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## **Beaulieu International Group enters into a contract with Real Software for the automation of 21 production sites**

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**Beaulieu International Group (BIG) has selected the ERP solution of Real Software for the automation of 21 production sites. The implementation of RITM will be an important step forward in the standardization of BIG's information systems.**

BIG was founded in July 2005 through the merger of five autonomous members of the former Beaulieu group. The new conglomerate comprises 60 companies, which make use of a diversity of information systems, often in-house developed. In order to enable the necessary standardization and integration of the various sites, the introduction of a new ERP solution that met the specific requirements of the sector, seemed inevitable.

Ultimately, BIG gave preference to RITM, which stands for Real Interactive Textile Management. RITM is a unique ERP solution that is specialized for the textile industry. It was developed by Real Software, in cooperation with BIG. As such, the software fully meets the specific functional requirements of the sector and comprises automated modules for all necessary business processes. From order entry, stock management, logistics, procurement, production order management and cost pricing, to advanced production planning and shop floor monitoring. Real Software has already successfully implemented the standard solution in several textile companies throughout Belgium and Spain, and this in various domains of the textile sector.

In a first phase, BIG intends to fully automate 21 production sites based on RITM. The implementation of Real Software's ERP solution will start in the spring of 2007 and will take about five years.

The textile industry is currently facing great challenges. The far-reaching internationalization, the ever-higher expectations of customers and the worldwide competition, make that the sector has to arm itself to meet these challenges. In this, automation of the business processes is one of the biggest and most important pillars of the mission to boost their competitive level. Real Software is the pre-eminent, strategic partner to achieve these medium/long-term company objectives. Real Software has a professional team with thorough knowledge of and expertise in the textile industry. The company has repeatedly demonstrated its capability of successfully implementing a software solution such as RITM. Thanks to RITM, textile companies will be able to anticipate and cater to their customers' needs in a flexible and innovative manner. The software has been developed based on the 'best practices' in the sector, and consists of extensive textile-specific functionality, allowing companies to optimize the lead times and productivity, while at the same time controlling the costs.

## **BIG in a nutshell**

Beaulieu International Group (BIG) is a Belgian industrial group that was established in July 2005 by the merger of five independent members of the former Beaulieu group.

BIG is Europe's leading manufacturer of floor coverings and furniture upholstery. Being one of the key players, the group also plays an important part on the world stage.

BIG is a vertically integrated group that controls each stage of the production chain, from the raw materials (granulates, industrial yarn, fiber, and technical textile) up to the finished products (woven and tufted carpets, vinyl, laminate, parquet, bath mats, and furniture upholstery).

BIG is a group of 30 establishments, employing a 4.800 strong workforce in 8 different countries, effecting a € 1,48 billion turnover in 2005.

## **About Real Software**

Real Software is an ICT solutions company with more than 1000 customers in the Benelux countries and France. The company offers its customers innovative and applied business solutions to help them achieve their objectives of growth and profit. Real Software provides both custom-made solutions and standardized applications in specific vertical markets such as industry, textiles, public and financial services, wholesale, life sciences and retail. With more than 1000 highly-skilled ICT professionals, Real Software is one of the leading ICT solutions providers in the Benelux and France.