

Media Release

Building the future of manufacturing: Leadec joins Open Manufacturing Platform

Stuttgart, Germany, 03/09/2021 – Leadec, the leading global service specialist for factories across their entire life cycle, has joined the Open Manufacturing Platform (OMP). By becoming a member of this alliance, Leadec will help its customers to solve high-priority challenges on the way towards smart manufacturing and Industry 4.0.

“We need to drive innovation across manufacturing and the entire value chain to take our customers to the next level. Our deep knowledge of manufacturing processes and equipment, gained over decades, is a highly valuable asset to develop innovations and test new solutions for smart manufacturing. The collaboration within the OMP helps us to solve real problems for all of us with faster time to value,” says Henry Kohlstruck, Executive President Leadec Europe.

The Open Manufacturing Platform (OMP) is an alliance founded in 2019 to help manufacturing companies accelerate innovation at scale through cross-industry collaboration, knowledge and data sharing as well as access to new technologies. The OMP currently has 28 members and continues to grow. Steering committee members are Anheuser-Busch InBev, BMW Group, Bosch Group, Microsoft, and ZF Friedrichshafen AG.

The OMP brings together experts across the manufacturing sector with one common goal: building the future of manufacturing, today. It brings forward platform-agnostic solutions, open standards and technologies to enable smart manufacturing. Through the open collaboration approach, manufacturing companies will be able to bring offerings to market faster, with increased scale and greater efficiency.

Collaborative working groups are at the heart of the OMP. Leadec actively participates in three working groups which focus on core areas important to the industry and will contribute from a service perspective. As a factory specialist and neutral technical service provider Leadec supports its customers along the entire value chain – from planning, installation and automation to commissioning and factory operation. This includes customized maintenance concepts for the production area, facility services for the entire factory and in-plant logistics services that are essential for reliable, efficient, and cost-effective manufacturing.

The groups Leadec contributes to all focus on solving challenges that affect the entire value chain. The ATS Core Services Working Group defines and develops logistics core services to set up, execute and monitor transportation orders carried out by various types of autonomous robots.

Connecting IoT devices and machines to the cloud is one of the first steps in digitizing production lines. Hence, the IoT Connectivity Working Group defines and develops industrial-grade integration solutions for green and brownfield equipment based on a modern edge and cloud approach.

In December 2020 OMP's first [white paper "Insights Into Connecting Industrial IoT Assets"](#) was published. It shines a light on the opportunities and threats to the manufacturing sector at the intersection of information technology (IT) and operational technologies (OT) and which are accelerated by the advent of the Internet of Things (IoT).

To make the results from the teams as broadly usable as possible, the Manufacturing Reference Architecture Working Group is creating a scalable architectural blueprint along a wide variety of factory applications.

About Leadec

Leadec is the leading global service specialist for factories across their entire life cycle and related infrastructure. The company, which is headquartered in Stuttgart, employs about 20,000 people worldwide. In 2019 Leadec earned sales of around EUR 900 million. For almost 60 years, Leadec has been supporting its customers along the entire production supply chain. The service provider is based at more than 300 sites, often directly at the customers' plants and facilities.

Leadec's global services comprise: Engineer (Production Planning & Optimization, Automation and Production IT), Install (Electrical Installation, Mechanical Installation and Relocation), Maintain (Production Equipment Maintenance and Technical Cleaning), Support (Technical Facility Management, Infrastructural Facility Management and Logistics) as well as other local services. The Leadec.os digital business platform is used to record all processes end-to-end and integrate further digital services.

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