

PRESS RELEASE

Soft Servo Systems To Unveil New Technology at IMTS

Visit Soft Servo's Booth #D-4058 and Hardinge's Booth #A-8032 for Demonstrations of Our New CNC Products

WALTHAM, MA – August 30, 2004 – Soft Servo Systems, Inc., a pioneer in providing all-software CNC solutions for machine tool builders, will unveil its new S-120M at the 2004 International Manufacturing Technology Show (IMTS) in Chicago, September 8-15. The S-120M is a high-end, PC-based CNC product that controls up to eight axes, including four CNC axes, PLC axes and a spindle. The main features of the S-120M include 1000 blocks/sec block processing time, flexible and extensive custom macros, and dynamic look-ahead contour control for high-precision, high-speed molding. The S-120M has an intuitive Windows-based GUI interface that has been extensively tested and overwhelmingly approved by end users. It is offered with a CAM package and a PLC package, and is available as a turnkey package with an industrial panel PC designed specifically for use with these controllers. This CNC is ideal for four-axis mills and machining centers, laser, plasma and waterjet cutting machines; EDM machines; grinding and shearing machines, and more.

Hardinge, a market leader in the machine tool industry, has adopted Soft Servo Systems' unique CNC technology for its new machine tool product, and will exhibit it in its IMTS booth #A-8032. Hardinge's newest product, called the "Bridgeport by Hardinge" knee mill, is manufactured based on the original design of the Bridgeport Series I and will be introduced to the market this fall. For more than 60 years, the Bridgeport Series I has been the original, all-purpose mill, used for milling, drilling, and boring for metalworking shops throughout the world. Hardinge selected Soft Servo Systems' technology for use in its newest products, knowing that Soft Servo Systems meets the most stringent demands for reliable, affordable, and versatile motion control solutions in the industrial machine tool market.

Soft Servo Systems will also be demonstrating the S-100T, its proven CNC for lathes and turning machines, and MC-Quad, a popular controller for four-axis general CNC. Additionally, Soft Servo will be previewing MotionPro, its powerful and robust software application for sixteen-axis general motion control. MotionPro delivers a comprehensive motion control environment, and can be used for testing and tuning, executing and editing motion programs, monitoring motion, I/O and PLC, and much more.

The company's entire product line is based on its ServoWorks™ technology: innovative, PC-based soft motion technology for real-time motion/CNC control. With ServoWorks, a 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. This host PC can run on Windows NT, Windows 2000, Windows XP or Windows XPE, with a Venturcom RTX real-time extension to the operating system.

Soft Servo Systems will be demonstrating at booth # D-4058 at the IMTS trade show September 8 - September 15, 2004 at 2301 S. Lake Shore Dr., McCormick Place, Chicago, IL (www.imts.com).

About Soft Servo Systems, Inc.

Soft Servo Systems, Inc., founded by MIT professionals, is the leading provider of PC-based motion control products that use a single host CPU to perform all real-time control operations. Soft Servo Systems was the first U.S.-based company to introduce PC-based, open architecture CNC for lathes, machining centers and laser cutting machines. Soft Servo's product lines include CNC and general motion controllers with VersioBus™ fiber-optic, IEEE 1394, or MECHATROLINK™ servo communications. More information is available at www.softservo.com.

About Hardinge Inc.

Hardinge Inc., founded over 100 years ago, is a leading worldwide machine tool manufacturer. The company designs, manufactures and sells CNC metal cutting lathes, machining centers, and related tooling and accessories of the highest precision and reliability generally available in the market, as well as a wide range of high-quality collets, chucks and other workholding products. In late 2002, Hardinge began production of Bridgeport Knee Mills in their Elmira, NY facility. More information is available at www.hardinge.com.

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