

Big News

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

*For further information, contact:
Lenore Tracey, +1 (508) 435-7170*

New Director Links Modbus Organization to Chinese Standards Organization

Hopkinton, MA (January 30, 2003) — The Modbus Organization, Inc., a newly formed nonprofit organization supporting the popular Modbus™ protocol, has announced the addition to its Board of Directors of Mr. Feng Xiaosheng. Mr. Feng is Chairman of the China TC of Industrial Process Measurement and Control, and Vice President of China Instrumentation Technology & Economy Institute (ITEI).

The ITEI, part of the Ministry of Machinery Industry, has broad responsibility for research, regulation, certification and policy in the field of industrial instrumentation in China. The new link with the Modbus Organization is reflective of an increasing interest in the adoption of open standards in China, and is being hailed by the organization as an important step forward in the further adoption of the Modbus protocol in Chinese industry.

Mr. Feng joins existing Modbus Organization directors Lynn Linse of Digi International, James Moyne of the University of Michigan, and Diego Areces of Schneider Automation. Ken Crater, founder of the Automation List and Control.com Inc., serves as president of the organization. Additional directors are being sought to make the organization broadly representative of the supplier, end user and integrator communities it serves.

The Modbus Organization, formed during the ISA/2002 Exposition in October 2002, is a nonprofit trade association dedicated to the proliferation and orderly evolution of the Modbus protocol. Modbus, introduced by Modicon in 1979, quickly became a defacto

standard in industrial automation and has been implemented by hundreds of suppliers in a diverse range of industries worldwide. Its popularity has been aided by an openly published standard and the availability of open source code for free downloading on the Internet. The Modbus Organization is in the process of forming Technical Committees to develop industry-specific function codes, guide its existing conformance testing program, and work on evolving issues such as security and wireless technology. Further information may be found on the organization's website at www.modbus.org.

###

Contact information:

Lenore Tracey
Asst. Secretary
Modbus Organization, Inc.
PO Box 628
Hopkinton, MA 01748
+1 (508) 435-7170
Fax: +1 (508) 435-6929
lenore@control.com

Ken Crater
President
Modbus Organization, Inc.
37 Wheeler Rd.
North Grafton, MA 01536
+1 (508) 839-7402, Ext. 7
Fax: +1 (508) 839-7402
ken@control.com