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Ci Technologies & IOtech Team to Provide Affordable High-Performance Data Acquisition Solutions for Industry

New ScanWare System Tightly Integrated With Citect Software

CHICAGO — (National Manufacturing Week: March 6, 2001) Ci Technologies, Inc. today announced a new marketing and re-sale alliance with IOtech, Inc., a leading provider of economical high-performance data acquisition equipment to the Test & Measurement and Industrial Automation Markets. The new ScanWare™ system pre-integrates Citect™ with IOtech's high performance data acquisition hardware and through dedicated drivers and configuration tools makes it easy for users to collect and analyze information.

“With its new ScanWare system, IOtech is making it easier and more economical for scientists and engineers in a broad range of industries to collect and analyze test and production data” says Richard Bailey, President of Ci Technologies, Inc. “This is a high-performance hardware/software solution that is flexible, scalable and capable of meeting application requirements from the test lab or pilot plant, to the shop floor and plant wide monitoring.”

The new ScanWare system is composed of three “best-of-breed” hardware components all tightly integrated with Citect control and monitoring software. These components are PointScan, Ethernet-based distributed I/O modules, Scan Series serial and Ethernet-based high-speed and channel-count data loggers, and the DaqBoard/2000c™ series of CompactPCI™ boards for data acquisition.

Targeted at product/production test, facilities monitoring, and machine monitoring applications with 16-500 local and/or distributed I/O, ScanWare with Citect is capable of expanding to meet future application requirements, and applications with much higher channel counts—thus preserving initial investments.

“ScanWare is the only solution that fills the gap between small systems with limited functionality and scalability, and larger, more expensive solutions from PLC and DCS suppliers that require higher levels of integration expertise and support,” says Tom DeSantis, President of IOtech, Inc. “Market trends in data acquisition include the need for more (analog) I/O, open systems, scalable architectures, higher performance, enterprise-wide networking, and lower cost,” adds DeSantis. “ScanWare with Citect addresses all of these requirements with a pre-integrated solution providing immediate system start-up, easy system expansion, and full customization capabilities.”

About IOtech

IOtech, Inc., based near Cleveland, Ohio, designs and manufactures PC-based data acquisition and measurement instrumentation. IOtech’s products are sold worldwide for use in a wide range of industries including automotive, aerospace, chemical, communication, electronics, and many others. For more information visit IOtech’s Website at www.iotech.com.

About Ci Technologies

Ci Technologies is a leader in the development and application of SCADA and HMI software for industrial automation. Citect — its core software product — is renowned for providing powerful and reliable HMI/SCADA solutions and is a leading process monitoring software system with over 33,000 licenses sold. There are presently over 80 Citect distributors worldwide (more than 40 in the US) with sales and support offices in Australia, USA, Europe and China. Ci Technologies’ Website is www.citect.com

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