

North American Lighting Selects Manufacturing Execution Solution From HighJump Software; Leading Automotive Lighting Manufacturer to Support Just-in-Time Production With Real-Time Reporting, Performance Monitoring and Inventory Tracking

HighJump Software, a 3M company, the global leader in providing highly adaptable, best-of-breed supply chain execution solutions, today announced that North American Lighting, a leading tier one automotive supplier, has selected its Manufacturing Advantage solution. North American Lighting will leverage HighJump's manufacturing execution technology to support just-in-time production and replenishment, as well as continuous improvement initiatives. The company selected the HighJump system due to its best practices-based functionality and ability to easily carry out business process configuration. The solution will be implemented at three facilities in Illinois.

North American Lighting will use the configurable and real-time reporting capabilities of Manufacturing Advantage to gain visibility into manufacturing processes such as molding, coating/painting, metallization and assembly. The company will be able to monitor day-to-day business performance, as well as long-term trends, to help ensure quality and continuous improvement. North American Lighting will also incorporate the system's work-in-process inventory tracking to follow raw materials through each facility and monitor critical quality indicators such as scrap levels.

Manufacturing Advantage will support North American Lighting's dynamic environment through fast, cost-effective system configuration. As production processes or reporting requirements change, the company will be able to incorporate its unique requirements quickly into the system without modifying custom code. This is critical for fast response to necessary production changes to achieve two- and three-day lead times. Furthermore, the HighJump solution provides North American Lighting the flexibility to quickly automate specific high-value areas now and other lower-value areas later.

"As a tier one automotive supplier, we need to ensure that we have best practices-based processes in place to support real-time information availability and continuous improvement," said Greg Conrad, vice president of manufacturing and engineering for North American Lighting. "We selected HighJump Software because of their ability to understand our just-in-time environment and how we could best meet our established goals with Manufacturing Advantage."

"With HighJump's manufacturing execution solution, North American Lighting will have the ability to achieve the production control and visibility required to effectively support their lean environment," said Chris Heim, president of HighJump Software. "Manufacturing Advantage is gaining momentum in the marketplace as companies strive to optimize manufacturing operations as part of supply chain initiatives."

Manufacturing Advantage is an integral part of HighJump's comprehensive supply chain execution product suite, which includes tightly integrated solutions that close the traditional gaps between sourcing, manufacturing and delivery.

About North American Lighting, Inc.

North American Lighting, Inc. is the largest non-affiliated lighting supplier in North America. NAL has been manufacturing lighting products for the majority of vehicle manufacturers in North America since 1983. The company began as a joint venture and is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Koito Manufacturing Co. Ltd. of

Japan.

About HighJump Software, a 3M Company

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