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GE Fanuc Intelligent Platforms Announces the Release of Proficy® Batch Execution 5.1 Software

Ease of Use, Performance, and System Integration are the focus of this latest offering

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, DECEMBER 18, 2007 GE Fanuc Intelligent Platforms, a unit of GE Enterprise Solutions, today announced that it has released the latest version of Proficy® Batch Execution – Version 5.1. This release is highlighted by new features that focus on ease of use, performance, and system integration designed to improve customer productivity and reduce system operational costs.

This new version of the industry-leading Batch Execution software product introduces a variety of features to simplify and improve the design, maintenance, and operation of batch processes. Included in the release are a Tabular Recipe Editor, new ActiveX Controls, integration with the ground-breaking Proficy® Process Systems, performance enhancements, and ease of use features.

"We are finding more customers in more industries interested in taking advantage of our ISA S88 based Batch solutions," said Steve Ryan, Director of Process Solutions for GE Fanuc Intelligent Platforms. "Our latest release greatly simplifies batch systems development and deployment while providing the comprehensive capability and power of S88. Whether providing batch solutions for an OEM skid or replacing a previous Custom Batch system, Proficy Batch Execution software provides a cost-effective Simple Batch approach that can scale and be standards based. Our new Tabular Recipe Editor, with its spreadsheet feel and style, allows engineers to be much more efficient in managing their batch operations.

"In today's ever challenging global manufacturing marketplace, we are finding more customers looking for that competitive edge, for a more comprehensive approach to close that gap that has long existed between information and automation systems and obtain process visibility and analytics to help them optimize their processes, to deliver performance," continued Ryan. "Our Batch 5.1 release closes that gap leveraging our Proficy architecture and strong suite of execution, analytics and optimization applications, Plant Applications which includes Batch Analysis, Production/Genealogy, Quality, and Efficiency modules. The ability for customers to seamlessly integrate our Batch Management capability to our Process Control System, Proficy Process Systems, means that they can obtain even greater value from their GE Fanuc process solutions."

Batch Execution 5.1 software also introduces a new ActiveX Control that simplifies the operation of the batch system. The control allows users to view the active phases of the recipes being executed, along with the key parameters that are being collected for each phase. The ActiveX control is designed to

work in both GE Fanuc Intelligent Platforms Proficy® HMI/SCADA – iFIX and Proficy® HMI/SCADA – CIMPLICITY products, as well as other ActiveX containers.

Other significant features include new driver support, enhanced tag templates, key quality parameters, recipe export to XML, and performance enhancements

Additional information about Proficy Process Systems, as well as a registration form to order an introductory CD about GE Fanuc Process Solutions, are available on the GE Fanuc website at: www.gefanuc.com/process.

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