3M Introduces Asset and Inventory Tracking System

Easily manages and provides visibility of assets and critical inventory

3M Track and Trace Solutions introduces the Asset and Inventory Tracking System, a flexible, easy and secure method of tracking, locating and managing assets. Composed of 3M software, RFID or barcode tags and their corresponding readers, the Asset and Inventory Tracking System allows businesses to streamline their operations by efficiently monitoring and managing assets and inventory.

The system can be used in a variety of ways to track assets and manage critical inventory. Its compatibility with both RFID and barcode tags allows companies greater flexibility in selecting a system to meet their needs. Either 3M or third-party hardware and tags can be used by the software, allowing customers to leverage equipment they already own. Additionally, the barcode printing feature allows customers to use their existing printers rather than purchasing new equipment. 3M's commercial grade wireless handheld reader gives customers a powerful tool for mobile asset management. For greater flexibility, the system's software eliminates the need to install and configure servers—data is automatically backed up in a Tier III data center, where it is available anywhere and any time.

"The 3M system is designed to be flexible enough to suit a wide variety of customer needs," said Rory Yanchek, general manager of 3M Track and Trace, "and since the system is a hosted application, our customers can be up and running quickly, without the need to install and configure servers or purchase database licenses."

The 3M system offers a number of user-friendly features that help make it a more complete solution for customers' tracking needs. Customers can simply tag assets with an RFID or barcode tag, after which fixed or mobile handheld readers can be used to check out items to individual users, locate assets in a workflow or give users more visibility of their inventory. A Search and Report function allows managers to quickly generate data on assets and inventory. System software allows users to attach documents such as owner's manuals and warranties to the asset record, helping to keep the item's information organized electronically.

For more information about 3M Track and Trace Solutions, visit: www.3Mtrackandtrace.com/tracking

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A recognized leader in research and development, 3M produces thousands of innovative products for dozens of diverse markets. 3M's core strength is applying its more than 40 distinct technology platforms – often in combination – to a wide array of customer needs. With $23 billion in sales, 3M employs 76,000 people worldwide and has operations in more than 65 countries. For more information, visit www.3M.com.

About 3M Track and Trace Solutions

3M provides comprehensive, practical and easy to use solutions for customers in diverse markets, including health care, safety and security, aerospace and government, oil and gas, process industries, supply chain, construction and utilities, libraries and legal. Utilizing RFID, GPS and other technologies, our asset management, protection, and utilization solutions enable customers to reliably and accurately manage high-value assets. Unlike similar offerings, based on components rather than complete solutions, 3M systems are designed with full implementation in mind, deploying the right solution, with the right technology, suited for the customer. For more information, go to www.3Mtrackandtrace.com.

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