

US System Integrator CEC Controls Company, Inc. becomes part of SCIO Automation Group

Strengthening SCIO Automation's presence in North America and enhancing technology capabilities in discrete automation market.

Frankenthal (Germany): August 15, 2024 – **SCIO Automation GmbH today announced that CEC Controls Company, Inc., a subsidiary of UK-based John Wood Group PLC (LON: WG), will become part of SCIO Automation's international platform. Headquartered in Warren, Michigan (USA), CEC Controls is a premium controls system integrator that allows SCIO Automation to massively expand its presence in the North American market and strengthen its business segment Discrete Automation.**

Michael Goepfarth, CEO of SCIO Automation, stated "We are pleased that CEC Controls is now part of SCIO Automation and are sure this acquisition will accelerate our growth trajectory in our segment discrete automation and beyond. It marks another significant milestone for our company as we expand our footprint with several new locations in the US, Mexico and Canada thereby enabling us to even better serve our global customer base."

The agreement aligns with SCIO Automation's strategic goals of increasing its international market share in the automation sector, particularly in the North American market, over the next few years. This transaction provides SCIO Automation with access to cutting-edge digitized, industrial and process control technology and solutions for production, manufacturing and process automation.

CEC Controls, an industrial and process control systems business, is headquartered in Warren, Michigan, USA. With more than 220 employees working at eleven locations across the United States, Mexico and Canada, CEC Controls is a prominent player in providing proprietary control solutions for the automotive industry. Furthermore, CEC Controls has expanded over the years into growing markets like water and wastewater, industrial manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, and food and beverage, making it an excellent fit to SCIO's existing sector focus and automation portfolio. Founded in 1966 with a focus on material handling solutions as conveyor control engineering and panel fabrication, CEC Controls has over 25 years of experience in technology and software-lead solutions that improve and manage discrete manufacturing processes.

"We are pleased to join forces with SCIO Automation. This agreement opens new opportunities for us to enhance our solution offerings and grow our customer base on a global scale," said Jim Stanley, President of CEC Controls.

CEC Controls will stand to benefit from working closely with other similarly positioned SCIO Automation companies, especially in the discrete automation segment and across North America. SCIO Automation and CEC Controls will work together over the coming months to integrate CEC Control's North American operations, leverage their combined automation expertise and explore new opportunities for growth.

As part of this agreement, John Wood Group PLC, which acquired CEC Controls in 2017, will sell its equity in CEC Controls and its affiliated entity in Mexico to SCIO Automation.

The transaction is expected to close in Q3 2024.

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About SCIO Automation GmbH

SCIO Automation Group is an international E2E automation platform that passionately believes in its mission to support companies on their journey towards Industry 4.0. As a system integrator, SCIO automates production and logistics processes. As an innovator, SCIO develops value-added and customized automation products for the Autonomous Mobile Robots, Software and Cleanroom sectors, as well as for Food Intralogistics and Industrial Labeling. The SCIO Automation platform currently comprises more than twelve medium-sized company brands, totaling more than 1,500 employees at 35 locations in eight countries worldwide, all of whom play a part in implementing the Smart Factory concept for global players and hidden champions in a wide range of industries.

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