

US controls and robotics engineering specialist Matrix Engineered Systems becomes part of SCIO Automation Group

Complementing SCIO Automation's existing discrete automation segment | Enhancing PLC-portfolio for key European customers in the USA

Frankenthal (Germany): August 15, 2024 – Matrix Engineered Systems, Inc., headquartered in Auburn Hills, Michigan (USA), becomes part of the international automation platform SCIO Automation GmbH. Matrix is a highly-skilled controls and robotics engineering specialist with more than 20 years of experience mostly in the automotive sector. This acquisition allows SCIO Automation to complement its discrete automation portfolio as well as US market service offerings.

Michael Goepfarth, CEO of SCIO Automation, stated "We are pleased that Matrix joined our SCIO Automation Group. The PLC competencies and services of Matrix not only complement our existing US portfolio but also open doors to key European customers who seek our PLC programming expertise in the US, significantly enhancing our market reach and service offerings."

The signing took place just a few days after a major deal with CEC Controls Company, Inc. In this context, this additional agreement demonstrates the strong strategical focus of SCIO Automation on the North American market and expanding its portfolio continuing their international growth strategy.

"Matrix is very experienced in control engineering, particularly in the automotive sector, which opens up numerous cross-selling opportunities within our discrete automation segment. A first joint project with Industrial Automation, our established SCIO company in the US, is already in the pipeline. We look forward to a successful collaboration", said Antonio Cavotta, Head of Business Segment Discrete Automation at SCIO Automation.

Founded in 2001, Matrix Engineered Systems is headquartered in Auburn Hills, Michigan, USA in direct proximity to Member of SCIO Automation Industrial Automation LLC. Managed by Chris Peel, Mike Gillespie and Phil Ratliff, Matrix provides automation engineering and services for the controls layer. They are defined by providing high-level controls hardware design, PLC and robot programming for the automative sector, mostly Tier 1 suppliers. Joining the discrete automation business segment, Matrix will be invaluable in serving European customers in the US who require the Group's expertise in control engineering.

Reflecting on the agreement, the Managing Directors of Matrix remarked "A past collaboration with one of the SCIO Automation Group's companies has demonstrated a remarkable synergy with the group's portfolio. Being a part of SCIO Automation now, we are poised to deepen and extend our longstanding customer relationships and build upon this solid foundation."

The transaction is expected to close in August 2024.

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 platform currently comprises more than ten mediumsized 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. PRESS RELEASE



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