EtherCAT Technology Group at SPS IPC Drives 2012: Renesas and HMS with new EtherCAT products

Renesas and HMS Industrial Networks, members of the EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG), presented new chips with integrated EtherCAT technology at the ETG press conference held at SPS IPC Drives 2012 in Nuremberg, Germany.

Renesas presented its new chips with integrated EtherCAT slave controllers both at the ETG press conference and at a separate press conference run by the company. “In addition to its position as the world’s largest supplier of microcontrollers, Renesas is also well known as a manufacturer and marketer of special Industrial Ethernet chips,” says Martin Rostan, Executive Director of the EtherCAT Technology Group, adding: “Now Renesas integrates Industrial Ethernet interfaces into the company’s own developments – and begins this with EtherCAT.”

Also HMS Industrial Networks, a specialist in the field of industrial communication, used the press conference of the ETG as a platform to announce new chips with integrated EtherCAT interfaces at the trade show – EtherCAT interfaces themselves were part of the HMS product range long ago. “With the integration into the company’s chips another major provider of network components underlines the importance of EtherCAT,” enthuses Martin Rostan. “The new EtherCAT chips from Renesas and HMS clearly show that EtherCAT is on its way to becoming the mainstream interface –beyond the automation industry as well.”
The EtherCAT Technology Group (ETG) is an organization in which key user companies from various industries and leading automation suppliers join forces to support, promote and advance the EtherCAT technology. With over 2200 members from 56 countries the EtherCAT Technology Group has become the largest fieldbus organization in the world. Founded in November 2003, it is also the fastest growing fieldbus organization.

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