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Press Release

Control Products, Inc and E-Control Systems, Inc Form Alliance Focused On Food Service Equipment Industry

Minneapolis, Minnesota – March 4, 2004 Control Products, Inc., a trusted leader in electronic control technology, is pleased to announce the formation of a marketing and technical alliance with E-Control Systems, Inc. of Chatsworth, California. The vision for this alliance is to provide the food service industry with a complete on-line kitchen solution of NAFEM Data Protocol enabled controls and operator friendly software. This agreement symbolizes the ‘natural fit’ of both organizations according to Chris Berghoff, President of Control Products. “This alliance combines the strengths of Control Products with its custom design and manufacturing of NAFEM Data Protocol enabled controls with the strengths of E-Control Systems operator software for the enterprise and restaurant levels.”

With Control Products and E-Control Systems working closely together, the food service industry will quickly begin to observe dramatically falling costs to communicate with food service equipment along with operator friendly software customized to meet the needs of the restaurant manager, field service personnel, and enterprise level management. Control Products will focus on the commercial food service equipment OEMs and E-Control Systems will focus on commercial and institutional food service operators.

“We are very excited to expand our partnership with Control Products, Inc.,” said Avi Bernstein, President and CEO of E-Control Systems, Inc. “Integrating our Raptor Web Software™, an enterprise management and information system for automating the commercial kitchen, with Control Products’ advanced electronic controls, will allow both companies to offer a tightly integrated, customized, and user-friendly solution for the ‘On-Line Kitchen.’”

According to Chris Berghoff, “because of changes in technology, we are rapidly approaching the point where long sought after benefits of restaurant and enterprise levels of monitoring and control can be realized and more easily cost justified. Today we are using gateways and other products to form the vital communications links between equipment and front end software. In the not too distant future, the communication functionality will be embedded in individual equipment controls.”

Whether or not your food service equipment has controls that communicate, Control Products and E-Control Systems have seamless solutions that can allow you to remotely monitor and control your food service equipment today!

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About Control Products, Inc.

Since 1985, Control Products, Inc. has been a leader in electronic control solutions specializing in technology, design, embedded communications, Internet connectivity, and manufacturing. Its products are used in many commercial and consumer applications around the world. Application examples include controls and embedded communications for food service equipment, HVAC, medical, Industrial, residential security, and freeze protection. To learn more about all the devices and services offered by Control Products, Inc. visit us online at www.controlproductsinc.com or call 1-800-947-9098.

About E-Control Systems, Inc.

E-Control Systems, Inc. is the emerging leader for NAFEM Data Protocol compliant hardware and software for the food service industry. Its enterprise management and information software allows easy integration and automation of any size restaurant or commercial kitchen. Its scalable architecture and SQL compliant database makes this system useful in single location, 10 location, or 10,000 location installations. Its software is used in many commercial equipment for the food service industry including walk-in coolers and freezers, reach-ins, under-counters, grills, fryers, ice machines, washers, and many more. These integrated solutions leverage state-of-the-art technologies and innovative practices to enhance performance, profitability, and competitive advantage. To learn more about E-Control Systems, Inc. and how we can help you, please visit us online at www.eControlSystems.com or call 888-384-3274.

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