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Cadent Resources, Inc. Drives Inventory Optimization for X-L Engineering Corporation with DemandCaster®

Inventory Optimization Solution Cuts Precision Component Manufacturing Company's Open Orders by Half and Almost Completely Eliminates All Stock Outs

CHICAGO, IL, FEBRUARY, 2009 – Cadent Resources, Inc., provider of inventory and capacity optimization solutions, is pleased to announce their success story of X-L Engineering Corp., precision component manufacturing.

X-L Engineering Corp. turned to Cadent Resources, Inc. to address their issue of not being able to meet the needs of their customers, of which the biggest is a major medical OEM. They had too much WIP and were operating in a reactive manner. Their customer put X-L's supply management system on line and X-L was asked to manage their inventory by keeping the supply of that inventory in the green band (an acceptable high and low inventory level). At the time of implementation, X-L was in the red band for about 30-40% of the items. Since X-L had a hard time managing this, they released nearly all orders to production and finished only the items that were needed by their big client as prompted by their online supply management system. It was chaos. They had well over 400 open orders if not more.

Cadent Resources, Inc. implemented DemandCaster® which tied X-L to their supply management system. Their system provided a forecast that Cadent Resources used to define the need going forward. Cadent Resources also reduced order batch sizes and worked on lead time reductions in order to increase order throughput. They managed this with a daily planning and review meeting.

Cadent Resources reduced the number of reds down from 30-40% to 3% or lower and reduced works in process down from 400 to 200 active orders.

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“Cadent Resources has done an excellent job! DemandCaster® has worked exactly how it was said it would. Our plan continually changed during the implementation process and Cadent Resources very easily adapted to what our needs were. They had a great grasp of our issues and, when presented with all of them, were able to layout a solution. Cadent Resources worked smoothly with my employees, and the visibility and ease of tracking jobs has been felt in all departments of our company. DemandCaster® has really enabled us to communicate much better with our clients. With our most demanding client, time to market place is critical. Their R&D personnel have deadlines they have to meet; with DemandCaster® we can forecast what these R&D projects will do to our product line, manufacture our 400 different precision components all with varying delivery dates and monitor trends of decline and spikes in demand. This enables a highly more efficient production line.” – Paul L. Prikos, Vice President of X-L Engineering Corp.

About Cadent Resources, Inc.

Cadent Resources, Inc. implements solutions that integrate and optimize two complimentary components: demand and supply. By using an integrated approach of lean manufacturing, business intelligence, and collaboration processes, Cadent Resources rapidly drives profit and cash flow. This is done by helping manufacturing and distribution companies respond quickly and seamlessly to the ebb and flow of demand with the optimal inventory planning product and service of DemandCaster®. For more information on Cadent Resources, Inc and DemandCaster®, please visit www.cadentresources.com.

About X-L Engineering Corp.

X-L Engineering Corp was originally incorporated in 1943 as a grinding services company. The company was purchased by the Prikos Family in 1973 and continues under their ownership today. The focus of the company is on supplying precision components requiring creative processing. The management team members have an average tenure of over 20 years. This experience and dedicated professionalism is evident in our responsive quoting through prototyping and production. For more information on X-L Engineering Corp., please visit www.xleng.com.

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