

KUKA Robotics signs Deaton Engineering as new system partner

Partnership to Provide Robot Application Bundle Utilizing KUKA Robots and Deaton's Secure Graphical User Interface for regulated and security sensitive industries.

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Clinton Township, Michigan -- March 22, 2005 KUKA Robotics Corporation, a leading global manufacturer of industrial robots, today announced it has signed Deaton Engineering of Georgetown, Texas as its newest system partner. The partnership will provide customers with a new robot application bundle that includes a KUKA robot and Deaton Engineering's new secure graphical user interface (GUI) that controls the robot and associated system applications. The interface ensures the security of the robot control system software, overall system control applications, taught robot positions, and process data while maintaining a certain level of flexibility.

"Deaton's GUI is one of the few front end Windows-based user interfaces used in robotics that supports FDA security standards," said Joe Campbell, director of strategic alliances for KUKA Robotics Corporation. "With a KUKA robot and the DEI interface, manufacturers will have all the technical controls needed for data integrity and security along with the reliability and high performance of a KUKA robot."

"We are very pleased about this partnership," said James Deaton, president of Deaton Engineering. "We believe that our combined technology will give our security sensitive customers the security they require with the flexibility they need."

The new bundle will feature KUKA Robotics' high performance industrial robots and Deaton Engineering's secure GUI. The interface allows administrators to customize the security settings to give different levels of access to groups of employees. If used in a pharmaceutical or medical device facility, this interface provides the tools needed to comply with 21 CFR Part 11 data integrity and security administration regulations. The interface also helps maintain the control system in a validated state by not allowing unauthorized access to the system software.

Deaton Engineering, Inc., is a full service mechanical, electrical, controls engineering and integration company based in Georgetown, Texas. Established in 1991, Deaton Engineering offers a wide variety of engineering solutions and consulting services to clients in technology and process industries. Composed of a diverse group of Texas licensed Professional Engineers, engineers, designers, and technical staff, Deaton Engineering provides services to support many fields of industry. More information on the company and its products can be found on their website at www.deatonengineering.com

KUKA Robotics Corporation, with its parent company KUKA Roboter GmbH, Augsburg, Germany, is one of the world's leading manufacturers of industrial robots, with an annual production volume approaching 10,000 units, and an installed base of over 60,000 units. The company's 5 and 6 axis robots range from 3kg to 570kg payloads, and 635mm to 3700mm reach, all controlled from a common PC based controller platform. KUKA robots are utilized in a diverse range of industries including the appliance, automotive, aerospace, consumer goods, logistics, food, pharmaceutical, medical, foundry and plastics industries. KUKA robots are found in a multitude of applications including: material handling, machine loading, assembly, packaging, palletizing, welding, bending, joining, and surface finishing. For more information contact KUKA Robotics at 866-873-5852 or visit their website at www.kukarobotics.com.