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Mitsubishi Electric's e-F@ctory Alliance is growing – APT Automation becomes the latest member

Mitsubishi Electric has recently welcomed APT Automation as member of the e-F@ctory Alliance. They are a key provider of automation and production technology solutions. The two businesses collaborate closely to address industry challenges such as improved productivity, increased overall equipment effectiveness and greater production line flexibility.

The collaboration has already developed an innovative carriage technology. It is designed to operate with a dedicated linear transfer system. The Smart Carriage delivers integrated power for on-board intelligence and carriage equipment. This allows assembly information and production data specific to each work piece to be retained. It also provides the ability to switch between parallel tracks on production lines, which enable multiple operations on different products, offering more flexible and efficient 'production on demand' driven assembly sequences.

Hartmut Pütz, President Factory Automation EMEA at Mitsubishi Electric Europe commented: "It is with great pleasure that we welcome APT Automation as a member of the e-Factory Alliance. We hope that the Smart Carriage technology signals the start of a long and productive 'high-tech' relationship between our two businesses. It will furthermore strengthen our range of solutions supporting the needs of a 'Smart Factory' for Industry 4.0."

The Smart Carriage technology package was first demonstrated on the Mitsubishi Electric stand at the popular German trade show for automation products

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With around 124.000 employees the company recorded consolidated group sales of 39.3 billion US Dollar* in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2014. Our sales offices, research & development centres and manufacturing plants are located in over 30 countries.

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