



HMS works with MatrikonOPC™

Expanded connectivity for HMS Anybus PCI Cards with OPC Technology

Edmonton, January 11, 2007 -- HMS Industrial Networks is proud to announce its choice of MatrikonOPC, a division of Matrikon Inc., as its vendor for full OPC connectivity to Anybus-PCI cards and Anybus X-gateways.

HMS Anybus-PCI cards are based on the proven Anybus communication modules, which have just surpassed the half-million mark in worldwide sales since 2001. To enhance the application range of the Anybus-PCI cards, HMS has integrated OPC technology between the communication interface of the cards and a variety of PC-based monitoring and control applications. HMS chose an OPC solution because it is a widely accepted, standards-based technology, enabling client applications to access the process data of decentralized field devices via industrial networks. OPC connectivity reduces engineering effort and the cost of interfacing PC-based control applications with industrial networks. HMS knows MatrikonOPC to be a reliable developer who can provide a robust catalogue of best-of-breed OPC solutions for its fast-growing client base.

The result of the HMS and MatrikonOPC partnership is the MatrikonOPC Server for Anybus-PCI cards. The MatrikonOPC Server enables users to gather and serve large amounts of data through a real-time OPC Data Access interface to any vendor's OPC client application. MatrikonOPC was able to develop a plug-and-play solution that provides end users with optimized output from the Anybus-PCI cards, as well as substantial time and expense savings. The standardized OPC server eliminates the need for the development of proprietary customized solutions.

"The use of OPC technology enables HMS to provide turnkey combined software/hardware solutions for our global customer base," says Martin Falkman, product manager at HMS Industrial Networks.

HMS now offers a full range of MatrikonOPC software and utilities that can be combined with a variety of HMS Anybus connectivity products. The combined HMS/MatrikonOPC solutions offer full scalability for true device and application interoperability.

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About HMS Industrial Networks

HMS is the leading independent supplier of embedded network technology for automation devices. HMS develops and manufactures solutions for interfacing automation devices to industrial networks. Development and manufacturing takes place at the head office in Halmstad, Sweden. Local sales and In-Design support for device manufacturers is provided by the branch offices in Chicago, Beijing, Karlsruhe, Milan, Paris and Tokyo and through a global distribution network. HMS employs 130 persons of which 35 in R&D and reports sales of \$30 million in 2006.

MatrikonOPC (A division of Matrikon Inc. (TSX: MTK))

With a collection of more than 500 OPC products and over 100,000 installations worldwide, MatrikonOPC is the world's largest OPC company. MatrikonOPC is a charter member of the OPC Foundation, and has demonstrated a commitment to developing OPC as the industrial connectivity standard.

MatrikonOPC's international customer base includes a wide range of companies from process to discrete manufacturers in industrial, commercial and military applications. With offices throughout North America, Australia, Europe and the Middle East, MatrikonOPC's reach is global. Visit MatrikonOPC at www.MatrikonOPC.com

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