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TEXTURED JERSEY GOES 'LIVE' WITH FASTREACT PLANNING SOLUTION

Textured Jersey Lanka, one of Sri Lanka's largest Weft knit fabric manufacturers is a joint venture between Pacific Textiles in Hong Kong and Brandix Lanka. Its state of the art manufacturing facility of over 600,000 sq ft, located in the Seethawaka Industrial zone, has the capacity to knit, dye and finish approximately 2.5 Million metres of weft knit fabric per month.

With a vision to be the Number 1 preferred supplier of weft knit fabric with a turnover of US \$ 100 Million by the year 2010, the Company continues to invest in both dramatic growth and in high quality technologies, including SAP ERP and a fully automated colour kitchen for the dyehouse, using Arel Recipe Management System and Colour Service software.

The latest addition to this 'Best of Breed' investment strategy is 'FastReact' planning, a specialist planning and management tool specifically designed for the Apparel and Textiles sector. Following the system 'go live' in early November, the Textured Jersey team is excited about the potential benefits from a planning tool that is integrated with their SAP system, to provide total visibility across the entire organisation. Available features include the proactive management of customer projections and order receipts vs. available capacity, vertical knit and dye planning, including full raw materials visibility, and actual production status of all orders at a glance.



Signing of the Agreement: Rohan Goonetilleke, Managing Director of Textured Jersey Lanka (left) and Andrew Brown, Managing Director of Fast React, UK

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Mr. Rohan Goonetilleke, Managing Director commented: *"One area that had previously been a headache for us was the coordination between marketing, planning and production - numerous meetings were needed to accurately quote delivery dates for customer inquiries. With Fastreact we've already been able to bring all these functions together in one centralised system and respond to customers with an accurate delivery date in half the time it used to take us previously. Reaction from our staff in all areas has been great. Their 'buy in' to the process and willingness to embrace the solution has been fantastic"*

Mr. Shehan Witharana, General Manager Operations added: *"We researched our options for planning before concluding that Fastreact was the best tool on the market by far. Most importantly, it is not just a planning and scheduling tool, but also a business wide tool for improving visibility and coordination. The linked planning boards for knitting and dyeing mean that each department knows exactly what was required of them and can work together towards the common goal of maximising 'On Time Delivery Performance (OTDP%)"*

The system is fully networked throughout the business and a large on-line LCD screen in the Dye-house helps staff to clearly identify their work priorities based on the latest plan. In the near future, we aim to open up FastReact visibility to our supply chain - many of our customers already use FastReact, and we are very excited by the opportunity this presents for much closer collaboration"

Andrew Brown, Managing Director of Fast React Systems said *"Right from the start, we were excited to work with Textured Jersey on this project, because the team is constantly striving to better themselves and their business processes. This is immediately apparent when first visiting the manufacturing facility. Working practices are impressive, including fantastic control of materials inventory, with a stock accuracy level close to 99.9%. This says a lot about how focused Textured Jersey is as a business. As expected, the project was not straightforward, but that's where specialist expertise is important. As specialists in areas of planning, sourcing and critical path management, our clients can rest assured that with our experience and commitment to success they will always get a solution that works for them."*



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