

Leach International Selects Infor ERP SyteLine as Part of Lean Manufacturing Initiative



New Software Will Enable Aerospace Manufacturer to Create Production Efficiencies, Keep Pace with Global Expansion.

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Infor today announced that Leach International, a subsidiary of Esterline Technologies Corp. and a leading manufacturer of power switching and control components for the aerospace industry, has selected Infor ERP SyteLine. Leach International will use the new capabilities it gains from the software to help manage its operations and accelerate the company's transition to a lean manufacturing environment.

Based in Buena Park, Calif., Leach International was acquired by Esterline in 2004. Esterline, a long-time user of Infor ERP SyteLine, relies on the software as part of its corporate standardization and lean manufacturing initiatives across its worldwide subsidiaries. Leach will be the first Esterline Company to benefit from the expanded multi-site capabilities and role-based functionality included in Infor ERP SyteLine 8.0. The deployment will also help Esterline develop a roadmap of best practices for the future deployment of Infor ERP SyteLine 8.0 in its other divisions.

"The adoption of lean manufacturing practices will improve our competitive position, and we eagerly anticipate the full implementation of lean philosophies across the organization," said Mark Thek, president of Leach International. "Through many of the projected productivity gains provided by Infor ERP SyteLine, we will significantly accelerate the timetable of this cultural transformation. That is not an easy task, considering that the previous business practices at Leach were in place for more than 50 years."

Leach formerly used a proprietary ERP system it developed in-house that was unable to keep pace with the company's aggressive growth and global expansion. To fully realize its lean manufacturing transformation and manage its growth targets, the manufacturer required a system that could consolidate its disparate data resources and integrate quickly across all divisions and facilities.

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“Infor ERP SyteLine has many built-in aerospace and lean manufacturing-focused capabilities that we would have otherwise had to develop ourselves,” said Tim Heer, business process and training coordinator at Leach. “We were pleased to find an ERP provider that can address these requirements; solutions from other companies would have been economically prohibitive and require extensive customization to deliver the flexibility and capabilities we need.”

“Companies that are establishing lean manufacturing practices, like Leach International, can jump-start these programs and be more enterprising through the built-in lean capabilities of Infor ERP SyteLine,” said Kevin Piotrowski, director, Industry and Product Marketing, discrete industries, Infor. “The business-specific capabilities of Infor ERP SyteLine, combined with the flexibility of Infor Open SOA, provide a strong foundation for customers to realize greater business agility and succeed in a dynamic marketplace.”

More information on [Infor ERP SyteLine](http://www.infor.com/product_summary/erp/sl/) can be found online at http://www.infor.com/product_summary/erp/sl/

About Leach International

Leach International Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Esterline Technologies Corporation, is a world leader for the design and manufacture of high-reliability power switching and control components and equipment for aerospace, rail, and high-end industrial applications worldwide. Leach specializes in combining its leading-edge components with unique design and manufacturing capabilities to provide custom AC/DC power distribution assemblies. Known for its design excellence and commitment to quality and reliability since 1919, Leach equipment and components are used on thousands of aerospace, military, rail, and high-end industrial applications worldwide in the most severe environments

About Esterline

Esterline Corporation is a specialized manufacturing company serving principally aerospace/defense and medical markets. Esterline management views the company's businesses in three segments related to its set of core competencies: Avionics & Controls, Sensors & Systems, and Advanced Materials.

Operations within the Sensors & Systems segment including Leach, produce, power distribution equipment, high-precision temperature and pressure sensors, motion control components, and other related systems principally for aerospace and defense customers. The Avionics & Controls segment focuses on technology interface systems for commercial and military aircraft and similar devices for land- and sea-based military vehicles, secure communications systems, specialized medical equipment, and other high-end industrial applications. Advanced Materials focuses on process-related technologies, including high-performance elastomer products and high-temperature resistant components used for a wide range of military and commercial aerospace purposes and combustible ordnance and electronic warfare countermeasure products.

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