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### **11th sercos PlugFest successfully completed**

sercos international, supplier of the sercos® automation bus, welcomed a number of technology and automation vendors on May 15 and 16 to its 11<sup>th</sup> sercos PlugFest at the Institute for Control Engineering of Machine Tools and Manufacturing (ISW) at the University of Stuttgart, Germany.

During the two-day event, many new sercos products from competing vendors were intensively tested with each other to insure users of interoperability of sercos products. Products included controls (CNC, RC, Motion Controls, PLCs), electrical and pneumatic I/O systems, servo drives and sensor technology. Newly developed slave devices were also successfully tested.

Armin Egner, technical leader of the sercos Steering Committee (SSC) and responsible for the coordination of this event, was very pleased with the positive feedback of all participants. He stated, “The 11<sup>th</sup> PlugFest was fully successful in terms of numbers of participants and devices as well as in the variety of devices tested. These cover functions that have strongly been requested by the sercos user community. This event is also the ideal platform to test newly specified functions for compatibility with devices designed to previous specification versions.”

“This is always a highly useful event for all participants,” agrees Peter Lutz, Managing Director of sercos international. “Participants can exchange and build upon ideas during these informal and uncomplicated sessions. The manufacturer-independent approach and high level of standardization of sercos technology enables the interoperability of sercos III devices from various vendors.”

The 12<sup>th</sup> sercos PlugFest is scheduled for October 23 - 24, 2013 at ISW in Stuttgart.

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#### **About sercos international**

sercos international is an association of users and manufacturers that is in charge of technical development, standardization, conformance inspection, certification, and marketing for the sercos® automation bus. Conformance tests ensure that the implementation of sercos is in accordance with standards and thus allows the combination and integration of devices from different manufacturers. Based in Germany, the organization presently has more than 70 member companies located around the world, and has liaison offices in North America and Asia.

#### **About sercos**

The SERIAL Realtime COmmunication System, or sercos®, is one of the world's leading digital interfaces for communication between controls, drives, and

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decentralized peripheral devices. sercos has been used in machine engineering for more than 20 years and is implemented in over 3.5 million real-time nodes. With its open, manufacturer-independent Ethernet-based architecture, sercos III is a universal bus for all automation solutions.

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