



## **Press Release**

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### **Bell Helicopter Selects Intercim For Electronic Shop Floor Execution System**

#### **Solution to Facilitate Quality and Productivity Improvements**

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. March 24, 2005**--Intercim, Inc., announced today that Bell Helicopter, A Textron Company, has selected Intercim Velocity, the leading process execution software solution for the aerospace and defense industry, for deployment in final assembly of the V-22 Osprey Tiltrotor aircraft. Bell chose the Velocity product to help meet commitments to its customer to improve operational efficiencies and simplify quality management for assembly of the V-22.

The V-22 Osprey program utilizes the integrated shop floor execution and quality management system from Intercim, and the already-successful CS/CAPP manufacturing planning and work instruction management solution from CIMx. The combined capabilities of both companies were selected because the solution enables:

- Real-time viewing of work instructions, performing buyoffs and on-line data collection.
- Capturing labor and operation status with feedback to performance measurement systems.
- Assembling a complete as-built ship's record.
- Creating a more efficient operational environment through procedural enforcement of information processes.

"It is critical that we meet mission requirements for the delivery of 450 V-22 aircraft with orders for the Marines, the Air Force and the U.S. Navy," said Roger Williams, plant manager, Bell Helicopter Textron. "The integration of these innovative tools enables significant quality and productivity improvements with rapid deployment at minimal additional cost."

The Velocity process execution system eliminates paper on the shop floor, reduces non-value added labor requirements, improves accuracy and timeliness of operational information and reduces costs

associated with information processing errors. It also consolidates the various electronic and paper-based shop floor information formats into a single revision-controlled and configuration-managed electronic record that facilitates smooth process flow through aircraft delivery.

“Like other customers that have chosen Velocity, Bell Helicopter was looking for a commercially-available process execution system that would provide it the foundation for improving manufacturing throughput and quality across Bell Helicopter,” said John Todd, president and CEO, Intercim. “The V-22 final assembly operation is another exciting addition of a high profile aerospace program to the Velocity family.”

#### **About Intercim ([www.intercim.com](http://www.intercim.com))**

Intercim develops and applies complete-off-the-shelf (COTS) processes execution software to improve the productivity of manufacturing and its associated processes for medium and large enterprises. Customers use the Intercim suite to meet regulatory compliance through procedural enforcement, production visibility, quality management, business systems collaboration, and manufacturing and production intelligence. Intercim transcends the classification of manufacturing execution systems (MES) provider to encompass advanced process management for discrete manufacturers. Intercim sells a package named FACTORYnet that is 100% configurable for managing and enforcing processes, ensuring quality management and data collection accuracy, and gives a company's stakeholders the information and analytical tools they need to make decisions that turn into profits.

#### **About Bell Helicopter Textron**

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