3M Adds Ekahau RTLS to 3M’s Track and Trace Innovative Offerings

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RTLS Strengthens Portfolio of Solutions for Customer

ST. PAUL, Minn.-(BUSINESS WIRE)--ST. PAUL, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--3M announced today it is bringing Ekahau Wi-Fi-based Real Time Location Systems (RTLS) technology to its diverse customer base. The technology brings another dimension to 3M’s broad offerings to the marketplace. The system can operate over any existing enterprise Wi-Fi network. 3M will market the Ekahau RTLS solution to customers in a number of segments, including health care, transportation, government, oil and gas, and mining industries.

“After evaluating a number of location solutions, we selected Ekahau, because we believe they are a technology leader with solutions that bring real value to our customers,” said Joel Graf, business development manager for 3M Track and Trace Solutions. “With the Ekahau RTLS offering as its foundation, our solutions enable us to add tremendous value to our customers’ operations by helping them reduce the costs associated with maintaining assets and inventory, and improving safety and security of mobile staff members.”

With this addition to 3M’s Track and Trace Solutions portfolio, the company can quickly identify and meet the critical needs associated with business process optimization, such as tracking high-value assets and enhancing general process efficiencies. In addition, 3M Track and Trace Solutions utilizes Six Sigma methodologies to define and quantify these improvements in an effort to best service our customers. 3M’s Track and Trace Solutions is truly committed to solving the pain points that customers encounter in their operations.

The Ekahau RTLS platform is a comprehensive solution that includes server software, application software and tags. Ekahau RTLS can locate Wi-Fi-enabled devices – such as laptops, personal digital assistants and other items to which an Ekahau tag has been attached. Ekahau RTLS technology is currently available through 3M offices worldwide.

Utilizing pioneering technologies, 3M provides comprehensive track and trace solutions that deliver customer value by improving asset utilization, safety and security using RFID, RTLS, GPS, software and other technologies. 3M Track and Trace Solutions offers a broad range of diverse applications across many industries, including health care; safety and security; aerospace and defense; mineral extraction; oil and gas; fleet management and field service; supply chain; construction and utilities; libraries; legal and document management; government; and pharmaceuticals.

About Ekahau Inc.

Ekahau Inc. is the industry leader in providing Wi-Fi based RTLS solutions. Ekahau's customers, including several Fortune 500 companies worldwide, are realizing the benefits of Wi-Fi based location services and innovative Wi-Fi network planning and optimization tools. Ekahau partners include wireless software developers, leading system integrators, and international OEM partners who develop and market wireless enterprise applications. Ekahau is a U.S.-based corporation with offices in Saratoga, Calif.; Reston, Va.; Helsinki, Finland; and Hong Kong, China. For more information about Ekahau, please visit at www.ekahau.com

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