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ShopFloorConnect® Software Now Sends Conditional Text Alerts

Acton, Massachusetts, August 8, 2014 – Wintriss Controls Group today announced a new capability for its popular ShopFloorConnect Asset Management and OEE software: ShopFloorConnect now has the ability to automatically generate conditional alerts from any machine.

Each alert is a custom text or email message that is sent to selected recipients whenever preset conditions are met at a machine. The alerts can be used to notify an operator when an unattended machine has stopped running, to alert management when a critical customer job goes down, or to summon specific resources when specific conditions exist at a machine – such as automatically notifying a fork lift driver when a scrap bin needs to be replaced. ShopFloorConnect can generate multiple alerts for each machine, and select recipients according to their individual work or shift schedules.

"This feature provides our customers with a new set of tools to improve productivity", explains Jim Finnerty, Product Manager for ShopFloorConnect. "Because they can respond more quickly to each event, users have been able to significantly reduce downtime – even on machines where further process-related downtime reduction was considered cost-prohibitive."

Existing ShopFloorConnect users are now being updated with the new feature as a part of the software maintenance agreement.

Wintriss Controls Group is a leading manufacturer of data collection software and hardware widely used in the metal forming, discrete manufacturing, packaging, and food and beverage industries. ShopFloorConnect displays real-time status information for all machines on your PC or mobile device – without having to install any special software. It automatically delivers reports showing downtime analysis, OEE, etc., and provides the vital real-time data that is missing from many ERP and MES systems.

ShopFloorConnect is a turn-key solution that is scalable and flexible, and can be quickly implemented into any discrete manufacturing environment. It comes factory-configured to communicate directly over your LAN with the ShopFloorConnect Machine Interface (SMI).

The ShopFloorConnect Machine Interface (SMI) is installed on any machine, and using only two readily-available control signals can track the machine's operating status, production rate, and parts count (where applicable) – all with no operator involvement . It also has a touch-screen display which allows the operator to select a downtime reason from a user-configured menu. The SMI has built-in Ethernet connectivity to communicate with the ShopFloorConnect server over your existing network. For more information, visit www.ShopFloorConnect.com