

PRESS RELEASE

Preactor Announces Another Strategic European Partnership

PlantVision to supply Preactor production planning and scheduling solutions into Scandinavia

CHIPPENHAM, UK – Sept 27, 2011 – The Preactor Group, a leading provider of Advanced Planning and Scheduling (APS) solutions for over 18 years, today announced details of a strategic partnership with leading Swedish technology consultancy PlantVision.

The agreement will see Preactor's proven family of production planning and scheduling solutions offered to the Scandinavian market as part of PlantVision's comprehensive solution portfolio. Headquartered in Kista (Stockholm), PlantVision has over 50 employees and an annual turnover of approximately 60 million Swedish Kronor. It also offers Scandinavia's widest range of solutions for operational improvement and in the last 15 years has delivered over 200 major projects around the world.

Magnus Severin is PlantVision's CEO and comments on the benefits this partnership will bring:

"Preactor proven capabilities will help existing and future customers in achieving operational excellence by reducing lead times and inventory levels, while at the same time increasing productivity." He continues, "As a company, Preactor has a very deep knowledge and understanding of planning and scheduling, which has been transferred into its software. The Preactor solution is therefore easy to install and configure enabling it to quickly and powerfully contribute to the customers' existing business processes. This helps deliver a very fast Return on Investment, which is important in today's challenging financial and competitive business climate."

Mike Novels, Preactor CEO, is equally positive about the partnership:

"We pride ourselves on working with partners that value and demonstrate the depth of industry experience that has helped make us the leading independent provider of production planning and scheduling systems. PlantVision has a proven track record of working with a broad range of companies across many industries with a view to increasing their efficiency. Preactor will help them to do this to an even greater extent and we are a confident of a long and successful relationship."

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About Preactor International

Preactor International is a world leader in production planning and scheduling software used by a wide range of businesses. Frequently integrated with ERP, MES and Supply Chain Management solutions, Preactor's breakthrough technology is used by more than 3000 small, medium and large multinational companies located in 68 countries. Preactor has established partnerships with more than 400 companies located around the world to provide local expertise to support the implementation of the solution for each company. These 1000+ accredited professionals offer a key resource working closely with users to ensure each company's unique requirements are met. The current trends in manufacturing are towards lowering inventory levels to reduce costs yet still be able to respond to shorter lead times to satisfy customer demand. Preactor offers a family of applications ranging from mid and long term capacity planning to detail scheduling and is translated into 30 languages. Preactor runs on industry standard hardware, operating systems and databases. Preactor International has long been a Microsoft Gold Partner and certifies its products for use on Microsoft platforms and databases. It uses the latest technology to develop its applications and typically offers at least one major release each year. With 17 years of expertise in production planning and scheduling technology, 3500 companies as users, more than 10,000 licenses installed and an extensive partner network offering local expertise and support, Preactor International offers global companies with a proven solution and the global resources for the execution of multinational projects.

About PlantVision

PlantVision provides consultancy services and integrated solutions for significantly improving operational performance. By helping to increase profitability and implement continual process improvements, PlantVision provides a basis for long-term competitive advantage. Consultants with extensive industry experience, in-depth product knowledge and specialist capabilities in IT, systems technology and quality assurance, ensure that customers make the right decisions and take advantage of all available synergies.

PlantVision's solutions are based on industry-leading products, supported by a strong service concept. They have been specifically developed to meet the needs of organizations working within manufacturing, research, and development. With Scandinavia's widest range of solutions for operational improvement, PlantVision is able to support any size of operation, from global supply chains down to individual operating units. Solutions cover production planning & scheduling, production management & execution, automation & process control, laboratory informatics and performance management. The company's specialist capabilities in systems integration ensure that solutions can be fully integrated with the customer's existing operating processes and IT infrastructure.

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A strong service ethic means PlantVision works closely with the customer's project team throughout the change process from needs assessment, solution proposal and budgeting, through to implementation of the final solution. Comprehensive support is offered to ensure that personnel adapt to any new working processes. Where needed, PlantVision can strengthen the customer's organization with specific skills and resources within its various areas of expertise.

PlantVision helps identify the key parameters that affect performance throughout the customer's entire value chain – and the most effective ways to achieve improvement. With PlantVision on the team, customers receive the knowledge, tools and support necessary to unlock the true hidden potential of their entire operations – i.e. to achieve operational excellence.

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