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ICONICS Announces OPC ToolSuite 3.1

Support for Microsoft Visual Studio .NET

Houston, TX, ISA '03 – October 21, 2003 — **ICONICS**, a leader in the development of Web-enabled industrial automation and business visualization software for Microsoft® Windows® operating systems, today announced that its OPC ToolSuite™ now includes supports for Microsoft Visual Studio® .NET 2002 and 2003. This powerful toolkit allows users to quickly develop state-of-the-art OPC servers as well as ActiveX® OPC clients that conform to the latest OPC specifications for real-time data, alarms, and events, including OPC Data Access (DA) 3.0 and OPC XML DA 1.0. OPC ToolSuite is the industry's first suite of OPC tools that integrates OPC Data Access, OPC XML, and OPC Alarm and Events in one toolkit.

"ICONICS continues to be OPC-To-The-Core™," states Russ Agrusa, President and CEO of ICONICS. "Adding .NET technology to our OPC toolkit allows developers of OPC servers and clients to take advantage of Web-enabling, firewall, and IT friendly technology."

"The marketplace is seeking updated OPC tools that comply with the latest OPC standards," says Craig Resnick, Research Director at ARC Advisory Group. "ToolWorX™ appears to meet that requirement along with those of the OPC developers, who need the ability to build both OPC clients and servers from a single toolkit."

OPC ToolSuite Version 3.1 supports all required OPC COM interfaces, as well as several optional interfaces. All the documentation on how to create OPC servers and sample code is packaged with the toolkit.

Developers can also use ToolWorX to create OPC-based ActiveX clients. These clients can be used in any ActiveX container, allowing connections to real-time OPC data and OPC alarms and events. Users can embed an OPC-enabled ActiveX control into Microsoft Visual Basic®, HTML pages, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and several other containers; these off-the-shelf applications become intuitive OPC clients that can be used to Visualize Your Enterprise™.

ICONICS has been providing award-winning, industrial automation and business visualization software for over 15 years, and has successfully deployed more than 100,000 solutions worldwide. For more information, please contact ICONICS at (508) 543-8600 or info@iconics.com, or visit the ICONICS Web site at www.iconics.com.

Significant features available in OPC ToolSuite 3.1 include:

- Develop OPC servers for Windows 98, NT®, 2000, XP, 2003 and CE
- Create OPC Data Access for multithreaded client and server designs
- Easy-to-use wizards for rapid server development
- Create OPC servers using Microsoft Visual Studio .NET
- OPC Data Access 3.0, 2.0 and 1.0 compliant
- OPC Alarm and Events 1.1 complaint
- OPC XML-DA 1.0 compliant
- Online configuration
- Includes several OPC test clients and examples
- Automation interface for testing and debugging

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ICONICS Background Information

Founded in 1986, ICONICS is a leader in the development of Web-enabled industrial automation software for Microsoft® Windows® operating systems. Offering the industry's only suite of fully-integrated OPC-based components and products, GENESIS32™ Enterprise Edition is available for Windows XP, 95, 98, Millennium, and 2000, and Windows NT®. Pocket GENESIS™ for Windows CE and Pocket PC was built from the ground up based on ICONICS' OPC-To-The-Core™ framework. ICONICS offers a complete set of Plug and Play automation components, including best-in-class OPC ActiveX® Controls, OPC Toolkit, Human Machine Interface (HMI), Microsoft SQL Server®-based data logging, Multimedia Alarming, and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) products. ICONICS is represented in over 50 countries and has in excess of 100,000 product installations worldwide. Visit us online at www.iconics.com.

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