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Open Automation Software's Customers Choose KEPServerEX Two-to-One for Modbus Connectivity between OPCSystems.NET and SCADA Systems

Evergreen, CO, USA – June 13, 2011 – Today, Open Automation Software announced the results of a customer poll that showed OPC Systems.NET users chose KEPServerEX for a complete OPC solution over the other OPC Servers on the market. Over 50% of Open Automation Software's customers chose to "Get Connected" with Kepware, and reported a high level of satisfaction when using the product with OPCSystems.NET. OPCSystems.NET has the built-in ability to share real-time Modbus data with: databases, Microsoft Excel, OPC Clients, OPC Servers, and .NET applications. This functionality opens the door for Modbus users to have endless possibilities for secure data transfer and visualization over the Internet without DCOM.

Modbus is the most popular protocol that Open Automation Software and Kepware customers are using with the KEPServerEX. World wide it has been chosen more often by OEMs to provide communications for their custom electronic equipment. Open Automation Software has written several different drivers including OPC Servers for Modbus, Modbus TCP, and Modbus Plus, more than any other protocol. The Modbus protocol is well documented in an open format so it is extremely easy to support and is why it is the most popular protocol in the world. There are also many third party tools available to emulate Modbus devices and Modbus masters. Open Automation Software often uses the Kepware Modbus Slave driver to share .NET data with customers that have Modbus master applications.

"We often have customers with the need to transfer data from Modbus devices into proprietary systems. The combination of OPCWindowsHMI.NET and the KEPServerEX provides robust data transfer, and confirmation, with the OPCControlsData component. Other customers would like their data from SQL Server, Oracle, or Access to be written to Modbus devices which Open Automation Software's OPCRecipe.NET feature can implement without any programming at all. OPCClient.NET enables users to leverage the Internet for a secure remote connection to third party OPC Clients," said Ken Eldridge, President of Open Automation Software.

"Both Kepware and Open Automation Software are long time members of the OPC Foundation, and are committed to providing dynamic products that often exceed the OPC Specifications for performance. Combining the OPCSystems.NET OPC Client with the

OPC Server from Kepware makes an extremely solid and scalable OPC solution,” said Thomas Burke, President and Executive Director of the OPC Foundation.

“After using a variety of different OPC Products before using OPC Systems, all I can say is that I didn’t know what I was missing. OPC Systems software easily interfaces with the .NET platform and I am continually receiving updates with new controls and functionality. I have yet to come across an OPC Server that OPC Systems cannot interface with easily and reliably. All of this combined with the stability of the OPC Systems platform has made me a true believer in the company. Since our first use of OPC Systems software it has been incorporated into every project that we undertake,” commented Thomas Harkness, IOPS Project Manager, JBT AeroTech.

“We have seen Open Automation Software products used in a wide variety of industries and applications,” said Tony Paine, President of Kepware Technologies. “It is great to see that through open standards, such as OPC, customers realize that they can build secure, reliable and scalable solutions with components from different vendors.”

More information about OPC Systems.NET can be found at www.opcsystems.com and more information about Kepware can be found at www.kepware.com .

About Open Automation Software:

Open Automation Software was formed in 1993 with the vision of empowering end-users and OEMs with the freedom to create the applications they needed to truly build “best of breed” systems. Open Automation Software achieved this by providing the tools to quickly and easily develop SCADA products using Microsoft Visual Studio. The culmination of this vision was the creation of OPC Systems.NET. OPC Systems.NET is the flagship product for Open Automation Software and leverages OPC standards from the OPC Foundation to enable secure communications and support for Smart Clients, Web-based Clients and Server, Mobile Clients, and Mobile Devices.

For more information, refer to www.opcsystems.com.

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About Kepware Technologies:

Kepware Technologies develops a wide range of communication and interoperability software solutions for the Automation industry. Our solutions allow you to connect disparate software and hardware systems, providing applications with quality, ease of use, and high performance. Furthermore, our in-depth experience with software design, development, support, and maintenance allows us to provide high-performance communications software without sacrificing quality and ease of use.

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