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PLANTSTAR ANNOUNCES SUPPORT OF VIRTUAL SERVER ARCHITECTURE

SYSCON-PlantStar of South Bend, Indiana USA a leading supplier of real time production and process monitoring systems for the plastics processing industry, has announced the added capability of running its family of production and process monitoring systems on a customer supplied virtual computer server.

Software products such as VMWare and Virtualbox enable a single server to simultaneously run multiple applications. Each application is using a portion of the resources of the server and are set up as a virtual machine. It is as if the application is running on a dedicated server. The applications can even be of different operating systems.

“Much of a server’s processing power in today’s environment goes unused if there is a single application loaded on it,” reports PlantStar Vice President Gary Benedix.

“Virtualization enables IT departments to make better use of their server farms, manage their centers more efficiently and reduce energy costs.” Using a virtual server also reduces the cost of purchasing a PlantStar system. Utilizing a VM solution from PlantStar allows a more efficient use of a user’s computer system resources and allows for a lower cost entry point for PlantStar.

PlantStar engineers have implemented Virtual Server applications at several customers using both VMWare and Virtualbox products. “We are stepping up to where our user community is going,” said Benedix. “As they look for ways to streamline their IT operations they challenge us to be a partner in that effort.”

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