Kepware Releases KEPServerEX Version 4.5 - Latest Release Delivers 5 New Drivers and Enhances 39 others

Portland, ME, **February 11, 2009** – Kepware Technologies, the leader in Communications for Automation, announced today that it has released version 4.5 of KEPServerEX, delivering five New Drivers and offering enhancements to 39 others. The company has also announced enhancements to the core KEPServerEX architecture.

KEPServerEX is the world's leading communications solution for automation, delivered to the market through a variety of OEM, Channel and End User sales. This release delivers support for five new protocols including; Allen Bradley 1609 UPS (support for their Industrial UPS), Beckhoff Twincat (supporting their wide variety of controllers), Cutler-Hammer ELC Ethernet (supporting their controllers), OPTO 22 (supporting SNAP products), and System Monitor (enabling HMI/SCADA products to monitoring the inner workings of the PC they are running on).

In addition to new Drivers, KEPServerEX version 4.5 also delivers enhancements to; Aromat, AB ControlLogix, Cutler-Hammer ELC Serial, Koyo DirectNet, DNP3, Sixnet EtherTrak, Fisher ROC, ROC Plus, GE CCM, GE SRTP, GE EGD, GE SNP, GE SNPX, Wonderware Intouch Client Driver, Koyo KSequence, Mitsubishi CNC Ethernet, Mitsubishi FX, Mitsubishi FXNET, Modbus ASCII, Modbus Ethernet, Modbus Serial RTU, Omron Processor Suite, Omron Hostlink, Ethernet PING, PLC Direct EBC, Siemens S7 MPI, Siemens Ethernet, Siemens Ethernet Unsolicited, Scanivalve Ethernet, Industrial SNMP, SQUARE D, Atlas Copco and Stanley Torque Tool Protocols, Toyopuc, Wago Ethernet, WeatherBug for Automation, Yokogawa Darwin, Yokogawa Ethernet, and Yokogawa DXP.

"Our customers, from OEMs to End Users, expect the very best communications technology from Kepware and we work very hard to deliver that," explained Tony Paine, Executive VP and CTO of Kepware Technologies. "This release is a reinforcement of our quarterly deliveries and the level of effort we put into each one. We deliver key enhancements with every release, enabling our OEMs to expand their available markets. Our end customers see our continuing management of legacy protocols, to make sure they can always communicate with even the oldest systems in their plant."

According to Craig Resnick, Research Director, ARC Advisory Group, "Dealing with multiple generations of automation products is an issue that affects all manufacturers. This creates a big challenge to find a way to not only provide interoperability between plant floor and enterprise, but also to provide a link between multiple generations of legacy automation products, which ARC refers to as 'linking the legacy'. Kepware's version 4.5 of their KEPServerEX communications solution for automation appears to be designed to bridge the integration gap between legacy and state-of-the-art automation products, along with leveraging their extensive experience and installed base to enable interoperability between the multiple varieties of products that coexist on the plant floor."

About Kepware
Kepware is the world leader in communication software for automation and offers a unique experience in both OPC and embedded device communications. Since 1995, Kepware has focused on the development of communication drivers to automation controllers, I/O and field devices, OEM Licensable communications and Licensable OPC Interoperability solutions. Applications include M2M (Machine to Machine) and M2E (Machine to Enterprise) communications. Operating system support includes; Microsoft Windows Desktop, Windows Server and Windows Embedded (Windows CE and Windows Embedded NT/XP). Today, with over 140 communication protocols, and through the efforts of our direct sales, distribution and embedded partners, Kepware is the leading provider of communications with annual shipments exceeding 100,000 units. Kepware's responsiveness to customer needs and strong partnerships with other leading automation suppliers ensures that your next application will be a success. Ask around and you'll hear why automation professionals everywhere consider Kepware Technologies "Automation's Best Friend". www.kepware.com

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