

#### **CLEAN /LEAN MANUFACTURING**

Working for a clean environment through Lean Manufacturing



## Who are we?

- Originally a stand alone Puerto Rican company, recently acquired by Keller Crescent.
- Started operations on 1986.
- Located in Juncos, PR.
- Approximately 100 employees
- Turn over < 2%.

## **Our Products**

- Inserts
  - Roll inserts
  - Flat inserts
  - Folded inserts
  - RTA folded outserts
- Labels
  - Pressure sensitive labels
  - Anti-counterfeiting labels
  - Special applications
- Printing mats / Plates
- Insert multi-pack presentations
- Vinyl pouches



# **Our Major Customers**

Customer	Products	Years of Service
Pfizer (Wyeth)	Inserts / outserts, Labels	24 years
Combe	Inserts / Labels	24 years
Fenwal (PR & Dominican Republic)	Inserts / outserts, labels	15years
Baxter	Labels / Printing mats	15 years
Suiza Foods. Inc.	Labels	15 years
Vaquería Tres Monjitas	Labels	10 years
Edwards Lifesciences	Labels, & printing mats	10 years
Patheon	Inserts / outserts & labels	8 years
Legacy	Inserts / outserts & Labels	8 years
Abbott	Labels / Printing mats	7 years
Typenex Medical	Labels	3 years
Warner Chilcott	Vinyl pouches	1 year
Cristalia	Labels	1 year
Hewlett Packard	Labels	1 year

## **Facilities**



- 48,000 sq. ft
- We will add a second building this year
- Electrical emergency power generator
- Water reserve supplies
- Full sprinkler system





- We are the preferred supplier for highly controlled printed components and graphic arts services. Our commitment is to provide Total Customer Satisfaction (TCS).
- We add value by using advanced technology and sharing mutual knowledge.
- We provide a stable working environment, promoting growth for our Organization and associates.

# **Market Trends - Opportunities**

- Product Patents Expiration
- Large size Outsert
- Vision Systems
- New Bar Codes– RSS / Data Matrix
- Supply Chain Management
- Anti-counterfeiting measures
- Electronic inserts

- Labels Print on Demand or Digital Applications
- Six sigma quality program
- Lean manufacturing application
- Electronic files management
- ISO Standards
- Stringent FDA Regulations

#### **The Business of Paradigms**

#### We have to change the way we do business



# **Our Goals Today**

- Present the Clean Lean Manufacturing Concept as an element of a bigger business philosophy.
- Give a testimony that a small company can apply the concept without investing a lot of money.
- That we can be productive and still protect the environment.

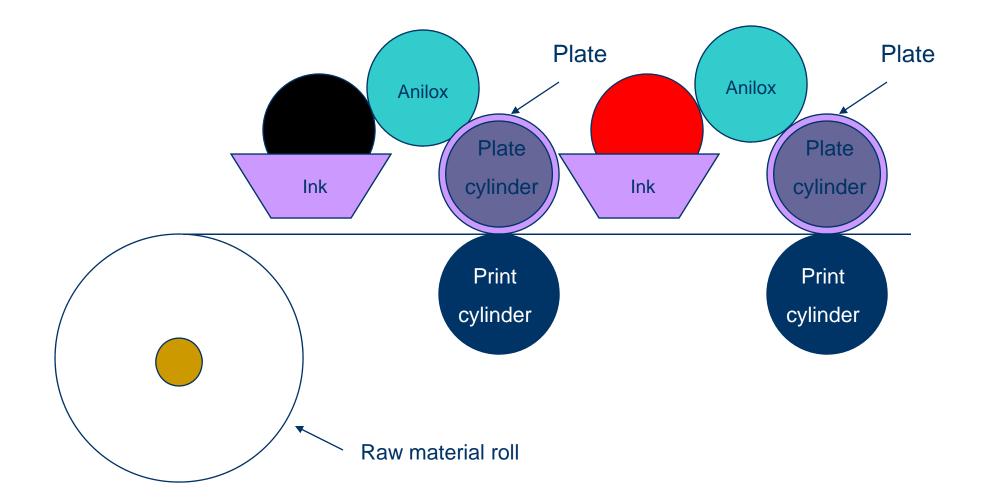
## What is Lean?

- A systematic way to:
  - Identify and eliminate waste (no added value activities) through continuous improvement
  - Force the product flow as the customer pulls it
  - Look for perfection on the manufacturing processes.

