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Press Release

Kenexis and ISA Sign Safety Training Marketing and Execution Agreement

Kenexis has been Authorized by ISA – The International Society of Automation – to Market and Execute its SIS Engineering Courses in the United Arab Emirates

Columbus, December 23, 2010: Kenexis today announced that it has signed an agreement with ISA – The International Society of Automation – to market and execute its series of Safety Instrumented System (SIS) engineering courses in the United Arab Emirates. The agreement allows Kenexis to schedule open-enrollment publicly-available sessions of the SIS Engineering series of courses available from ISA. These courses include: EC-50 Safety Instrumented Systems – Design, Analysis, and Justification; EC-52 – Advanced Safety Integrity Level (SIL) Selection; and EC-54 – Advanced Design and SIL Verification. These courses are also part of the ISA84/IEC61511 SIS Certificate Programs, allowing participants with the appropriate pre-requisite experience to obtain up to three certificates to demonstrate competency in the IEC61511/ISA84 standard and associated engineering techniques and procedures.

Kenexis expects to coordinate the marketing and execution of these training courses from their Kenexis DMCC office in Dubai. Current plans call for at least two sessions of all three training courses to be executed in Abu Dhabi during the 2011 calendar year, with additional open-enrollment and private placement courses as required by the demand. A set of courses in Dubai is also a strong possibility. The first course set is tentatively scheduled for the end of the first quarter, with the second set in early autumn.

In addition to marketing the courses, Kenexis will be responsible for execution, providing facilities, and most importantly providing instructors. The instructors for the training courses will be taken from the senior ranks of the Kenexis consulting organization, and will primarily be the responsibility of Kenexis

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President and CEO, Edward M. Marszal, PE, ISA84 Expert. Mr. Marszal is a world renowned SIS thought leader and pioneer of the techniques and tools that are utilized to design SIS today. Mr. Marszal also has a long history of support of ISA including numerous volunteer roles for ISA at local and national level, and has been a committee member of the ISA 84 standards panel since 1996. In addition, Mr. Marszal is an ISA Fellow who has been recognized for his contribution to the Society and to the state of the art in SIS, as represented by his authoring of “Systematic Safety Integrity Level Selection – with Layer of Protection Analysis” (published through ISA – and a significant part of the body of knowledge for the EC52 course and certificate), development of associated training course materials, significant contribution to the IEC61511/ISA84 standard and several associated technical reports, and membership in the team of industry professionals that developed the ISA SIS certification program.

“We are very excited about our opportunity to partner with ISA on SIS training and certificate programs. Kenexis is very frequently asked to provide SIS training and certification of personnel, but we have always felt that certification through an independent standards body is the best approach for industry, as opposed to having these services provided by for-profit companies or non-profit organizations that are owned by for-profit companies or their shareholders – where the potential for conflict-of-interest exists”, said Ed Marszal. “Being able to provide the excellent ISA training courses with the only certificates that are provided by a non-profits standards body, while utilizing the highly sought after experts of Kenexis as instructors is an unbeatable combination”.

Matt Rothkopf, ISA Senior Learning Consultant noted, “Working with Kenexis provides ISA a valuable opportunity to expand our reach into the United Arab Emirates using Kenexis’ established presence, while also securing the talent of Kenexis Staff such as Ed Marszal, and who were instrumental in putting together the SIS Training and Certificate Program, have authored SIS books for us, to provide the instruction for these courses. This arrangement allows ISA to maintain the highest level of quality that we are known for.”

More information on Kenexis including the services and products offered by the company can be found on the Kenexis web site at www.kenexis.com. More information on ISA is available on the ISA web site at www.isa.org.