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FieldComm Group and PROFIBUS&PROFINET International Cooperate on future FDI Developments

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Bad Neuenahr, Germany, November 5, 2014 – FDI Cooperation, FieldComm Group and PROFIBUS&PROFINET International jointly announce the strategy on providing FDI Technology to the market and secure the future development and maintenance of FDI.

FieldComm Group – the future home of FDI technology

The Group is to be the new home of FDI technology starting in close cooperation with PI International with the distribution of FDI tools for FF, HART, PROFIBUS and PROFINET protocols in the first quarter of 2015. In mid 2015, the FDI Cooperation, LLC will be dissolved and FDI Technology be continued in FieldComm Group. End users as well as automation vendors will benefit from the Group being the single source for FDI technology and ensuring consistency and harmonization across the various communication protocols also in future.

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Field Communication Group and PROFIBUS & PROFINET International are pleased to announce the agreement on further collaboration. In a letter of intent, PI and FieldComm Group express their will to continue their joined efforts to promote the Field Device Integration (FDI) Technology. This ensures the consistent support of the technology after the life time of the FDI Cooperation, LLC.

Three main areas of cooperation have been identified and will be pursued:

- Both parties will ensure, that the market is well served with FDI technology and the tools and components for FDI including functions and features for Foundation Fieldbus, HART, PROFIBUS and PROFINET protocols.
- PROFIBUS&PROFINET International and FieldComm Group will jointly maintain and further develop the FDI Technology including the Electronic Device Description Language (EDDL).
- Both organizations will continue to use their existing structure of Technical Support and Conformance Testing around the world to help their members with the implementation of FDI Technology to ensure the high quality standard end users expect and maintain interoperability between different vendors.

Ted Masters, President & CEO of FieldComm Group believes the partnership with PROFIBUS&PROFINET International will “more efficiently deliver a set of FDI tools across these leading protocols and provide future enhancements and harmonization of FDI to the benefit of our members and end users.

Karsten Schneider, Chairman of PROFIBUS and PROFINET International says: “This joint approach will fulfil the requirements of End Users and Automation vendors on a single cross protocol integration technology – One device package for all tools”

About FDI Cooperation LLC

The five major automation foundations, including the FDT Group, Fieldbus Foundation, HART Communication Foundation, PROFIBUS & PROFINET International, and OPC Foundation have developed a single common solution for Field Device Integration (FDI). These foundations have combined their efforts to form a joint company named FDI Cooperation, LLC (a limited liability company under US law). FDI Cooperation, LLC is headed by a “Board of Managers”, which is composed of the representatives of the involved organizations, as well as managers of global automation suppliers including ABB, Emerson, Endress+Hauser, Honeywell, Invensys, Siemens and Yokogawa. FDI Cooperation LLC marks an unprecedented level of cooperation among suppliers and foundations to achieve a single integration technology for the benefit of end users. FDI’s mandate is to develop a single technology for the management of information that comes from all intelligent devices throughout all areas of the plant.

About FieldComm Group

The FieldComm Group is a newly founded organization combining the strengths and technologies of Foundation Fieldbus and the HART Communication Foundation. The Group is a global not-for-profit corporation managing and supporting leading communication protocols for the process automation industry. FieldComm Group seeks to collaborate with other industry leading technologies and standards to harmonize and create the future vision of process automation communication technology to the betterment of members and users. The membership consists of leading process automation technology and manufacturing companies as well as users, universities and research institutes. It provides services to support the standards of each protocol and serves to be a single source for distribution of tools for FDI as an integration standard.

About PROFIBUS and PROFINET International

PROFIBUS and PROFINET International (PI) is the largest automation community in the world and responsible for PROFIBUS and PROFINET, the two leading industrial communications protocols covering all industries. The common interest of our global network of vendors, developers, System Integrators and end users lies in promoting, supporting and using PROFIBUS and



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