

News Release

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Maximus Coffee Group Finds Complete Visibility and Functionality in PlanetTogether Advanced Planning and Scheduling (APS) Solution

San Diego, CA—March 24, 2008—PlanetTogether, LLC today announced another example of how it provides powerful and flexible advanced planning and scheduling solutions with the successful deployment of its PlanetTogether APS solution for Maximus Coffee Group, LP of Houston, Texas. Maximus Coffee Group is a roaster of private label coffees recognized in the industry for its quality products as well as its robust recycling and sustainable packaging programs.

The company had been using an outdated and largely unsupported production scheduling tool that required staff to schedule each of its machines individually—a time consuming and inefficient task. After acquiring Kraft's Maxwell House facility in Houston, Maximus Coffee Group recognized the need for an Advanced Planning and Scheduling (APS) solution to ensure that the expansion would not jeopardize the company's customer service ethics and high standard of excellence. After evaluating three solutions, Maximus Coffee Group determined the PlanetTogether solution offered the best combination of ease of use and powerful functionality.

"PlanetTogether was more intuitive," said Jaime Ozuna, Maximus' Production Scheduler. "It is color coordinated and can be tailored to fit our specific needs. I can look at my screen and know exactly when we're running decaffeinated coffee, I know when the jobs are going to be late, be on time, the case quantities, everything! I see this all on one screen."

PlanetTogether allows Maximus Coffee Group to meet the varied production scheduling needs of its customers, by implementing daily or weekly schedules that were not an option before.

"I would highly recommend PlanetTogether," concluded Ozuna. "Life would be easier for anyone who chooses PlanetTogether; they'll just have an efficient scheduler, plain and simple. It really is an overall great product and so worth the investment."

About PlanetTogether LLC

PlanetTogether is 100 percent focused on providing best-of-breed Advanced Planning and Scheduling (APS) software to discrete and process manufacturing companies. The result of 14 years of applied experience in production scheduling, PlanetTogether is an easy-to-use tool that handles complex finite scheduling taking equipment, labor, and material constraints into account. It provides accurate scheduled ship dates, what-if analysis, and increased capacity visibility. Using the latest Microsoft .NET framework, PlanetTogether can be easily integrated into existing business processes. Prebuilt integrations are available to the following ERP systems: Sage MAS 500, Sage MAS 200, and Sage MAS 90 ERP, Microsoft Dynamics NAV, GP, AX, and SAP Business One. Learn more at www.planettogether.com or by calling (858) 638-7212.