

## **Manufacturing Focus and SolveIT Develop Strategic Alliance**

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ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 6 May 2011 – Manufacturing Focus, one of the leading manufacturing and organisational improvement providers in Australia and SolveIT Software Pty Ltd, a leading provider of enterprise software for supply and demand optimisation and predictive modelling, announced today that they have entered into a partnership.

Leveraging the strengths and experience of both organisations, Manufacturing Focus and SolveIT Software will collaborate on a wide range of business improvement initiatives, including supply chain optimisation, production and process improvement, and advancing the use of technology to realise better enterprise performance and lower costs.

Manufacturing Focus provides a wide range of business improvement and expertise, especially catering to the manufacturing sector. Their offerings include manufacturing strategy, productivity improvement and factory planning and modelling services, advising on sustainability measures, process engineering, project management, KPI reporting, training, coaching and mentoring.

“We know the limitations many of our manufacturing clients face with their existing information and production management tools. Improving processes and skills is a major part of improving performance, but we also know that having the right information and making the right decisions are equally important in this competitive and dynamic environment,” said Mark Fusco, Managing Director of Manufacturing Focus. “Combining our complementary expertise will provide more comprehensive and holistic solutions that are better integrated for our customers.”

With this new alliance, Manufacturing Focus can offer added depth to their planning solutions, empowering manufacturers to use the power and versatility of SolveIT software to dramatically improve critical operational functions.

“Manufacturing Focus has consistently demonstrated how their methodology can create significant boosts in productivity and performance, removing waste and non-value-added processes from daily operations,” said Matthew Michalewicz, Director at SolveIT Software. We can see where our software can complement their offerings by providing powerful tools that simplify and improve long-term and short-term planning, and detailed scheduling, right down to task execution, manpower assignments, and equipment maintenance scheduling.”

### **About Manufacturing Focus**

We believe that manufacturing is a core industry sector that plays a critical role in a sustainable advanced economy. We are passionate that manufacturing can be done better in Australia, not only surviving, but thriving.

We achieve effective change by understanding the value that can be created for the customer through the manufacturing and supply chain process and align the planning processes, facilities, systems and developing people to realise these.

- We work with globally focused enterprises that seek expert advice and resources of a service provider that understands and cares for their business.
- Manufacturing Focus is an independent, Australian-owned process engineering consultancy, with more than 300 years of industry experience.

- Established in 2005, Manufacturing Focus has grown into a sustainable process solutions specialist that operates nationally with interfaces into Asia.
- Customers include Thales, Arnotts, Australian Submarine Corporation, Bridgestone, Dux Hotwater, Intercast & Forge, Mitsubishi Motors Australia, Exide Technologies, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Matrix Composites and Engineering, Hoshizaki Lancer Beverages, Redarc Electronics, A&D Australasia, QEK Global, Bendix, and the Department of Further Education, Employment Science and Technology (DFEEST).

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