Mitsubishi Electric continues its record of innovation in automation technology

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Mitsubishi Electric is presenting several innovations in key automation technologies at the SPS IPC Drives. These cutting edge technologies have been developed to enhance the productivity, efficiency and performance of production plants across all industrial sectors.

For current and future demanding automation needs in industry, Mitsubishi Electric offers a wide range of services and solutions that help increase productivity, improve operational efficiency, energy usage, life cycle engineering and security.

The company’s solutions are based on its wide range of hardware. The portfolio includes programmable logic controllers (PLCs), human machine interfaces (HMIs), inverters, servo/motion controllers, servo motors, industrial robots, network technology and switchgear. This is complemented by software for control, management, automation project development, building and commissioning.

Mitsubishi Electric has a worldwide reputation for supplying outstandingly reliable automation products and solutions. As well as machine builders, it supports industries such as water, food and beverage, process, CPG (Consumer Packaged Goods), packaging, automotive and life science. The Customer benefits from the company’s constant focus on innovation, which goes back to its founding principles.

For instance, Mitsubishi Electric has always been a leader in connectivity of technologies and as far back as the turn of the century was looking at the potential of what became known as ‘the Internet of Things’. This refers to the Internet-like
network connection of autonomous machines and systems which is now evolving into the vision of Industry 4.0 – the use of cyber-physical systems to interconnect production machinery and business / management systems across many sites so that the efficiency of the whole value chain can be fully optimised.

A related development was seen in the rise of ‘open’ communications, which allow equipment from various manufacturers to be easily connected together into automation systems. This removes the restriction of having to choose equipment from only one or two mutually compatible manufacturers. Once again Mitsubishi Electric was at the forefront of this trend with its development of an open communications solution called CC-Link (and its Industrial Ethernet variant CC-Link IE). Naturally, to be ‘open’, Mitsubishi Electric has put the design specification of CC-Link into the public domain so that any device maker can adopt it.

Still with communications and connectivity, over many years Mitsubishi Electric has advanced programmable logic controllers (PLCs) from virtually standalone units into a technology that allows many automation disciplines over a common backplane. This technology is known today as the iQ Platform.

Mitsubishi Electric has also recognised that no single company can address all the automation needs of every industry. As a result it has built the e-F@ctory concept, a part of which is the partnership of specialist automation companies that can work together to develop a best-in-class solution for a wide range of applications. This partnership is well known as e-F@ctory Alliance.

These initiatives and innovations show a clear understanding towards increased connectivity and the ideals of Industry 4.0, with Mitsubishi Electric, as always, helping lead the way.
You can see examples of Mitsubishi Electric’s solutions and talk to experts at SPS IPC DRIVES, (Nuremberg, Germany 24.-26.11.2015, Hall 7 – Stand 391).

Plus you can see Mitsubishi Electric on the Eplan stand, a partner of the e-F@ctory Alliance, Hall 6 - Stand 210.

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1 See how Mitsubishi Electric is able to respond to today’s automation demands:

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About e-F@ctory

e-F@ctory is Mitsubishi Electric’s integrated concept to build reliable and flexible manufacturing systems that enable users to achieve many of their high speed, information driven manufacturing aspirations. Through its partner solution activity, the e-F@ctory Alliance, and its work with open network associations such as The CC-Link Partners Association (CLPA), users can build comprehensive solutions based on a wide ranging “best in class” principle.

In summary, e-F@ctory and the e-F@ctory Alliance enable customers to achieve integrated manufacturing but still retain the ability to choose the most optimal suppliers and solutions.

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With over 90 years of experience in providing reliable, high-quality products to both corporate clients and general consumers all over the world, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation is a recognized world leader in the manufacture, marketing and sales of electrical and electronic equipment used in information processing and communications, space development and satellite communications, consumer electronics, industrial technology, as well as in products for the energy sector, water and waste water, transportation and building equipment.

With around 129,000 employees the company recorded consolidated group sales of 36,0 billion US Dollar* in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015. Our sales offices, research & development centres and manufacturing plants are located in over 30 countries.

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