



## **eBots Lean Execution System To Support Microsoft Peak Performance Initiative**

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SAN JOSE, Calif./EWORLDWIRE/April 13, 2005 --- eBots Inc. today announced its support of Microsoft Corp.'s Peak Performance Initiative to deliver significant business benefits for manufacturing organizations. Within this initiative, eBots Lean Execution System(TM) will be used to address the areas of plant floor operations performance and global value chain performance. eBots provides a Collaborative Lean Execution platform for manufacturers to improve performance via increased visibility into operations across the manufacturing value chain.

eBots' Lean Execution System, which includes eBots Collaborative Electronic Kanban(TM), eBots Demand Driven Scheduling(TM) and eBots Customer Demand Management(TM) are designed to deliver:

- Elimination of inventory stock outs and proactive exception handling through a Color-coded inventory health check and rules-based alerts that provide real-time notifications.
- Lead time reduction - analysis of continuous improvement reports that measure cycle times and compare the average lead time with the lead time defined in the system, provide a framework for improvement.
- Improved inventory velocity - consumption based Lean Material Replenishment and Lean Production Scheduling improve the flow of material throughout the Value Stream to produce what the Customer wants, when they want it.
- Closed-loop tracking of replenishment signals eliminates the problems of 'Lost Cards' and/or 'Duplicate Cards', provides real time visibility and dynamic inventory status.

"Operational performance is one of the four key pillars identified in Microsoft's Peak Performance Initiative as a vehicle for accelerating insight and innovation for today's efficiency-obsessed manufacturers," said Charles Johnson, worldwide director of manufacturing at Microsoft. "eBots is one of the premier solution providers driving lean manufacturing initiatives that improve key performance indicators for manufacturers across all industries. We are thrilled that the company has embraced the Peak Performance Initiative and look forward to working with it to help manufacturers realize and implement lean best practices."

"eBots provides a Collaborative Lean Execution Platform for manufacturers to enforce discipline in the areas of Material Replenishment and Demand Driven Scheduling at over 70 plants and 800 suppliers worldwide," said Narayan Laksham, President & CEO of eBots Inc. "eBots is uniquely positioned to support Microsoft's Peak Performance Initiative related to Plant Floor Operations Performance and Value Chain Performance."

### **About eBots**

eBots provides a collaborative platform for global manufacturers to apply lean strategies for material replenishment, demand driven scheduling and customer demand management. eBots Lean Execution System delivers substantial value to our customers' bottom line by eliminating stock outs, increasing inventory turns and lowering the cost of production. eBots' applications are deployed at more than 70 plants globally, across large manufacturing organizations such as Emerson Electric, Ingersoll-Rand Hussmann and Rexnord, among others. eBots' customers normally go live with in 4 weeks and achieve their returns on investment with in 8 months.

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