



IQS Recognized as MBT Top 40 Emerging Software Company

IQS' Innovative Quality and Compliance Software Synchronizes Enterprise Quality Data

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IQS, the leading provider of Enterprise Quality and Compliance Management Software, proudly announces it has been named to Manufacturing Business Technology's (MBT) roster of top 40 Emerging Software vendors whose products are forging the next generation of technology and process innovation in manufacturing. IQS' lifecycle approach to quality has helped its clients reduce defects 80% – 95%, streamline supplier quality and recover supplier costs, and respond faster in competitive markets.

According to MBT, Emerging Software vendors were chosen based on three criteria:

- Identified viable vertical industry niches and delivered the domain expertise needed to serve that industry.
- Formulated emerging software functionality for business or manufacturing process optimization.
- Distinguished themselves from the crowd of mainstream software vendors.

"IQS enables companies to manage their quality with the same rigor as they manage their finances giving them the ability to prevent defects and lower risk to their organization. Bringing value to clients is more than just helping them solve problems faster – it's giving them a systematic way to prevent problems," says Michael Rapaport, President and CEO of IQS.

Concerns over product quality have escalated and captured the attention of shareholders and the public alike as news headlines are fraught with stories on poor quality, product recalls and overseas supplier quality failure. The combination of customer demand for quality, the velocity of new product introductions and the increasing use of a global supply chain – has created the perfect storm for bad quality.

"Managing quality is about managing details – lots of details," added VP of Marketing Lori Gipp. "IQS' "secret sauce" is the way it tracks and connects the nitty-gritty details that create the quality problems that have filled our headlines in recent months. We help clients successfully build quality products across the plant and across the globe. That is why we are in business," added Gipp.

IQS threads together everything associated with a quality product: customer complaint handling, internal issue resolution, engineering changes, risk and control plan development, inspections, equipment, revision control and employee training - just to name a few. IQS gives companies a systematic quality road map, and the linkages to not only trouble shoot problems faster, but more importantly – to improve the bottom line. Building things right the first time isn't overhead; to the contrary, it helps companies cut costs and shorten cycle times. It helps IQS clients compete.

IQS is available in multiple languages and can be implemented on-site or is available in a hosted on-demand model to synchronize quality across plants, divisions and suppliers to allow manufactures to manage quality in real-time on a global basis.

"The quality metrics we receive from our clients show staggering improvements in quality – and in a very short time period," concluded Rapaport. "At the end of the day, customers demand a quality product

and manufacturers need a better way to cost-effectively improve quality. IQS delivers and we are very pleased to be recognized for this achievement.”

For details on IQS enterprise offerings or to view case studies that document savings in many industries including automotive, aerospace and defense, medical device, consumer products and more, visit IQS at www.iqs.com.

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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