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Soft Servo Systems and Ormec Systems Corp. Announce a Strategic Partnership to Provide PC-Based Motion Control With IEEE 1394 Servo Drives

WALTHAM, MA – Soft Servo Systems, Inc., a leading provider of PC-based CNC and general motion control products, announced today that it is offering a bundled motion control product that integrates digital network drives from Ormec Systems Corp. with Soft Servo Systems' ServoWorks™ technology. ServoWorks is an innovative, PC-based soft motion software product for real-time motion / CNC control which forms the basis for a family of motion control products for both general motion control applications and for CNC applications.

This integration of soft motion with IEEE 1394 communications provides the ultimate level of PC-based control. Up to 16 ServoWire SM drives can be networked directly to a standard PC using an OHCI IEEE 1394 adapter and standard FireWire cabling. The PC runs on Windows NT or Windows 2000, with a Venturcom RTX real-time extension to the operating system. With ServoWorks, this single PC performs all servo control, including feedback loops and NC path generation, as well as providing the user interface, data processing, plant monitoring, network communication, file management, and more.

Boo-Ho Yang, President of Soft Servo Systems, Inc., said, "We are very excited about using the IEEE 1394 technology for a servo network. It provides affordable, simple and reliable connections, and eliminates motion control boards, breakout boxes, and encoder and analog cables from the PC. We see this as the future of the motion control industry: soft motion integrated with IEEE 1394."

 "PC-based motion control and Firewire networked drives offer OEMs a way to dramatically reduce the cost and complexity of motion control," said Gordon Presher, Jr., President of Ormec Systems Corp. "Soft motion control, IEEE-1394 and more powerful control platforms are combining to eliminate proprietary motion control hardware and programming languages."

Soft Servo Systems will be officially introducing and demonstrating ServoWorks with ServoWire at Booth #6607 at the EASTEC trade show May 21-23 in Springfield, Massachusetts (www.sme.org).

About Soft Servo Systems, Inc.

Soft Servo Systems, Inc., founded by MIT professionals, is a leading provider of PC-based motion control products. Soft Servo Systems was among the first to develop a truly PC-based servo controller in which a single host CPU performed all real-time control operations. Soft Servo's product lines include prepackaged CNC controllers and general motion controllers with IEEE 1394 or with fiber-optic interface hardware. More information is available at www.softservo.com.

About Ormec Systems Corp.

ORMEC Systems Corp. is a leading supplier of PC-based motion control and networked drives utilizing IEEE-1394 (or Firewire). ORMEC's mission is to combine technological innovation, product excellence, outstanding engineering support and service to provide superior PC-centric motion control and digitally networked servodrive solutions. More information is available at www.ormec.com.

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