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Rymic Adds GPS and Expanded Serial Ports to Internet-Based Remote Monitoring and Control Device

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. - August 22, 2001 - Rymic Systems, Inc., an aggressive newcomer in the fast growing Internet Data Acquisition and Monitoring market, today announced two new modules for their rymicNET Remote Monitoring Device. A GPS (Global Positioning System) module and a serial port expansion board both plug into the existing rymicNET board stack and fit within the standard rymicNET enclosure.

Smaller than a business card, the micro GPS receiver is a high performance module from Trimble, Sunnyvale, Ca., designed specifically for system integrators developing devices such as the rymicNET Internet device. The Trimble Lassen™ LP receiver adds GPS location functionality with minimal impact on rymicNET's power budget. Full software support under uLinux (embedded Linux) is provided.

Serving as a carrier for the GPS module, the serial port expansion board increases the number of available serial ports from two to ten. These full function UART based serial ports can be configured for RS-232 or RS-485 and support baud rates up to 230.4 Kbps.

"Serial I/O is still the preferred way to connect peripheral devices in embedded applications," said Steve May, president of Rymic Systems. "Our customers have requested these additional serial ports for connectivity to devices such as radio and cellular modems, barcode scanners, operator interfaces, and serial data networks."

About rymicNET

RymicNET is a combination data collection device and web server. Once embedded in a vehicle or industrial machine and connected to various sensors, it allows a corporation to monitor and control their remote assets via the Internet.

It's like having a private web site inside every vehicle and machine you own. Engine diagnostics, location, bearing temperatures, speed, number of stops, vibration - you name it. With rymicNET, a corporation can remotely manage virtually everything using their existing web browser.

Whether it's healthcare, a delivery company, construction or telecommunications - virtually every industry has all types of valuable assets for which rymicNET could give them critical data for preventative maintenance, identifying delivery patterns, automatically emailing a technician of equipment problems, predictive failure analysis, and other information that can help to improve the efficiency of their operations.

About Trimble

Trimble is a leading innovator of Global Positioning System (GPS) technology. In addition to providing advanced GPS components, Trimble augments GPS with other positioning technologies as well as wireless communications and software to create complete customer solutions. Trimble's worldwide presence and unique capabilities position the Company for growth in emerging applications including surveying, automobile navigation, machine guidance, asset tracking, wireless platforms, and telecommunications infrastructure. Founded in 1978 and headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif., Trimble has more than 2,000 employees in more than 20 countries worldwide.

For an interactive look at company news and products, visit Trimble's Web site at www.trimble.com

About Rymic Systems

Rymic Systems, a private company founded in 1997, designs, manufactures and markets state-of-the-art, patented Internet devices for industrial and military markets. Rymic's engineers have a long history of designing real-time embedded systems for Industrial, military, flight simulators, test and measurement, medical and various other real-world interface boxes to aid the user in understanding complex systems. Rymic's family of rymicNET products is designed to improve the operational performance of vehicles and equipment by predicting failures, reducing downtime and improving the efficiency of maintenance operations. Rymic Systems is located at 7501 S. Memorial Pkwy., Huntsville, Ala. 35802. For more information, visit the web site at www.rymic.com, email at info@rymic.com or call 866-777-9642.



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