



AFCON is "Connected with Kepware" - AFCON Partners with Kepware for Device Communications

Portland, ME, June 22, 2009 – <u>Kepware Technologies</u>, the leader in Communications for Automation, announced today that it has been selected as the device communications provider to AFCON Software and Electronics Ltd.

AFCON products address the HMI/SCADA marketplace. Designed for ease of use, their configuration editors and pre defined command architecture allow you to create your application without the need for any code development skills. All features are included - such as OPC Server and network connectivity, redundancy, advanced alarm window, database access, recipe management, real-time and historical trends, bi-directional SMS messaging, live video control and Web access, allowing you to address a wide range of hardware and software applications. The products are available on all current MS-Windows Operating systems.

"AFCON, headquartered in Israel, sells their products on a worldwide basis," explained Roy Kok, VP of Sales and Marketing of Kepware Technologies. "After meeting AFCON at SPS/IPC/Drives show Drivers in Germany, we worked with them in evaluating our KEPServerEX product. That quickly led to a reseller relationship."

"Kepware's communication drivers are exceptional," stated Ms. Gila Ben Binyamin - CTO, R&D Manager for AFCON. "We are looking forward to using their broad array of drivers with our products to expand our available market with a proven end to end solution. While referencing third party drivers is always an option, the relationship with Kepware enables us to deliver a broad set of connectivity for our customers and completely eliminates their interoperability concerns."

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

About AFCON

AFCON Software and Electronics Ltd. provides fast and easy, total software solutions in the area of SCADA/HMI and SMS messaging. A suite of products provide tools to tackle any integration project requiring interaction between people and machines. Since its establishment in 1986, the company has successfully installed solutions in over 45,000 licenses worldwide, covering a wide range of applications such as Industrial Automation, Building Automation Management, Security, Telemetry and OEM applications. www.afcon-inc.com

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