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GE Fanuc Automation Speaking At IFPAC Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland

Discussion Centers On Data Infrastructure Component of Effective PAT Solutions

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, JANUARY 15, 2007 GE Fanuc Automation, a unit of GE Industrial, announced that Bart Reitter, GE Fanuc Life Sciences Global Marketing Manager, will be speaking at the International Foundation for Process Analytical Chemistry (IFPAC) annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, January 28-31, 2007. Reitter's presentation will discuss "Providing the Foundation for Routine Chemometric Processing in the PAT World."

IFPAC is a worldwide, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of Process Analytical Technology (PAT) and Chemistry. The organization provides a platform for the interaction of ideas and sharing of information between industry, research institutions, government agencies, and the manufacturers and suppliers of process analytical chemistry and technology. The ultimate goal of the group is to understand and control the manufacturing process.

"PAT is one of the cornerstones for process understanding and control and is recognized as a means for meeting both the current challenges, as well as the future needs of the industry," according to IFPAC's web site.

"As PAT deployments grow," said Reitter, "so do the number of instruments and software applications. The quantity and type of data also grows significantly. It is imperative that organizations have a robust data infrastructure to support those deployments. Consideration needs to be given not only to spectral data acquired from the instrument, but also to process, batch, alarm and event data as well. With the goal of PAT being a comprehensive understanding of the process, it is important to build out a data infrastructure that can acquire, store and analyze all of that disparate data."

GE Fanuc is a leader in providing manufacturing solutions to the Life Sciences industry. The company's PAT offering, comprised of Proficy™ RX, Proficy™ Historian, Proficy™ HMI/SCADA iFIX and Proficy™ Real Time Information Portal is a unique software solution that provides standardized control and networking of multiple instruments, preprocessing of analytical data ensuring similar data formats and protocols, robust storage of process, spectral, batch, alarm and event data, operator interface capability and reporting and analysis tools.

About GE Fanuc Automation

GE Fanuc Automation, 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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