

Australian Manufacturer Selects Manufacturing Execution and Warehouse Management Solutions From HighJump Software

HighJump Software, a 3M company, a global provider of adaptable supply chain execution (SCE) solutions, today announced that Pirtek Fluid Systems has selected the HighJump Supply Chain Advantage suite to optimize its manufacturing and distribution operations. Pirtek, an Australian manufacturer and distributor of fluid transfer solutions, will implement HighJump Manufacturing Advantage and HighJump Warehouse Advantage in its new Sydney facility to support rapid company growth and expanding product lines.

Pirtek selected HighJump Software because its full set of adaptable supply chain execution solutions aligned with Pirtek's operational needs and long-term technology strategy. In addition, HighJump Software's growing presence in Australia, where four systems have recently been implemented, gave Pirtek the assurance of solid, long-term support. Implementing HighJump Manufacturing Advantage alongside HighJump Warehouse Advantage will create a truly seamless flow of accurate, real-time demand and supply information throughout Pirtek's operations.

Pirtek distributes products to 70 franchised retail and service centers throughout Australia. Its product line ranges from pallets of spooled hose to small metal fittings and adapters. Pirtek receives finished goods ready for shipment to its franchises, as well as subassembly components used to manufacture complete fluid transfer systems shipped directly to large customers.

The HighJump solutions will integrate seamlessly with a multilevel conveyor and Pirtek's ERP system. The ERP will process work orders and communicate with the appropriate HighJump solution regarding next steps for either fulfillment or production. HighJump Manufacturing Advantage will optimize Pirtek's shop floor production processes by coordinating assembly and test operations and maintaining full quality traceability records for each system produced. After production, HighJump Warehouse Advantage will direct picking, packing and shipping activities. Pirtek's item variety requires complex rules to be applied during the final stages of distribution to minimize the cost associated with daily store shipments.

"HighJump Software's complete offering of warehouse management and manufacturing execution solutions is a natural fit for Pirtek's diverse, fast-growing operations," said Jason Dormor, IT manager, Pirtek Fluid Systems. "And HighJump Software's reputation in this part of the world gives us great confidence as we grow."

"We're thrilled to be a key part of Pirtek's source-to-consumption supply chain optimization efforts," said Jim Walsh, vice president international, HighJump Software. "With manufacturing and warehousing solutions based on our common execution platform, Pirtek will experience ease of integration, upgrades and overall administration."

About Pirtek

Pirtek Fluid Systems is the Australian market leader in providing a comprehensive portfolio of fluid transfer solution products and services to customers in a wide range of industries, including manufacturing, oil and gas, mining, construction, earthmoving, agriculture and defense. Pirtek strives to provide customers with the highest levels of service, responsiveness, accessibility and dependability through significant investment in technology, infrastructure and quality work practices. For more information, visit www.pirtek.com.au.

About HighJump Software, a 3M Company

HighJump Software, a 3M company, is a global leader in providing highly adaptable, best-of-breed supply chain execution solutions that streamline manufacturing and distribution from the point of source through consumption. HighJump Software's integrated solutions empower operational excellence in the warehouse and optimize the flow of inventory throughout the supply chain by facilitating collaboration with customers, suppliers and trading partners. These solutions combine robust, standard functionality; a best practices-based implementation methodology; and a uniquely adaptable architecture that facilitates fast, cost-effective system modifications. As an independent subsidiary in the 3M family of companies, HighJump Software leads the supply chain execution software industry in financial strength and delivers on an unmatched commitment to innovation and quality. For more information about HighJump Software, visit www.highjump.com.

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