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ARC Advisory Group Features MDT Software in a Solution Guide Revealing the Importance of Configuration Management in Automation Systems

ALPHARETTA, Georgia, May 11, 2009 – A new solution guide from the ARC Advisory Group examines the impact of configuration management on the performance of automation assets. This solution guide titled “Configuration Management for Automation Assets” features MDT Software as a leading configuration management solution provider. MDT’s flagship product, AutoSave, is the market leading change management software designed to protect, save, restore, discover, and track changes in PLCs, HMIs, SCADA systems, robots and other industrial programmable devices and documents.

An automated configuration management system is a centralized system that manages changes to program logic for automated controls programs and devices. An effective configuration management system will have the following features:

- An archive of prior revisions of programs
- The ability to detect and provide notification of changes
- Secured user and workstation access
- A historical record of who made the program change, when and from where it was made
- The ability to compare programs on-demand and on an automatic schedule.

According to ARC Vice President, Consulting Services, Dave Woll, “...an overwhelming majority of users struggle to maintain accurate and current records of the configuration and programming of their automation assets. At the same time, users indicated a clear understanding of the consequences of not having accurate records. Obviously, there is both a need and a strong value proposition.”

“As the inventors of change management software for automation devices, MDT is in complete agreement with the ARC Solution Guide in its findings on the value of configuration management,” said Gary Gillespie, vice president and general manager of MDT software. “We are pleased to be recognized by ARC as a leading solution provider and the only provider that focuses solely on configuration management. We are also pleased that one of our key collaboration partners, Schneider Electric, is recognized for its ability to provide configuration management for its devices by embracing MDT’s AutoSave solution.”

To learn more about ARC Solution Guide, “Configuration Management for Automation Assets” by Dave Woll, please go to: www.arcweb.com.

About MDT Software, Inc.

MDT Software is a world leader in change management solutions for automated manufacturing devices. MDT's flagship product, AutoSave, empowers users to protect, save, restore, discover, and track changes in industrial programmable devices and plant-floor documents. AutoSave supports the most comprehensive range of devices and editors in the industry from Schneider, Siemens, Mitsubishi, Indramat, Wonderware, GE, Rockwell Automation and others. For more information on MDT and AutoSave, visit www.mdtsoft.com.

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