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ProSoft Technology® announces new support for DeviceNetTM Communications

In a recent agreement with Western Reserve Controls (WRC), ProSoft Technology will assume exclusive sales rights for all WRC DeviceNet[™] communication products.

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ProSoft Technology, Inc.<u>(www.prosoft-technology)</u>, a leading industrial communication company, is pleased to announce the addition of DeviceNet solutions to its vast portfolio of network connectivity products. In a new strategic alliance with Western Reserve Controls, Inc. (WRC), ProSoft Technology will assume exclusive sales rights and support services for the company's field-proven DeviceNet communication solutions. These products include DeviceNet protocol gateways and a series of network extenders/repeaters for DeviceNet, SDS (Smart Distributed System), J1939, CAN-open and other CAN, V2.0, Part A or Part B serial bus systems.

DeviceNet Gateway Solutions

With support of the new DeviceNet protocol gateways, ProSoft Technology now offers a solution to integrate ASCII devices, Modbus devices, and legacy Opto 22 units into a DeviceNet control system. The following connectivities are now available:

- The DeviceNet-to-serial gateways (single or four port) provide integration of ASCII devices (RS232 or RS485 ports) into a DeviceNet network.
- The DeviceNet-to-Modbus gateways provide a method for integrating Modbus devices with a DeviceNet network.
- The DeviceNet-to-Optomux gateways provide an interface between DeviceNet and Opto 22 Optomux B1 and B2 brainboards. Optomux is a serial ASCII protocol for Optomux units with message checksum for security.
- The DeviceNet-to-Pamux gateways enable Opto 22 Pamux B4 and B5 brainboards to be integrated into a DeviceNet network.

Network Extenders/Repeaters

Extenders provide a cost-effective solution for increasing network length to reach devices in remote locations. The extenders also provide electrical isolation between the two networks, enabling different topologies to reside on the same network, and creating an electrical barrier for high voltage applications. Fiber Optic Extenders are available to guard against Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) in environments with high noise levels. No configuration of parameters is required.

The WRC DeviceNet products are approved by the Rockwell Automation Partner Program, and effective September 1, 2011 will be available exclusively through ProSoft Technology's vast network of over 500 distributors globally. The products will be

supported by ProSoft Technology's industry leading technical support services for the life of the product.

For information on ProSoft Technology® solutions, call +1-661-716-5100, email <u>info@prosoft-technology.com</u> or visit <u>www.prosoft-technology.com</u>.

ProSoft Technology: Where Automation Connects

ProSoft Technology specializes in the development of industrial communication solutions for automation and control applications. Over the last 20 years, ProSoft Technology's product lines have grown to over 400 communication interface modules supporting more than 60 different protocols. These include in-chassis interfaces compatible with the large automation suppliers' controllers such as Rockwell Automation and Schneider Electric, as well as protocol gateways and industrial wireless solutions. With 500 distributors in 52 countries and Regional Area Offices in Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America and North America, we at ProSoft Technology are able to provide quality products with unparalleled support to customers worldwide.