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### GE Fanuc Automation Makes It Easy For Municipalities To Solve Water/Wastewater Operational Needs With Municipal Water Package

#### **Global Leader in HMI/SCADA Technology Provides Products and Solutions To Address Toughest Monitoring and Control Issues**

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, OCTOBER 24, 2006 GE Fanuc Automation, a unit of GE Industrial, has announced a set of Municipal Water Packages specifically designed for the water/wastewater industry. Combining award-winning Proficy™ HMI/SCADA – iFIX®, Historian and Portal products together in a variety of sizes, GE Fanuc makes it easy for municipalities to obtain the solution they need for their water facilities.

“Operational costs are one of the largest problems water facilities face today,” said Roy Kok, Senior Product Manager, Proficy HMI/SCADA – iFIX. “By working with thousands of customers from around the world, we realized that only a world-class HMI/SCADA product could perform the monitoring and control needed to address these problems. The Municipal Water Package will allow municipalities to use all of the operational data it gathers and stores to gain insight and make the tough decisions needed to reduce energy and chemical costs.”

The Municipal Water Package includes:

- **Proficy HMI/SCADA - iFIX** offers scan based operation ideally suited to applications requiring consistent performance and known response times. Process automation, in particular regulated industries, must be able to depend on the quality of their data, along with operator audit trails in order to maintain a tight control over their operation. Proficy HMI/SCADA - iFIX delivers this powerful process visualization, data acquisition and supervisory control. Based on Client/Server distributed and open architecture, it easily and quickly integrates with existing operations and offers a broad range of additional features.
- **Proficy Historian** provides a robust and effective plant data repository to collect, archive and distribute large volumes of real-time, plant floor information quickly and easily. Able to read all types of process data, Historian will provide a window into manufacturing operations across all key metrics.
- **Proficy Portal** provides a web-based overview of all key metrics so municipalities can operate more efficiently. Its sophisticated trending and reporting capabilities take advantage of the

high performance data storage ability of Proficy Historian, allowing more focus on continuous improvement.

With the Municipal Water Packages, GE Fanuc allows municipalities to select the size of the system they need. They can start small and easily expand by increasing the tag size of iFIX or Historian applications, or adding Portal clients as needed.

“GE Fanuc has always taken an open systems approach with the design of our products,” continued Kok. “We support communications with all major control vendors which means municipalities will have all the data they need.”

GE Fanuc is a founding member of OPC and an active participant in the development and adoption of specifications today. The GE Fanuc OPC Client, Server, Alarms and Events, and the adoption of the OPC UA into new product developments means that system data is easily collected and shared with other systems, and information from other systems can be accessed by GE Fanuc software.

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#### About GE Fanuc Automation

GE Fanuc Automation Corporation, a joint venture between GE and FANUC LTD of Japan, delivers automation hardware and software designed to help users reduce costs, increase efficiency and enhance profitability. With solutions and services catering to virtually every industrial segment, GE Fanuc Automation provides a diverse array of capabilities and products, including controllers, embedded systems, advanced software, motion control, CNCs, operator interfaces, industrial computers, and lasers. Headquartered in Charlottesville, VA, GE Fanuc Automation is a part of GE Industrial and combines the diverse global strengths of the GE family with the local presence customers need to design, develop and maintain their automation investments.

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