ABSTRACT

Supply Chain Challenges for Automation Providers who serve CPG’s

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Consumer Product Producers and their Equipment Vendors have significant challenges that face them given the present and future situations to address labor shortages driving automation, but also faced with how this equipment is supported. In addition, the consumer demands have changed and the need to address Batch of One manufacturing while maintaining high productivity levels is driving the needs for high speed, but yet flexible machines.

These two challenges will be addressed as we see how the supply base, including machine builders and their technology provider partners are responding to these challenges. Traditional approaches to machine design have to be tossed aside and new approaches to technical support and production line flexibility will be illustrated.

The demand for flexible automation solutions has never been higher and is going to continue to grow as the workforce dynamics continue to grow widening the gap between the need for labor and the limited supply. Coupled with the need for more and more capability and flexibility of these same machines, support of this technology will be a significant factor to manage for the future success of these producers. The supply chain is responding to these challenges in a variety of ways as these challenges create opportunities for innovative companies.