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InduSoft and Altersys Team up to add Windows CE and Internet to Virgo Automation Suite Software

AUSTIN, TEXAS — March 5, 2001 — Altersys Corp. and Indusoft teamed up to combine Altersys' ISaGRAF-based Virgo Automation Suite and Indusoft's Web Studio, so that Virgo could be ported to Windows CE and communicate with other systems via the Internet.

Based on ISaGRAF IEC 61131 technology, Virgo Suite holds all the necessary components for configuring and running automation systems (embedded or not) including HMI, alarms, events, trends, hard real-time control, and communications. It fully addresses the requirements of multiple industrial automation and utility market segments, enabling any type of control whether continuous, batch, or discrete in both supervisory and fully automatic modes. It also supports a vast array of mission-critical applications ranging from nuclear and conventional power to metal smelting, industrial baking, food processing and many more.

When Windows CE 3.0 became available last year, Altersys wanted to port Virgo to the new platform, so it worked with Indusoft to add Web Studio to the Virgo system. "We could have made the necessary modifications ourselves," says Terry Miller, president of Altersys, "but it was so much easier to add the Indusoft system. It dropped right into our package with no fuss, so we were instantly Windows CE compatible."

InduSoft Web Studio provides an HMI and SCADA system that runs in native Windows CE 3.0, NT, and 2000 environments. The package can migrate upward from an embedded CE 3.0



instrumentation controller to a large-scale NT-based supervisory or distributed control system. Web Studio is Web-enabled and has XML outputs, so it can communicate with everything from Ethernet-based instrumentation to higher level enterprise software over the Internet.

Indusoft also supports WAP (Wireless Application Protocol), SMS (short message service) and 802.11B wireless, so that Web Studio can communicate with virtually every type of wireless device currently in use on the plant floor.

"Web Studio is an ideal solution for software and hardware OEMs like Altersys," says Ernest Roland, president of InduSoft. "It eliminates all the tiresome, detailed programming that companies have to perform to meet Windows CE 3.0 specs. Most companies, like Altersys, can just 'drop it in' to make their products Internet-enabled and CE-compatible."

Together, the Virgo and Web Studio packages provide the only ISaGRAF-based HMI, SCADA and embedded control system that runs on Windows CE 3.0 and has Internet capability.

About InduSoft

Founded in 1997, InduSoft provides a powerful family of industrial software products for developing applications in process supervision, automation and control for Windows 2000, NT and CE operating systems. Today, InduSoft is developing tools and technologies to empower people and companies to develop graphical interfaces, integrate Web browsers, and take advantage of Internet connectivity. More than 4,000 InduSoft HMI, SCADA, control and data acquisition systems are operating worldwide.