



The solution uses a KUKA KR 40 PA robot to positively orient and position each case or package to form the layer. The result is a repeatable, flexible, and fast palletizing solution that safeguards product and case integrity.

PLANNING AND FORECASTING

Smart Software Inc. has launched version 8 of its flagship product, SmartForecasts. The tool offers a number of features to meet the needs of demand and inventory planners in a complex planning environment. Users gain the ability to quickly deliver accurate forecasts and inventory stocking estimates for thousands of product items, handle a variety of forecasting situations, and manage forecasting workflow.

PROCUREMENT

Coupa unveils Coupa On Demand, an e-procurement solution designed for companies requiring an enterprise-class, procure-to-pay tool with subscription pricing. The product helps users streamline processes and boost productivity by automating the entire purchasing process—including requisition, approval, purchase order creation, quotations, receiving, inventory, and invoicing.

PRODUCT DESIGN

Z Corporation presents the ZScanner 800, a handheld, three-dimensional scanner. The tool is used for reverse engineering, design, manufacturing, digital mockups, and simulations in the automotive and medical markets. It is suitable for demanding inspection applications and has an automatic multiresolution function that calibrates resolution level based on the type of surface being scanned.



RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION

Confidex announces the Confidex Halo passive UHF EPC Generation 2 radio frequency identification (RFID) tag. The tag combines advanced lightweight materials and a small footprint with durability and on-metal performance. The tag can be used to track returnable transit items and for storage shelf identification. The Confidex Halo also is used to track parts on commercial aircraft.



SALES AND OPERATIONS PLANNING

Cognos is offering a solution designed to help executives gain a single view of cross-functional sales and operations plans. The Cognos Sales & Operations Planning (S&OP) Executive Review Blueprint helps business leaders evaluate the S&OP process; identify changes in demand and supply plans; and simulate the impact of demand, supply, inventory, and operating cost performance on financial statements.

STORAGE

Arpac has released its COVER-PAL 6000 Stretch pallet covering system for versatility in storing palletized products. The product minimizes the risk of environmental damage from dust and water with its five-sided pallet coverage, making it ideal for products destined for indoor and outdoor storage in cost clubs, home centers, construction sites, and freight centers.

SUPPLY CHAIN

TrueDemand Software Inc. introduces upgrades to its Account Team Management Solution for consumer goods companies. The product is offered as a subscription software service and is designed to help salespeople maximize revenue within a retail environment. The new release brings enhanced visibility into product availability; adds features to help manage complex product promotions; and offers real-time, action-based alerting.

TRANSPORTATION

Circumference America Inc., a non-asset-based transportation holding company, has launched with operating subsidiaries focusing on truckload, less-than-truckload, expedited, and intermodal transportation services. Offerings include full-service transportation to freight brokers and shippers and solutions for the expedited truckload market.

WAREHOUSE

HighJump Software announces HighJump Warehouse Advantage-45, a warehouse management system for small and midsize companies. The system is designed to be fully implemented within 45 business days and to support growth by adding more complex warehouse management capabilities as business demands warrant. HighJump Warehouse Advantage-45 improves tracking and visibility, receiving, put-away, picking, shipping, and replenishment.

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