

ORTEMS and ARGON Consulting deliver Agile Manufacturing benefits

The Thales unit making space tubes will roll out ORTEMS planning solutions; ARGON Consulting to support business process reengineering

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Thales Components & Subsystems, a Thales Group business unit, will use Ortems solutions for optimizing production planning for its space Travelling Wave Tubes (TWT)*.

Following initial evaluation conducted by Argon Consulting, which was selected in 2008, Thales Components & Subsystems chose to move from conventional, already efficient MRP2 planning to constraint-based planning in an effort to deliver even quicker client response times and manufacturing efficiencies.

Bernard Segon, Thales Components & Subsystems' Supply Chain manager said: *"After a complete analysis and modelling by Argon, we investigated the deliverables for the project. The conclusions showed that the expected benefits were fully in line with our manufacturing excellence goals."*

Running parallel with the roll-out of the Ortems solutions, business process reengineering required by the new operating method will be supported by Argon Consulting.

** TWTs are used on satellites and space probes and are complex products with long manufacturing cycles. They are produced in small runs at two manufacturing plants in France and in Germany.*

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