



QAD Inc. Acquires Phenix Software Inc., to Enhance Advanced Scheduling Capabilities for Adaptive Enterprises

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Minerva's business partner, QAD Inc., a leading provider of next-generation manufacturing and supply chain solutions in the cloud, has closed the acquisition of Phenix Software Inc. to help manufacturers improve productivity and accelerate factory performance. The solution, now called QAD Advanced Scheduling, optimizes production decisions by determining what products to make on each production line in the best possible sequence to minimize changeovers, optimize inventory, and align cost and service goals.

"Phenix Software, with tremendous expertise, has created a market-leading scheduling solution, which will help our customers keep their promise to their customers to deliver the right product, at the right price, at the right time," said QAD Chief Product and Marketing Officer Carter Lloyds. "With QAD Advanced Scheduling our customers are covered from planning through scheduling, to execution."

To improve competitiveness and profitability, manufacturers seek technology to become more efficient, agile and resilient. QAD Advanced Scheduling helps in these areas by scheduling related products together, in the best sequence, with visibility to inventories, capacity, product attributes and changeover costs. This improves the synchronization of manufacturing processes, resource utilization and on-time delivery, while also helping to reduce inventory levels and waste.

Phenix Software Inc. originated from Zinata Inc. seven years ago after identifying that customers were experiencing major performance loss due to suboptimal changeovers and inventory levels, with no suitable tool to sustain the gains made with existing scheduling solutions. Committed to continuing to provide the best scheduling solutions available, Zinata has become a QAD distributor to sell, support, and implement the product as a valued partner. Zinata's vast experience in manufacturing and scheduling will provide continued expert support as the platform grows and expands its reach globally.

"This acquisition and partnership showcases the combined strengths of our innovative scheduling solution and expertise, and QAD's manufacturing software, bringing unparalleled value to our clients," said Noel Peberdy, Founder and CEO at Phenix Software Inc. and Zinata Inc. "Together with Zinata and QAD, we are committed to helping manufacturers identify and overcome their production challenges to meet customer demands effectively."

As a QAD business partner, Minerva is also expanding its portfolio with this product for its customers in the Czech and Slovak Republics. "We welcome the expansion of our portfolio in this area and the opportunity to offer customers a wider range of solutions that will precisely match their specific needs," said Petr Koptík, Sales Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors at Minerva Czech Republic.



About Phenix Software Inc.

Phenix is innovating production scheduling for global companies in the process industry and bridging the gap between planning and execution. Working with some of the most respected companies, Phenix delivers an integrated, easy-to-use, fast-to-deploy software solution designed to make life better for those resolving complex scheduling challenges in process manufacturing. Our cloud-based scheduling solution enables the people who manage manufacturing the ability to orchestrate production, changeovers and inventory with delivery, cost and sustainability goals. For more information, please visit www.phenixscheduling.com.

About Zinata Inc.

Zinata Inc. helps businesses thrive amidst supply chain volatility. By empowering teams and optimizing processes, Zinata enhances production efficiency and customer service with an approach underpinned by effective Change Management. Their consultants, who have on average 30 years of experience in manufacturing, focus on process transformation to optimize scheduling and reduce cycle times for companies across various industries including Food and Beverage, Consumer Product Goods, Chemical, Pharma, and Nutraceuticals. To learn more, visit www.zinata.com.

About QAD – Enabling Adaptive Enterprises

QAD Inc. is a leading provider of next-generation manufacturing and supply chain solutions in the cloud. To succeed in a turbulent world, facing disruptions in supply and fluctuations in demand, manufacturers and supply chains must rapidly respond to change and seamlessly optimize agility, efficiency, and resilience for effective customer service. QAD delivers Adaptive Applications to enable these Adaptive Enterprises.

Founded in Santa Barbara, California, QAD has customers in 84 countries around the world. Thousands of companies have deployed QAD enterprise solutions including enterprise resource planning (ERP), digital commerce, supplier relationship management (SRM), digital supply chain planning (DSCP), global trade and transportation execution (GTTE), enterprise quality management system (EQMS), connected workforce and process intelligence. To learn more, visit www.qad.com.

Minerva Czech Republic

Minerva is the exclusive supplier of QAD Inc. enterprise applications in the Czech and Slovak Republics. Within Europe, Minerva, as a Smart Expert Partner of Siemens Digital Industries Software, also delivers the Opcenter Scheduling and Planning solution for advanced production planning (APS) for manufacturers independent of the ERP system. In its portfolio, Minerva has a number of add-on extension products and services that help deepen the functionality of the ERP system and manage manufacturing plants with greater efficiency, control and productivity. It offers its customers all services from software installation, consulting, system integration to cloud solutions. More information can be found at www.minerva-is.eu.