



**Stuart Roby**  
Director of Lean Enterprise  
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Stuart has recently taken up the role of Director of Lean Enterprise at Vitasheet Group where he is responsible for the lean transformation of the company's international sites.

Stuart joined Vitasheet from The Manufacturing Institute where he was Principal Consultant. Among the many clients Stuart has helped is Quantum Profile Systems. Following a year of intensive lean activity, Quantum improved its productivity by more than 35% and reduced lead times by over 50%. Its delivery performance is now in excess of 97%. Lean thinking and working is now completely embedded in the company's daily processes.

Stuart joined The Manufacturing Institute from Goodrich Actuation Systems (formerly Lucas Aerospace) where, as Continuous Improvement Manager, he engaged the entire 300-strong workforce in a continuous improvement drive. In addition to major productivity increases, it typically improved quality and reduced inventory by around 30%, cut days to manufacture by nearly 80% and produced cycle time reductions of 55%. In leading this initiative, Stuart exhibited one of his key strengths: the ability to develop sustainable improvement programmes which align the strategic requirements of the organisation with the local implementation of best practice tools and techniques.