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PalmTree, Inc.'s Lean Audit™ Provides Vehicle for Sustainable Continuous Improvement

Chicago, IL. April 23, 2004 – Lean performance audits are designed to identify problematic areas that require process improvement. Through the use of a Lean audit, companies can monitor their performance over various time or condition intervals to help instill continuous improvement throughout the organization. The standardized questions, based on customized requirements, allow you to certify that every corner of your organization is thoroughly benchmarked and audited.

A Global Group Director of a diversified business describes the following benefits they have experienced as a result of a lean audit system:

- standardized benchmarking across all sectors / plants
- promotes explicit behaviors in chosen areas of lean
- audit shows plant baseline, clearly defines the gap and provides a roadmap to close gap
- gives senior management something simple but tangible/measurable to assess progress, which links to recognition
- massive opportunity for sharing best practices across sectors/sites
- provides a suitable approach to apply to the supply chain to improve supplier performance and customer relationships

The PalmTree Lean Audit™ delivers a powerful measuring tool that can be hosted in a portal or deployed as an internally hosted internet / intranet application. The main Functional / Focus areas of PalmTree's Lean Audit include, but are not limited to, 5S, Six Sigma, Production Scheduling, Kaizen, SMED (Single Minute Exchange of Dies), and TPM (Total Productive Maintenance). The PalmTree Lean Audit, which is specifically designed for ease of implementation and deployment, provides full customization, real-time results, custom reporting, and integration with wireless technology. Companies can implement the audit at the Workgroup, Department, Company, or Enterprise levels.

PalmTree, Inc. is a woman-owned business enterprise headquartered in Chicago, Illinois with operations across the United States. PalmTree offers services in Lean Enterprise Implementation and software solutions centered on lean concepts.

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