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A TOOL FOR ENHANCING PRODUCTION VALUE

Datatex - Textile Management Solutions, the Information Systems provider fully dedicated to the textile and apparel industry, announces **Host-Auto**, the facility that interface **CATS - Computer Aided Textile Supervision** with host systems.

CATS is the successful system supporting the inspection process. It is designed for enhancing the production value, thank to a specific module that optimizes the cutting of the roll, with the goal of providing maximum first quality production, according to the policy chosen by the manufacturer.

CATS can operate as a stand-alone system; however most plants have a system to file and manage the production data. **Host-Auto** is the 32 bit facility to interface **CATS** with other systems. It runs as a Windows© task loaded in the background and uses the "Launch and forget" methodology. Several setup and implementation options are available to fit the specific customer needs.

This new **CATS** function will add opportunities to increase the overall plant efficiency and for enhancing the production value. The information exchange between **CATS** and the manufacturing management system improves the inspectors' productivity and efficiency and ease the identifications on quality problems in the plant.

The break-even of a **CATS** implementation is reached in a very short time. The obtainable benefits can be estimated using the measured results obtained in customer's plants: an improvement on 1st quality products of between 69 to 75 in one instance and from 95.8 to 96.5 in another. These improvements were a comparison of skilled operators' inspection of the same lots.

In summary **CATS** is

- ✓ A tool to add value and improve efficiency, enhancing inspectors productivity, optimizing the value of the produced fabric and reporting timely information on faults to the production managers.
- ✓ A system designed for productivity, minimizing data input at the terminals, avoiding input errors by using barcoding, speeding up the correction of roll/piece data and simplifying data exchange with host computer.
- ✓ A system designed for openness, integrating external devices (Numeric pads, Bar code, thermal printers etc) and exchange data with the host system.

Datatex -Textile Management Solution, since 1988 the market leader on ERP for the textile and apparel industry, provides a wide range of services to its customer:

- ✓ Design and implementation of IT solutions, from functional analysis to installation
- ✓ Organizational and management consulting for each company function
- ✓ Systems and applications services to customize each individual solution
- ✓ Maintenance operations in real time over the Internet, resulting in significant cost reductions
- ✓ Training for users.

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