

**A SYSTEM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION  
BETWEEN A MACHINING APPARATUS AND A TRANSFER DEVICE**

**Abstract**

In a system for an exchange of information between a machine tool (1) and a transfer device (11) for feeding blank or pre-machined work pieces or tools to the machine tool (1) or removing machined products or tools from the machine tool (1), the machine tool (1) comprises a control unit (3) and an interface (4), whereby the control unit (3) monitors and controls machining states of the machine tool (1) and transmits information regarding the machining states of the machine tool (1) via the interface (4) to the transfer device (11) to activate the transfer device (11), said transfer device (11) receiving the information via an interface (14) assigned to it and processing said information by means of a control unit (13) assigned to it and reacting in response to the information, whereby a printer interface is used as the interface (4) of the machine tool (1).

(Fig. 1)