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Pro-face America Releases Remote Operator Interface Connectivity and Security with Next Generation HMI Software

Saline, MI – October 24, 2007 - Pro-face America, North American division of Digital Electronics, announces the release of GP-Pro EX 2.1 HMI and Logic development software. This latest release includes a host of new connectivity features such as: Web server, FTP server, Network Printer Server, plus remote HMI operator interface screen viewer with control. New Security enhancements allow end-users to track user log-in and review the HMI Operation Log or historical trending. Plus, GP-Pro EX 2.1 includes an added bonus for Programmers; Logic Simulation allows testing and debugging without having I/O connected. These Powerful enhancements significantly reduce service travel time, development time and address factory floor security concerns.

Innovative Features: Pro-face is well known world wide for its innovative HMI features. With Live video input and recording, Direct USB and Serial barcode input, Ladder Logic programming on any HMI even if no I/O is connected and the multi protocol gateway functionality of any Pro-face AGP3000 series HMI, GP-Pro EX V2.1 is no exception.

Reduced Development Time: GP-Pro EX software allows you to reuse all or part of existing projects, create and share extensive templates between developers and offers PC simulation of HMI Screens and Logic for rapid development. A variety of search, replace and cross reference tools are available in the Screen Editor, Logic Editor and Online.

Superior Connectivity: GP-Pro EX V2.1 introduces new communication protocols, adding to the 80+ protocols now available allowing connections to almost every industry standard factory floor device, including PLCs, Motion Controller, Drives and temperature controllers that are found in HMI applications worldwide. Local USB and Serial printers can be connected directly to any Pro-face AGP3000 and GP-Pro EX V2.1 introduces the Remote Print Server capability to reduce cost and provide your printed production data where you need it. Barcode readers can be connected to Serial and USB ports, including support for serial 2D barcode readers.

Reducing Maintenance Overhead: GP-Pro EX V2.1 includes maintenance tools like Device Monitor, Logic Monitor and Event Recorder that offer a direct window into the heart of

your installed system on your HMI. The free new Web Server and FTP Server tools offer information about the installed system, alarm logs and live PLC data remotely using a Web Browser. Event Recorder helps capturing intermittent failures in the field by recording live video of event leading to a failure while the GP-Pro EX software can be used to reduce support time by providing text, graphical or video help on your frequently asked support questions. The new Operation Log function helps control the production process, while Data Logging and Historical Trending collect and visualize production data.

Investment Protection: GP-Pro EX V2.1 is the single programming package needed to program the wide range of Pro-face 3000 Series Operator Interfaces. From the 3.8” TFT Touch screen with Ethernet to the 15” Multi Media AGP including Operator Interfaces with Built In or Distributed I/O. Over 16 years of panel cutout and software compatibility Pro-face continues to offer an open path for existing and new applications.

World Wide Support: In addition to a knowledgeable phone support team and local field engineers throughout the North American market Pro-face offers support for hardware and software through the world. No matter where a system with a Pro-face HMI ships local software and hardware support, repair and spare parts are available.

Pro-face is the world leader in HMI solutions and industrial computer products. Pro-face continues to set the global standards for HMI solutions by offering the industry’s most extensive product offerings with the highest levels of connectivity. Principal Pro-face products include HMI touch screens, operator interfaces, and industrial PCs. The Pro-face family also includes Xycom brand industrial PC products serving industrial, automotive, aerospace, packaging, plastics, textile and other markets.

Pro-face and Xycom have hardware and software installed in more than 300,000 factory-floor systems worldwide. Pro-face America is headquartered in Saline, Michigan. Pro-face has employees and sales and support representatives located around the world. For more information about Pro-face HMI products visit www.profaceamerica.com.