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Tool Management 4.0 – Transparency in all areas

MAPAL now offers its Tool Management services based on the c-Com platform, a product of c-Com GmbH. Tool Management 4.0 guarantees maximum overview of all data and inventory movement, as well as costs.

Thanks to efficient Tool Management, inaccuracies in inventories and tracking usage data are a thing of the past. As is downtime due to missing tools, time consuming data trawls, restarts, and tool selection. Tool Management from the service provider takes care of all of that. Thereby it is crucial that a well-functioning system is modularly constructed-, so that it can be built to meet the customers' individual requirements. For this reason, the basic Tool Management platform offered by MAPAL today is a modular system with twelve individual services that can be specifically configured for a customer's particular production site.

Digitalisation opens a world of new opportunities to Tool Management. Data and information is available to all participants – Production, Purchasing, Planning, Tool Managers and suppliers – in a transparent and consistent fashion. As a result, the entire process is more efficiently structured. MAPAL uses the c-Com open cloud platform, a product of c-Com GmbH, and offers digital Tool Management on this. This gives companies a functional and group wide technology database. Redundant structures are a thing of the past.

This means that transparency and complete cost control are available to customers at all times. As are supplier's prices, conditions, and production dates all of which are available in real time via c-Com. Whereas previously, individual lists with limited access were used, data is now consistent and transparent thanks to the platform. Data must no longer be maintained in different systems. Media breaks are prevented.

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With Tool Management 4.0 customers have access to automatic analyses of data concerning production dates, current stock levels, reconditioning status of a tool, and tool costs per component. Furthermore, technology transfer is made easier. Process parameters such as tool life and cutting values are managed at a central location and can be accessed by the customer's manufacturing and planning departments, for example. This exchange can occur within a specific plant or across several sites.

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Customers at any time can easily access the entire Tool Management system as well the TCO (Total Cost of Ownership).

Captions:

Figure 1: Tool management services offered by MAPAL have a modular design and are adapted to the situation for the customer.

Figure 2: MAPAL now offers its tool management services based on the c-Com platform, a product of c-Com GmbH.

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MAPAL – tooling the customer's success

MAPAL Präzisionswerkzeuge Dr. Kress KG is one of the leading international suppliers of precision tools for the machining of practically all materials. The company founded in 1950

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supplies leading customers from the automotive and aerospace industries and from machine and plant engineering. With its innovations, the family-owned company sets trends and standards in production and machining technology. MAPAL sees itself as a technology partner, supporting its customers with the development of efficient and resource-conserving machining processes using individual tool concepts. The company is represented with production facilities, sales subsidiaries and representatives in 44 countries worldwide. In 2016 the MAPAL Group had 5,000 employees, generating sales of EUR 575 million.

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