

Press Release

CIM GmbH at the Material Flow Congress in Munich

“Panta rhei–Everything Flows!” PROLAG® World combines cutting edge WMS Technology with RFID

Fürstenfeldbruck, 21 March 2007 – CIM GmbH, based in Fürstenfeldbruck, Germany, will be exhibiting for the second time at the German Material Flow Congress in Munich. The highlight will be a presentation of the “RFID Tracking in Intralogistics” pilot project in the research warehouse of the Technical University (TU), Munich.

PROLAG® World meets RFID

For the second year running, CIM GmbH is active in pilot projects to be presented at the 16th Material Flow Congress of the Association of German Engineers (VDI) in Munich. This year, the warehouse management system provider will demonstrate integrated RFID logistics processes for manual block and shelf warehouses. The demonstration, in the research warehouse of the TU Munich, will show how RFID can be used to trace goods along the complete intralogistical path – from storage to relocation and on to shipping.

The pilot project was undertaken by CIM GmbH in close cooperation with Dipl.-Ing. Roland Fischer and his research team at the TU Munich, as well as Indyon GmbH with its location finding tool Track+Race®.

Efficient RFID Tracking

The proposed solution has one decisive advantage: cost minimisation. Although much hyped at present, many RFID projects are not realised due to the considerable investment and maintenance costs involved. The high cost of RFID tags, coupled with inefficient resource planning, are further barriers to their implementation. This reality is far from the efficiencies hoped for from such technologies.

In contrast to object-oriented RFID tracking, Track+Race® relies on the traceability of the fork-lift truck. Goods are tracked indirectly. RFID

transponders in the warehouse floor enable the centimetre-perfect tracking of fork lifts in the warehouse. Loading and fork height are detected by sensors and a report sent to the WMS.

The combination of a modern WMS with its versatile controlling features and an automatic RFID technology achieves the added value that the customer expects. "Panta rhei" – everything flows and remains perfectly in control.

Alongside the potential for savings in material costs (no need to print labels and barcodes), significant speed enhancements can be expected. No scanning means no waiting. No waiting means more picks per shift.

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CIM GmbH Logistic Systems, based in Fürstenfeldbruck, Munich, was founded in 1985 and is a leading provider of Warehouse Management Systems (WMS).

PROLAG® World, the firm's WMS solution, is SAP certified and has been validated by the Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics. In June 2006, CIM became a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner. Furthermore, CIM GmbH Logistic Systems are research partners with the Department of Materials Handling, Material Flow and Logistics at the Technical University in Munich. Thanks to its modular design, the JAVA software application adapts flexibly to the needs of each warehouse. As PROLAG® World is web-based, there is no need for lengthy installation.

Numerous customers from diverse fields have benefited from our solutions over many years. These include, amongst others, Adam Opel, BTG Feldberg & Sohn, Butlers, Casio Europe, Cuisines Schmidt, ESG, Ferdinand Gross, Gabor, HaberkornUlmer GmbH, Harman/Becker Automotive Systems, Keller & Kalmbach, Meffert, Siemens, Sony Austria, Thyssen Krupp and XOX Gebäck GmbH.

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