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IBH SYSTEMS BECOMES MEMBER OF ECLIPSE FOUNDATION, OPENSCADA WILL BECOME »ECLIPSE SCADA«

Munich, Germany; July 1, 2013 – On July 1st 2013 IBH SYSTEMS GmbH will become a solution member of the Eclipse foundation, and contributes their existing open source project »openSCADA« under the new name »Eclipse SCADA«.

Over the years IBH SYSTEMS GmbH has successfully deployed openSCADA based software solutions in production environments in Germany, Austria, Italy, Bulgaria and United States.

SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) is defined as the monitoring and control of technical processes by means of a computer system.

In times when budgets can be tight, it has become a necessity for many companies to extend the lifespan of their existing process control hardware, instead of replacing it with the latest and greatest SCADA system. This contrasts a world of ever changing business requirements and the supporting applications.

Where the big players in the industry don't have much economic incentives to support legacy and proprietary hardware, openSCADA can provide an effective solution by leveraging the existing infrastructure and integrating it with existing JEE business applications.

openSCADA offers several key benefits to a customer:

- as an open source project, it is available at no cost and customers have the flexibility to adapt the software to their needs
- painless integration with any Java based business application
- vendor independence, a modular system allows easy development of adapters for protocols and devices of all kinds
- the number of managed data points is only limited by available system resources
- a flexible and extensible server component which allows the definition of derived values based on input values and formulas of any kind
- support for mass configuration of data points without the copy and paste solutions offered by competitors, which can be prone to error and time-consuming

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»For years our company was using Eclipse projects and built the success of our own projects on it, so it was only logical to take that one step further and become an Eclipse member«, says Dr. Thomas Heitzig, CEO of IBH SYSTEMS GmbH. »In the same step we are proud to announce that our open source project openSCADA will also become an Eclipse project under its new name >Eclipse SCADA<«

»We are thrilled to see that Eclipse has recognized the whole area of communication between devices as an important area to be developing software for. We are happy to bring our experience in the connection of field devices and automating large scale tank farms and solar plants to the Eclipse community.«, explains chief architect Jens Reimann.

With Eclipses growing interest in the M2M (machine to machine) field, and the »internet of things«, Eclipse SCADA will be an important addition to the portfolio of Eclipse projects.

»IBH SYSTEMS experience in SCADA and the Eclipse SCADA open source project will be great additions to the Eclipse M2M Working Group and the entire Eclipse community.« said Mike Milinkovich, executive director of the Eclipse Foundation. »Their participation will expand the Eclipse M2M initiative into the important area of industrial automation.«

About openSCADA/Eclipse SCADA

openSCADA was launched in 2006 as a modular system to develop custom SCADA applications. It provides facilities for data access (DA), alarms & events (AE), recording of historical data (HD) and user interface development (VI). Access modules for popular protocols and devices are included, such as Modbus, OPC, JDBC, SNMP, Siemens S7, but it is easy to build additional modules if the need arises.

About IBH SYSTEMS GmbH

IBH SYSTEMS GmbH provides customers with technological consulting from automation to enterprise application development. A major area of expertise is the integration of legacy devices into the ever changing world of business applications. Since 2005 the main focus of business has moved to providing solutions for utilities, in particular oil & gas and renewable energy companies.

About the Eclipse Foundation

Eclipse is an open source community, whose projects are focused on building an open development platform comprised of extensible frameworks, tools and runtimes for building, deploying and managing software across the lifecycle. A large, vibrant

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ecosystem of major technology vendors, innovative start-ups, universities and research institutions and individuals extend, complement and support the Eclipse Platform.

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