve communication, streamline training and increase the worldwide adoption of lean programs.

Ultriva's multi-lingual architecture allows Ultriva to translate a word or sentence just once even if it is used in hundreds of screens across the application. This allows Ultriva to quickly and cost effectively release new languages to satisfy customer demand. Version 6 also includes a Mandarin language pack to support several customers that are either manufacturing in China or are looking to communicate with suppliers in their local language. With the new enhancements, UEK 6 will determine in real-time the users preferred language and will generate web pages in that language. This means that different users will be able to view the same page at the same time in different languages. This expanded language support is particularly important for shop floor and shipping personnel that are less likely to be fluent in English.

“To stay competitive in today's economy it is critical that manufactures extend their lean programs globally,” said Ralph Rio, Research Director, ARC Advisory Group. “Many U.S. corporations are seeing tremendous results from their lean programs, but extending these programs across the corporation requires a systematic approach that can be deployed in the native language of its employees.”

Ultriva Electronic Kanban provides an integrated web portal for manufacturers to:

- Increase on-time delivery by 20 – 30%
- Reduce inventory by 40 – 60%
- Shorten order-to-ship lead times by as much as 50%
- Significantly reduce expediting and premium freight charges



About Ultriva

Ultriva, Inc., is a leader in lean manufacturing software that drives lean processes across the supply chain – from suppliers to customers. Ultriva’s flagship product, Ultriva Electronic Kanban, eliminates stock-outs while reducing inventory levels up to 75 percent. Ultriva Lean Scheduling complements demand-driven replenishment strategies by optimizing production schedules in real-time around the most variable customer demand. Ultriva Supplier Replenishment extends the replenishment capabilities of kanban to include schedule-based replenishment, discrete POs, min/max, consignment and VMI (vendor-managed inventory) replenishment methods. Ultriva’s products are in use in more than 80 plants worldwide incorporating more than 1,000 suppliers and reducing manufacturing costs with industry leaders such as Rexnord, Emerson, Ingersoll-Rand and Timken.

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