



GSM Printer & Label Systems Ltd

Press release

MASTERING WORK-IN-PROGRESS

Production line efficiency has been taken a step forward with the launch of the latest product-tracking software from GSM Printer and Label Systems.

WIP Master produces all reports required to run a lean manufacturing process, including location of products in process, mean time between jobs, time for



complete manufacturing process, downtime, and other key data.

The cost-effective system is suitable for large or small manufacturers and links bar code scanners directly to an Ethernet network.

The system is designed to be simple to install and to use – with installation and configuration in 72 hours and no need for additional cabling. It uses a new product from GSM Printer and Label Systems, the Scan Port, to link a bar code scanner directly to an Ethernet network, to track products. Many types of scanner can be connected, including unattended scanners, RF scanners and magnetic stripe readers.

The progress of jobs through the manufacturing process can be monitored on any PC on the network and WIP Master can be linked to other MRP or ERP systems.

The system will allow the configuration of up to 20 tasks at any given production cell and WIP Master can produce a bar coded job card to accompany the product throughout the manufacturing process. The card lists each task and features a bar code which, when scanned, records that task as completed.

Operators scan their ID badge and a job card number at the start of the task and the system time and date stamps the entry automatically. The last task scanned in the process will close the job and, if required, trigger the production of an address label.

WIP Master has already been installed by a number of GSM Printer and Label Systems' customers, including leading international manufacturer of display and exhibition equipment, Nimlok Ltd, which has seen improvements in product tracking on its production lines at its Wellingborough factory.

GSM Printer and Label Systems general manager Martin Cameron said: "W.I.P Master is the first in a new suite of products that we believe will help manufacturers and other businesses to streamline their processes as they aspire towards lean manufacturing."

GSM Printer and Label Systems specialises in providing label printing, bar coding and data capture solutions to a wide range of industries. The GSM Group is one of Europe's largest manufacturers of printed labels and nameplates in metal and plastics and has manufacturing sites in Wales, Oxford and Yorkshire.

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