#### Lean Manufacturing Process Steps

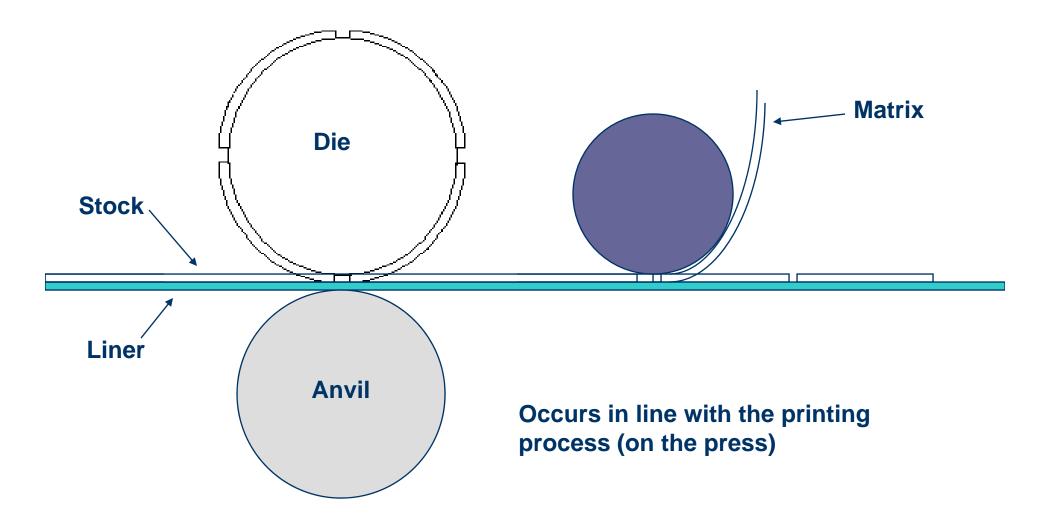
- Selected an area for the Pilot Program (Blood Bag labels)
  - Represents 48% of the total sales for Labels.
  - It has an 89% uptime on press and 47% uptime on the slitting / inspection process.
  - Customer wants for us to reduce the lead time.
  - It has a dedicated area, making it appropriate to implement a self directed team concept.

