



## Intelligent Software for Agile Manufacturing

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## Ambitech and Ibiden Upgrade To Cimnet Systems' Paradigm® V2.2

*Ambitech and Ibiden announce plans to deploy the latest release of Paradigm. Cimnet's flagship product Paradigm V2.2 is more powerful, flexible and easier to use and will help achieve bottom-line business results*

**Chicago, IL – August 5, 2002** – Ambitech and Ibiden announced the plan to upgrade to Paradigm V2.2. Established as the industry's de facto standard ERP system, Paradigm V2.2 is more flexible, powerful, and easier to use. It provides intelligent tools for both quick-turn prototype and high volume multi-plant PCB manufacturers to unleash productivity and profitability.

Cimnet Systems listens closely to customers' needs. The new version includes many sought-after features, such as:

- Empowers a user with easy access to the latest data by greater reporting capabilities for both the shop floor users and managers. The result: making informed decisions faster, better, and more responsive.
- Improves scheduling, on-time delivery, asset utilization, and enables smoother manufacturing execution by making Shop Floor information available when and where needed.
- Improves communication and customer satisfaction by allowing users to update their clients with built-in e-mail.
- Allows agile manufacturing with greater flexibility in sub-assembly management.
- Provides greater flexibility with part number control to address the growing outsourcing trends.

In addition, Paradigm V2.2 offers two NEW optional modules: Web Tracker and Advanced Planning and Scheduling (APS).

### **Web Tracker: Order Visibility at Your Fingertips**

The Paradigm Web Tracker Module is your company's personalized secure, web-based solution for providing real-time order visibility. Web Tracker enables Paradigm users to create a private web-site, or extranet solution allowing your customers to find purchase orders and fulfillment status in real-time, from anywhere, using a standard browser.

Tightly integrated with Paradigm/Pro, Web Tracker provides real-time visibility into individual customer orders, status on part numbers and work orders, as well as shipment tracking details. In the meantime, Web Tracker utilizes centralized rights and privileges defined and managed within Paradigm to control access to this sensitive data.

### **APS: Dynamic Scheduling and Planning In Real-Time**

Fully integrated with Paradigm/Pro, APS is a dynamic finite capacity-scheduling module is used to obtain a more accurate representation of what will occur in the facility given the release of work orders by Paradigm. APS operating in real-time:

- Develops a production schedule based on the REAL capacity of resources within the facility (e.g. machines, labor, and tooling)
- Provides the planner and sales personnel with a tool to test options that can balance real-time dynamic capacity and demand flow.

Using finite capacity scheduling, operations are only planned when resources are available. Bottleneck resources are not over-loaded, materials are ordered only when needed. Work-in-Process stays at a relatively constant level, lead times are more predictable, and delivery dates are more reliable. As a result, a typical APS user can:

- Increase productivity by 25%
- Reduce raw material stock by 50%
- Reduce Work-in process by 50%
- Improve delivery performance by 80%

### **About Cimnet Systems, Inc.**

Based in Downers Grove, Illinois, Cimnet Systems, Inc., develops and markets its Paradigm<sup>®</sup>, Engenix<sup>™</sup>, i-Quote, CIMfactory and other software solutions and services to manage sales, engineering, production and collaboration processes through a direct sales force with offices in the USA, India, China (Hong Kong), and Germany, as well as sales representatives in Japan, China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, South Korea, and throughout Europe. Cimnet Systems, Inc. has more than 100 customers worldwide including leading PCB manufacturers such as Viasystems, Sanmina, Tyco, Teradyne, WUS, Elec & Eltek, Ibsen, Hitachi Chemicals, Circuits Engineering, Inc., DDI, Tesat (Bosch Telecom), Coretec, Aspocomp (PCB Center) and UMTC. More information about the company can be found at <http://www.cimnetsys.com>.

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