

# News Release

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## **Launch of New Visual Planner Manufacturing Production Planning & Scheduling Software for Exact Macola Progression and ES**

Lynq Ltd (<http://www.lynq.co.uk>) today announces the launch of Visual Planner, its new Manufacturing Production Planning & Scheduling software. Visual Planner has been designed by Lynq Ltd, to fully integrate with both Exact Macola Progression and Macola ES.

The Visual Planner Production planning and scheduling software provides manufacturer's production planning departments with a natural, graphical view of its work centres. It allows the scheduling of work, both automatically and manually, on to each work centre with an easy drag and drop function or through multiple methods of automatic scheduling. Exact Macola package is updated with all changes made to the schedule, so materials, labour, and production line availability can be planned down to the finest detail.

With Visual Planner, the production planner can amend the working calendar for each work centre, so working hours can be adjusted to meet production needs. The capacity of each work centre can be amended to meet demand on a day-by-day basis. The level of detail can be instantly changed from hours to days, or even weeks, to show what production is planned in each work centre.

Visual Planner features extensive drill down enquiries from the graphical schedules into Exact Macola data. This allows the production planner to see

trial kitting lists, stock information, customer orders, bills or materials, component purchase orders, and production or shop order details.

The software has been designed to allow groups of departments or work centres to be assigned to different planners, so more than one person can work on the schedule at the same time without conflict. The automatic scheduling process is designed to allow different ways to both define the available capacity and assign orders. The scheduling allows constraints to be applied so orders are not scheduled earlier than specified, and also keeps existing scheduled orders in their assigned place so no unnecessary changes are passed to the Macola MRP software.

Written with the Microsoft.net tools, Visual Planner incorporates the latest technologies. The software not only makes production activity more efficient, it is also compatible with up to date operating systems and software.

Peter Hayes, Managing Director of Lynq Ltd comments, “Visual Planner was developed to satisfy a need for efficient production planning. The software has been extensively trialled in real-life production planning situations and has proved itself over and over again. In the current economic climate, manufacturers need to make savings and increase their efficiency and this is exactly what Visual Planner was designed to do.”

Anyone interested in a demonstration of Visual Planner should contact Lynq Ltd on +44 (0) 1329 800 000, or by email to [sales@lynq.co.uk](mailto:sales@lynq.co.uk).

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### **Note to Editors**

Lynq Ltd's UK-based head office is in Fareham, Hampshire. The company, which was founded in 1981, also has offices in the US and Ukraine.

Lynq is the sole UK distributor for Macola Progression and Macola ES.

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