# **Printing Process**

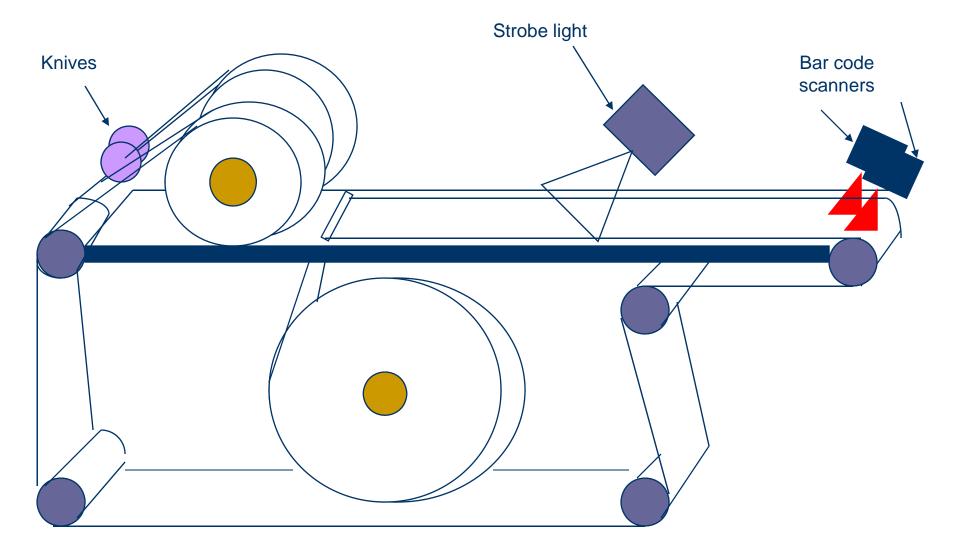




## **Die cutting process**



## **Slitting and Inspection Process**



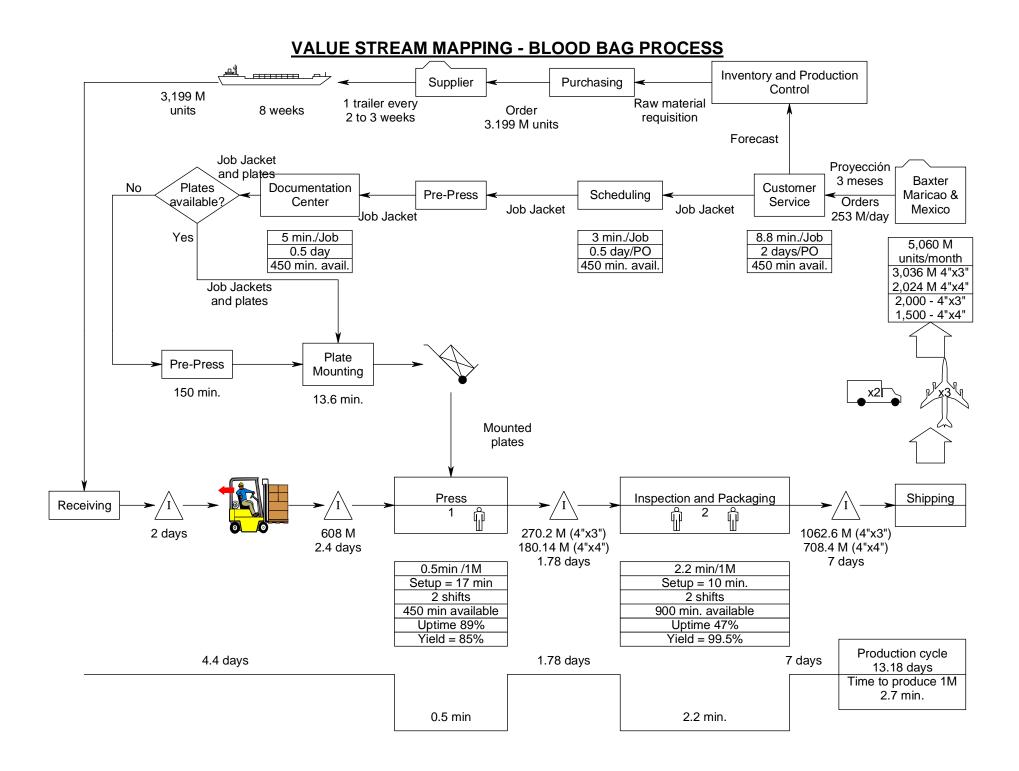


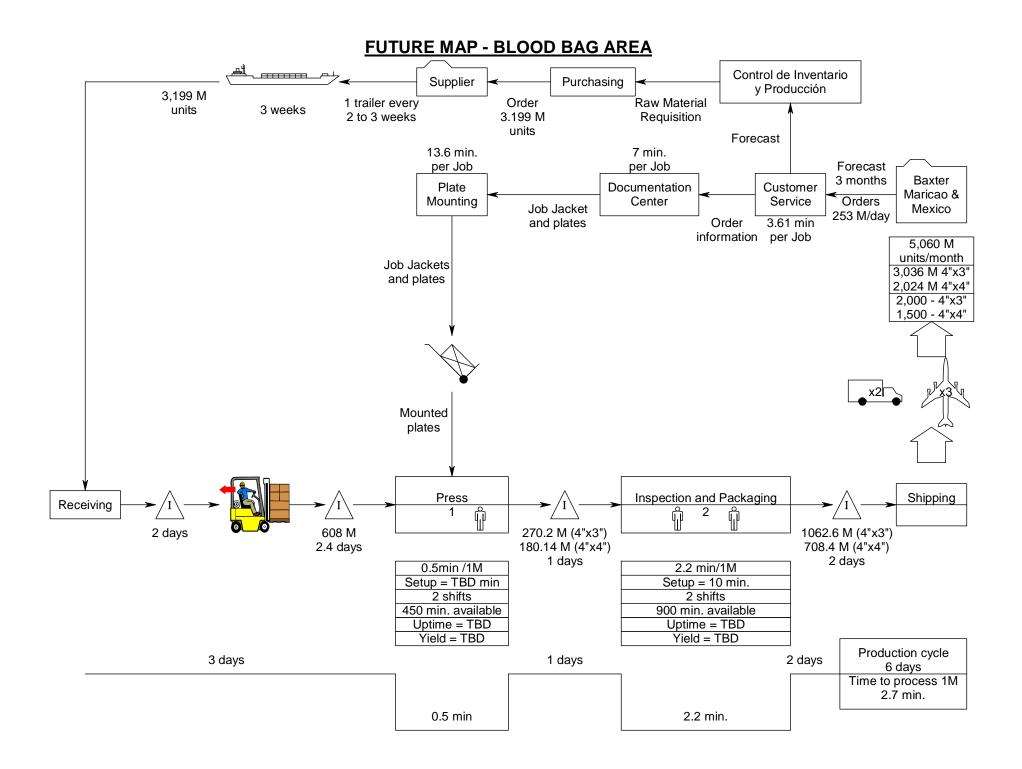
#### Lean Manufacturing Process Steps

- Conducted awareness session
- Created core team
- Educated core team
- Prepared Value Stream Mapping
- Conducted brainstorming sessions
- Developed future mapping

