

## Castings PLC

Are an established iron casting and machining group and a major supplier of specialised castings to the motor industry at home and abroad. We utilise a specialised stand alone manufacturing system that includes the billing of sales to our customers based on an IBM computer running the AIX operating system. We have been users of the Sage Accounting Systems for many years in its various forms and currently run Line 500 version 6 on a Susie Linux platform with the IBM Informix On-Line database.

To facilitate the automation of our sales information into our general ledger, a file is generated by our manufacturing system in an agreed format which is used to create a nominal ledger journal. We chose ThinkLink from Carlins Software Solutions Ltd to generate the nominal ledger journal from the data supplied.

The programs and interface files were simple to install and configure and with no manual intervention required. Once the initial automatic data transfer routines were established between the various machines and platforms it has worked seamlessly for many years without resort to support or maintenance. The interfaces are extremely flexible and allow modifications to be made easily without resorting to expensive program change's, there are a wide range of interfaces which covers all of the financial and distribution modules within Sage Line 500/1000.

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