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Automotive AIM Computer Solutions releases new Outside Processor Management System, reaction by automotive suppliers is excellent.

[FRASER, MICHIGAN, March 18, 2005] -- AIM Computer Solutions, Inc. has released an enhanced version of AIM VISION[®], AIM's automotive supplier focused manufacturing solution, which includes an upgraded outside processor management system.

AIM's software focuses attention on a completely integrated solution for automotive suppliers who must struggle with tracking semi-finished goods as they move into outside service suppliers for heat treating, coating, painting and other value added services. Keeping track of the moving parts and the lot numbers associated with them normally requires extra overhead of resources to manage the flow of parts going to and back from these outside processors.

Outsourcing parts for services is common in the automotive supplier marketplace due to the special and often unique equipment involved in heat treating, plating and painting processes.

The AIM Outside Processor System not only extends part tracking into outside services, but also uses state of the art barcode data capture technology, and provides the ability to combine or split lots and adjust their related internal production travelers.

Here are a few comments from our customers:

"Implementing the outside processing application allowed us to better track our product as it went from process to process (work in process). This module also increased the accuracy of our paperwork associated with outside processors (making sure that the correct specifications are performed on the proper parts as well as paying the negotiated prices for the processes based on actual receipt quantities)."

Steve Grant, Vice President, The Grant Group

"We have been using AIM Computer Solutions' software for 15+ years. It has allowed us to maintain a streamlined entry process for moving all of our parts quickly through our system, as well as giving us excellent vision of current WIP Status and enhanced Lot Tracking capabilities. Because AIM has worked hard to implement changes in Customer and Vendor requirements, we are always in compliance with the latest trends in manufacturing."

Rob Willoughby, IT Director, H & L Tool Company

"As a tier-one automotive supplier, accurate inventory is essential. AIM Vision's Outside Processing module lets us see what we have sent to our outside processors and when we sent it there, thus eliminating the guesswork. Our inventory control has greatly improved since we began using it."

Patti Hill, IT Director, Lapeer Metal Stamping Companies

"We are excited about this new enhancement," says Jeff Siciliano, President of AIM Computer Solutions. "It both reduces the overhead associated with outside processors, and increases the tracking abilities for our customers. The fact that the customer reactions have been so extremely positive energizes us and reaffirms our commitment to providing high-quality cost-effective solutions that assist our customers in maximizing their productivity and profitability."

About AIM Computer Solutions, Inc.

Michigan-based AIM has grown into the leader for a complete software solution for small to medium sized automotive suppliers. AIM Vision[®] provides a single source for automotive EDI integration into production scheduling complete with demand smoothing to accommodate work schedules, machine repair/refurbish, and other scheduling considerations. "Frozen" demands are then used to generate MRP and CRP reports, fully synchronized with Tier 1 and transportation customer requirements. Other capabilities include outside processing, lot control, finite scheduling, and two levels of tool/workstation scheduling logic, barcode label generation and significant use of operator friendly edit and validation aids.

About The Grant Group

The Grant Group, consisting of Grant Industries, Inc., Press-way, Inc. and Eagle Assemblies, Inc. located in Fraser and Clinton Township, Michigan offers value-added stamping, clips and assemblies to the automotive industries. Grant Industries has been manufacturing a wide range of stamping, clips and assemblies since 1963. Adopting the latest technology and efficient production methods, Grant has been able to deliver the highest quality parts at competitive pricing.

About H & L Tool Company, Inc.

H & L Tool is proud to be a supplier to many of the most recognizable companies in the global marketplace. They are ISO 9001:2000 / QS9000 certified. In combining both screw machine & cold forming technologies under the same roof, H&L Tool, Inc. can provide their customers continuous opportunities for significant dollar savings by implementing the most cost effective manufacturing processes. Total Customer Satisfaction is a common goal shared by each and every employee of H & L Tool Company.

About Lapeer Metal Stampings Companies

The mission of Lapeer Metal Stamping Companies, Inc. is to realize financial success and assure jobs in the future. They accomplish this by achieving excellence in quality of product and services which consistently meet their customers' needs. They will continually improve their processes in an environment built upon trust, teamwork, innovation and pride in workmanship. Lapeer Metal Stamping Companies, Inc. specializes in a mix of progressive die and line die operations. Their assembly capabilities include resistance and MIG welding through automated, manual, and robotic work cells, heat staking, and riveting. They house over 65 robotic and resistance welders within our facilities.