#### **Core Team**



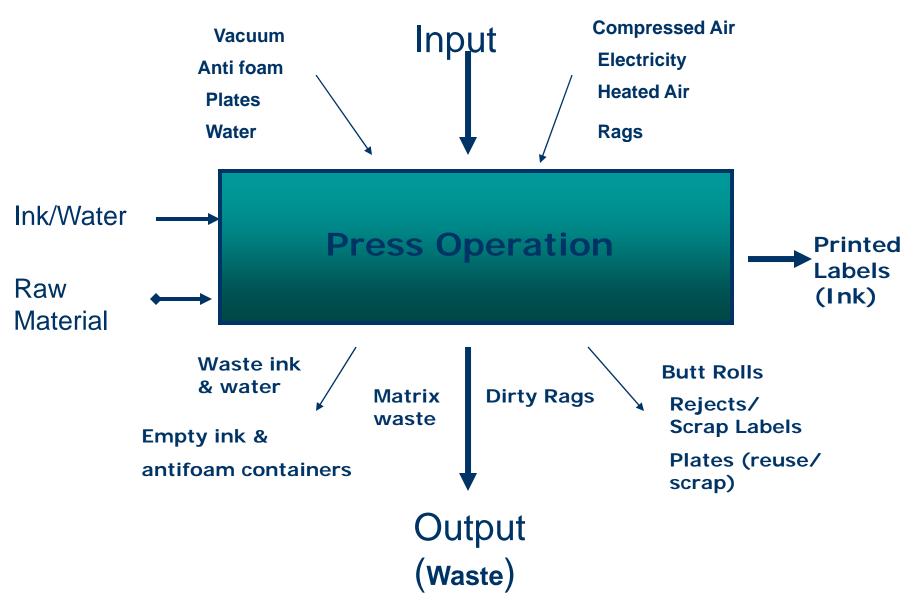




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- Received the visit of EPA Assessor to assist in process mapping development from the environmental aspect point of view.
- Educated another seventeen (17)associates, that will participate in the working teams.
- Create sub-working teams.
- Continuous Improvement

#### Label Printing Operation



#### Lean Manufacturing Process Steps

- Identified three major goals:
  - Reduce material waste by 7%
  - Reduce process down time by 47%
  - Improve material planning process to reduce inventory level
- Developed action plan

## **Material Waste Reduction**

Action	% Reduction	\$ Value / Year
Limit switch adjustment	1%	\$9,651
Raw material handling	3%	\$28,953
Setup improvements	2%	\$19,302
Tooling improvements (plates quality, press counter accuracy)	1%	\$9,651
Total	7%	\$67,557

## **Down Time Reduction**

- Operators waste too much time to get the materials needed to perform their operations.
- Only 1 QA Inspector available at the area for the 3 stations (1 press and 2 slitting). This causes down time at the stations waiting for the availability of the QA to certify line clearances, OK to run and closing of an operation.

# **Down Time Reduction**

- Shortened distance from raw material staging to the press.
- Installed cages inside the press station to have tooling required for next job already available.
- Combined QA Inspector and Packer function at the slitting stations to avoid down time waiting for the QA approval.

# **Material Planning**

• Our raw material supplier is located in France

- Their raw material is provided from the USA
- This creates a 3 month lead time to ship
- Additional 4 to 5 weeks in transit due to intermediate port used and change on cargo ship.
- 3 to 5 days to clear US Customs
- Found faster shipping alternative from France directly to PR
  - Reduction of 3 weeks in transit time

# **Other Program Benefits**

- Reduction of raw material and miscellaneous materials usage cost.
- Reduction of material disposition expenses.
  - Waste management cost
  - Hazardous material disposition services
    - Incineration
    - Disposition service companies
    - Shredding cost
- Reduction of utilities consumption
- Reduction of storage and transportation costs.