



News Release

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Alloy Manufacturer in Brooklyn, NY Selects PlanetTogether Advanced Planning and Scheduling Solution

**Belmont Metals selects NexTec Group to implement an integrated APS and ERP solution:
PlanetTogether and Sage MAS 500.**

New York, NY—July 16, 2008—NexTec Group today announced that another dynamic and successful business has selected its advanced planning and scheduling (APS) solution, PlanetTogether, to help manage its complex production scheduling tasks, this time within the metal/alloy manufacturing industry. Belmont Metals, Inc. (www.BelmontMetals.com) is a specialty manufacturer of nonferrous metals and alloys, founded in 1896, and located in the heart of Brooklyn, New York.

Belmont Metals manufactures more than 3,000 metal formulations and shapes from its 80,000 square foot facility. With multiple production scheduling considerations at play and industrial real estate at a premium, Belmont Metals must make efficient use of every minute and every square foot in order to remain competitive.

To aid this efficiency, Belmont Metals made the strategic decision to invest in production scheduling software. PlanetTogether was selected for its powerful optimization tools, graphical drag-and-drop scheduling board, and flexible Microsoft .NET architecture.

NexTec Group, a PlanetTogether Premier Partner and Sage Software National Partner, was selected to implement the integrated business solution. "Belmont Metals evaluated a number of options and ultimately decided on PlanetTogether, Sage MAS 500, and O2 Process Manufacturing. Together these three products provide an integrated, comprehensive manufacturing solution capable of scaling with Belmont Metals as its business needs expand and change," said Andrew Nunez, general manager of Northeast offices for NexTec Group.

"The majority of the company's growth must come through efficiency rather than expansion," continued Nunez. "That's where PlanetTogether comes into play. By utilizing the real-time information, what-if analysis, and dynamic scheduling tools, it is realistic to expect that Belmont Metals can increase operating efficiency by 15 to 20 percent."

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