



IQS Client to Speak at Great Lakes 2007

Kreg Kukor of Cequent Product Group commends IQS' Global EcoSystem Strategy

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IQS, the leading provider of Enterprise Quality and Compliance Management Software, is proud to recognize industry quality expert, Kreg Kukor, Director of Global Quality Systems at Cequent Product Group, as a speaker at Great Lakes 2007, a significant manufacturing conference produced annually by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. At the event, Kukor will deliver a presentation titled *Web Based Global Quality Systems and Metrics that Matter*. The presentation will take an in-depth look at Kukor's methodology, implementation of IQS' Global EcoSystem Strategy and key metric analysis used to develop a collaborative, global supply chain in 12 -24 months. The event takes place at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 18-20, 2007.

"Today's successful suppliers need to be closely connected both upstream to OEM's and downstream to their supply channel. With IQS' Global EcoSystem Strategy, Cequent was able to address product launch and sourcing challenges at a holistic level. The comprehensive strategy allowed us to team with our clients and vendors to improve collaboration, part traceability and product quality."

Using his methodology and the IQS ASP model, Kukor implemented a metrics driven quality system that led Cequent Electrical Products to attained QS certification in less than 9 months. The overall performance results were staggering. By giving suppliers web access to corrective actions, APQP and inspection data, Cequent was able to decrease incoming inspections by 90%. ECN accuracy increased from 78% in January to 97% in July. ECN processing time went from 15 days to just 3. Supplier PPM decreased to 369 in July, down from 4200 the same month the previous year, and continues to decline. Scrap was reduced to 0.54%.

"In essence, we tied the global supply chain together in a web-based environment to automate, centralize and improving the exchange of information. Because of the short implementation roll-out, we accelerated cost reductions and quickly improved our customer satisfaction metrics", says Kukor.

"The foundation of our Global EcoSystem Strategy is our web-based application, IQS. It provides data – from product design to inspection control plans – in real-time to any supplier on the system. By giving suppliers tools and guidance to build the best parts, IQS drives unparalleled synergy between the manufacturer and supply chain for eliminating risk", says John Cachat, Chairman of IQS.

Kukor's presentation will give detailed explanation into the development of key metrics and explain how real-time data acquisition and proper analysis can truly transform a pile of data into a quality roadmap for business success.

About IQS

The IQS software helps companies reduce costs by improving quality. Since its inception in 1988, IQS has been a leading provider of enterprise quality and compliance management software to the manufacturing sector. Considered by industry analysts to occupy a leadership position within the market, IQS' solution comprehensively manages all of the activities necessary to meet the complete set of regulatory and customer requirements across the enterprise and extended supply chain. For more information, please visit www.iqs.com.

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