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**ATS introducing (Sticky) Lean, Six Sigma, MES and TPM Training & Workshops**

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ATS Applied Tech Systems is expanding its training portfolio with new training programmes that focus on continuous business improvement. ATS has extensive experience with the technical aspects of continuous business improvement, and by offering new trainings and workshops a holistic approach for continuous business improvement can be provided.

**Mike James, group managing director at ATS**, feels that the market is asking for structured and sustainable process improvements. "The current economic situation forces companies to make optimal use of their resources. Many companies struggle to find the best solution to achieve this. Creating sustainable process improvements in organizations is the greatest challenge of our time, and ATS has used its experience to develop a powerful method: **"Sticky Lean"** (sustaining Lean Method with MES in a way that it will 'stick').

Unlike most consultancy firms in the market, ATS does have the technical know-how and experience to make process improvements permanent. This makes our training focus not only on the methodology itself, but also on the implementation steps, the pitfalls and the technical changes, which can support and sustain the process improvement. This holistic view integrates well into our task-oriented instruction model, which we are using for several months now as a basis for all our training programmes."

**Lean manufacturing and Six Sigma**

Lean Manufacturing and Six Sigma are widely used as integrated, structured methodologies to improve business performance. In recent years, ATS has completed several projects involving key introductions of Six Sigma, Lean and MES, and combines Lean and Six Sigma training with knowledge of how to implement and enforce within any automated or semi-automated environment. For instance Six Sigma statistical process control techniques can be used for in-line quality control. The trainings also fall within the ATS World-Wide Training Certification programme whereby accredited courses add points to individual certification.

***Below you will find the training agenda***

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SHORT CONTENTS & AGENDA

TRAINING & WORKSHOPS	AGENDA	LOCATION
<p><b><u>SIX SIGMA</u></b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Training: Six Sigma Intro Yellow Belt Green Belt/Champion Workshop</b></span></p> <p><i>" The road to 0-defect quality "</i></p> <p>This Training is for managers, production, quality or service managers, starting a Six Sigma project and need more formation about the basic principles of Six Sigma. Participants will gain knowledge to improve opportunities to recognize, and then a path to improvement...</p>		
<p><b><u>LEAN MANUFACTURING</u> Training:</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Lean Introduction 5S/Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE)</b></span></p> <p><i>Reduce cost, lead time and work-in-progress "</i></p> <p>These training are designed for all kind of persons interested in the implementation of Lean Manufacturing techniques for Continuous Improvement, that typically lead to reductions in cost, lead time and work-in-progress. During this training attendees will acquire the capability to recognise continuous improvement opportunities, as well as learning to choose the appropriate tools.</p>		
<p><b><u>MES (Manufacturing Execution Systems)</u> Training</b> <b>MES Introduction &amp; Awareness</b></p> <p><i>"Real-time and reliable data for production efficiency analysis &amp; reporting"</i></p> <p>This training is intended for production companies wanted to learn more about MES. The training provides an overview of the current products in the market, which are suitable for your situation. As well as standards and MES implementations project design to not only maximize your system, but also benefit the optimize returns of continuous improvement processes by storing the best practices in the MES system</p>		
<p><b><u>TPM (Total Productive Maintenance):</u> Training</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>TPM Workshop</b></span></p> <p><i>"Totally Involved Operators"</i></p> <p>This training is intended for production companies planning to implement Total Productive Maintenance (TPM). The objective is to implement improvements with respect to the production system and more efficient use of the operators and the machinery by increasing involvement and knowledge of the production and maintenance personnel...</p>		

**Information**

Training dates and locations can be found on our website ([www.ats-global.com](http://www.ats-global.com)). Workshops focus on developing a product, and are scheduled on request. For more information please contact our training coordinator.

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