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Patton Launches Industrial-Ethernet and Hardened-Network Gear at ISA EXPO 2006

EtherBITS™ serial device servers and EnviroNET™ NEMA4 industrial-network solutions will take the spotlight at ISA EXPO 2006 in booth 2571 and during Patton's Thursday press conference.

GAITHERSBURG, MD: At ISA EXPO 2006 next week, Patton Electronics—the leader in network-access, connectivity, and VoIP—will showcase new solutions for the industrial-automation network: the EtherBITS™ brand of single-port serial-to-Ethernet device servers, and the EnviroNET™ brand of hardened industrial-network equipment.

Scott Whittle, VP of Product Management, will introduce Patton's industrial-networking solutions at ISA's press event on Thursday, October 19th at 11:00 AM.

"Everything-over-Ethernet," said Mr. Whittle. "That is where the automated environment is going. PLCs, meters, card readers…Patton's solution preserves legacy networking investments while leveraging the benefits of new technology. EtherBITS™ brings industrial devices into the age of IP."

EtherBITS™ single-port device servers transparently and securely connect serial RS-232/RS-422/RS-485 devices to wired and wireless IP networks for automated control, monitoring, and data-collection.

"We're breaking environmental barriers," said Johnnie Grant, product manager. "Years ago Patton pioneered a technology for breaking the Ethernet distance barrier. Now, with EnviroNET™, we're pushing network technologies to greater extremes."

EnviroNET™ solutions deliver industrial communications (Ethernet-over-copper, commercial/outdoor VoIP, and others) in temperatures ranging from -40 to +185°F (-40 to +85°C). Suitable for installation in offshore oil rigs, pit mines, railway beds, and other harsh environments, EnviroNET™ enclosures protect network equipment against high wind, precipitation, salt spray, sand, oil, corrosive chemicals, and ice. An expansive range of EnviroNET™ products is under development.

Patton is now shipping EnviroNET™ Ethernet Extenders that extend 10/100Base-TX Ethernet up to 5 miles (8 kilometers) over copper twisted-pair, and EnviroNET™ Voice-over-IP Gateways that convert FXS, FXO, and ISDN BRI circuits to state-of-the-art VoIP for outdoor pay phones, utility-pole call-boxes, or mine-shaft hotlines (where wireless is not an option).

Meet Patton in booth 2571 at ISA EXPO 2006 during 17–19 October at the Reliant Center in Houston, Texas, USA.

Patton's press conference will take place at 11:00 AM Thursday 19 October in the Press Room, located in Room 101A. To schedule an interview with Mr. Whittle, contact Annie Walker at 301-975-1000 x107 or annie@patton.com.

For hi-resolution images of the EnviroNET™ and EtherBITS™ products, go to Patton's media resources page and click on *Hardened Networking* for EnviroNET™ and *Device Servers* for EtherBITS™.

About Patton

Patton manufactures communications equipment for carrier, enterprise, and industrial networks worldwide. Incorporated in 1984, Patton's catalog of more than 500 products includes SmartNode™ and SmartLink™ VoIP solutions; ForeFront™ multi-service access infrastructure solutions (T1/E1, G.SHDSL, xDSL, dial-up); IPLink™ CPE solutions (WAN routers, modems, remote access servers, NTUs, CSU/DSUs); CopperLink™ Ethernet Extenders; EtherBITS™ device servers; EnviroNET™ industrial-networking equipment, network-connectivity Micro-Products (interface-converters, etc.), and more.

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