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Planify and Excellerant Announce Strategic Partnership to Connect Real-Time Shop Floor Data with Finite Scheduling

Partnership pairs Excellerant's machine monitoring and IIoT platform with Planify's finite scheduling engine to give manufacturers a live, constraint-aware view of their production floor

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Planify, a finite scheduling software company built for discrete manufacturers, and Excellerant, a real-time machine data and communications platform for manufacturers, today announced a strategic partnership to bring together live machine data and intelligent production scheduling for job shops and manufacturers.

The partnership connects two complementary pieces of the manufacturing technology stack. Excellerant collects real-time data directly from CNC machines and shop-floor devices with machine status, cycle times, part counts, downtime events, and operator input and synchronizes it with ERP and MES systems. Planify uses that shop floor data, along with setups and changeovers, shift constraints, job dependencies, and disruptions to build and continuously adjust finite, constraint-aware production schedules.

Individually, each platform solves a problem that spreadsheets and traditional ERP modules struggle with: Excellerant closes the visibility gap between the shop floor and the front office, while Planify closes the planning gap between a schedule on paper and what a shop floor can actually execute. Together, the companies see an opportunity to close the loop between the two, giving planners a schedule that can adjust in real-time to what is happening on the production floor. This provides operations and management with a production forecast that reflects the live state of the floor rather than a static plan.

Potential performance enhancing use cases with the collaboration include:

- **Live disruption replanning**: Feeding Excellerant's real-time machine status and downtime alerts into Planify so schedules can be automatically reprioritized the moment a machine goes down or a job falls behind, rather than waiting for a planner to notice.

- **Data-informed scheduling accuracy**: Using Excellerant's actual cycle-time, run-time, and performance data to sharpen the assumptions behind Planify's finite schedules, replacing estimated run times with historical machine performance.

- **Closed-loop progress tracking**: Syncing job progress and part counts captured on Excellerant's shop-floor interface back into Planify's schedule view, so planners can see percent-complete and at-risk jobs without manual updates.

- **A unified view from machine to schedule**: Combining Excellerant's shop-floor and executive dashboards with Planify's scheduling workspace so shops can move from "what is happening on the floor" to "what should happen next" in one connected workflow.

The companies say the specific scope and technical integration of the partnership will be defined in the coming months, with early collaboration planned alongside select shared manufacturing customers.

“Manufacturers have spent years trying to get a real-time picture of their shop floor, and separately, trying to build a schedule their floor can actually meet, but those two efforts usually live in different systems and never really talk to each other,” said Dave Luckner, CEO of Planify. “Excellerant has spent decades getting machine data right, at a level of accuracy and reliability that's hard to find anywhere else. Pairing that with Planify's approach to finite scheduling is exactly the kind of relationship we've been looking for, and I'm genuinely excited about what it means for the planners and shop floors we both serve.”

“For thirty years, our focus has been giving manufacturers accurate, real-time visibility into what's actually happening on their machines,” said John Carpenter, President of Excellerant. “Data is only as valuable as what you can do with it, and Planify gives our customers a genuinely smart way to turn that live shop-floor data into a schedule that adapts as fast as the floor does. We welcome this partnership and the value it can bring to our shared customers.”

Both companies plan to share additional details about joint capabilities and customer pilots as the partnership develops.

About Planify
Planify builds finite scheduling software for a variety of to-order manufacturers. Planify sits between traditional ERP modules and other data sources, giving planners real finite scheduling logic inside a fast, familiar spreadsheet-style workspace their team can run on day one. Planify onboards manufacturing teams in small batches, starting with each shop's real work orders rather than a canned demo. Learn more at oneplanify.com.

About Excellerant
Excellerant is a real-time machine data and communications platform designed to connect and integrate an entire manufacturing process. A server-centralized platform, Excellerant connects machine tools of any brand, make, model, or age, integrates real-time data into existing ERP and MES systems, and simplifies collaboration from the operator level to the executive level. The Excellerant team has spent three decades networking machines across hundreds of manufacturing plants, beginning as first-to-market pioneers of wireless DNC technology. Excellerant is a veteran-owned small business based in Ellington, Connecticut. Learn more at excellerant-mfg.com.

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