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Junction Solutions' GO Production Scheduler Wins 2011 Innovation Award in the Processing Category from the International Dairy Foods Association

Junction Solutions' new CLEARthru Solution Named a Finalist for the Food Safety Innovation Award

DENVER, CO—The International Dairy Foods Association has announced that Junction Solutions has won the first Innovation Award in the Processing Category for its Genetic Optimizer Production Scheduling solution (GO), and that its new solution, CLEARthru™, was named a finalist in the Food Safety Innovation category. Junction Solutions (www.junctionsolutions.com), a provider of vertical, market-specific on-premise and on-demand software applications and services built in Microsoft Dynamics® AX, recently participated in the International Dairy Foods Association Dairy Show in Atlanta, Ga. where the awards were announced.

According to the International Dairy Foods Association, “Junction Solutions earned the Processing Innovation Award for its Genetic Optimizer, a production scheduling application that provides manufacturers with a fast, flexible planning solution that’s easily implemented without third-party software or complex integration.” The Association commended the award winners for substantial achievements in price or performance, significant advancement in technology and applications and innovative design. Award winners were selected by the International Dairy Foods Association team of subject matter experts.

“Junction Solutions is gratified to have two of its newest solutions honored by the International Dairy Foods Association,” said Christian Hutter, senior vice president of manufacturing and distribution for Junction Solutions. “When Junction Solutions developed both GO and CLEARthru, we drew on our deep understanding of the dairy arena to create solutions that help dairy manufacturers operate profitably in spite of fluctuating consumer demand, strict government regulations, raw material availability and capacity constraints. GO provides manufacturers with the speed and flexibility needed to optimize complex, high-volume food and beverage production schedules. GO’s unique ability to create a schedule, and update and reschedule repeatedly throughout the day, helps food and beverage manufacturers respond quickly to changing customer demands including last-minute and rush orders.

“GO evolves an answer to the scheduling problem by taking the strongest ‘individuals’ from a population of potential solutions, and uses them to propagate additional solution sets. In this way, the ultimate solution evolves as a matter of technological ‘survival of the fittest’, however, the planner defines ‘fittest’. GO is a powerful tool that can be configured to any plant’s production line requirement, product characteristics,

changeover relationships, run rates, resource availability and more. Because changes occur during multiple points throughout any given day, manufacturers must be able to quickly respond to new demands and situations and make rapid and accurate adjustments to scheduling while minimizing operational costs. GO can solve a simple problem in seconds and complex, multi-line BOM constrained problems and tank-restricted high speed filling operations in just a few minutes.”

About Junction Solutions

Junction Solutions provides vertical-specific on-premise, hosted and cloud-based software and services that enhance operational performance, reduce costs, expand delivery channels and strengthen relationships. Built in Microsoft Dynamics® AX and designed specifically for food and beverage, multi-channel retail and distribution companies, Junction Solutions' portfolio includes enterprise resource planning (ERP), supply chain management (SCM—demand, warehouse, yard and transportation management), production and scheduling optimization, trade promotions management, direct store delivery management, merchandising, order entry and call center management and mobile/web-enabled product sourcing and traceability.

Available as a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS), Junction Solutions' eCommerce offering provides B2B and B2C organizations with webstore development and management, payment authentication and processing, and turn-key, real-time support and maintenance services. Designed to integrate with any platform or third-party application, the portfolio includes dynamic search engine optimization and navigation, advanced digital imaging, customer and transaction-based personalization, and enables multiple mobile and online store administration via a single user dashboard. For more information, please visit www.junctionsolutions.com.

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