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SHOP FLOOR AUTOMATIONS AT IMTS® 2002 (BOOTH #3203)

Leading distributor to demonstrate new Predator MDC v1.3 and Virtual CNC 4.1 applications

San Diego, CALIF – Sept 1, 2002 – Shop Floor Automations, Inc. (SFA), the largest independent supplier of Predator Software products, today announced that it will be presenting two new Predator product releases at this year's IMTS 2002 show, held September 4-11, 2002.

Presenting in Booth #3203, SFA will be introducing and demonstrating Predator MDC (Manufacturing Data Collection) v1.3 and Predator Virtual CNC v4.1, in addition to Predator's full line of manufacturing applications. Predator MDC collects and reports on a manufacturing facilities two most important resources — people and machines. Keeping in mind that a customer can only improve what they can measure, Predator MDC enables the user to collect data in real time or on a summary basis. Once collected, the data can be used to give the user real-time status of personnel, machines, jobs, and historical analysis of productivity trends. Machine Status reports the current state of every machine including if it is idle, in setup, in production, or down. In addition, it displays the current job number and machine operator. Data can be collected automatically from the CNC control or manually from bar code readers and summary data sheets. Predator MDC includes more than 60 standard reports and graphs and can be exported to Microsoft Excel or HTML documents for further processing. Multiple database platforms are supported for Oracle, MS Access and SQL.

Predator Virtual CNC supports true 2-axis turning and 3-, 4- and 5-axis milling simultaneously. The key benefit of Virtual CNC is that it simulates and verifies tool path based actual G-Code, making it extremely accurate. The result is reduced or eliminated tool crashes and wasted materials. Predator Virtual CNC detects errors, allows for visual and feature inspection, includes custom reverse posts, hundreds of tools, stock and CNC controls with the ability to create your own machine definition. An optional STL File Compare feature allows the user to compare the machine model versus design model. A seat of Predator CNC Editor is included at no charge.

The Predator Software suite of products also includes DNC Networking, Tool Crib and Gage Crib Management, Document Control with secure HTML browsing, and reverse post/post processing software.

About Shop Floor Automations Inc.

Shop Floor Automations Inc. is the largest independent supplier of Predator Software products in the world. Serving as the Western United States Service Center for Predator Software, SFA provides sales, service, and support for all Predator products. Based in La Mesa, California, with offices and personnel in Los Angeles and Lancaster, California; Eugene, Oregon and Phoenix, Arizona, SFA has remained Predator's top reseller for three years running.

About Predator Software Inc.

Predator Software Inc. develops turnkey DNC Communications and Shop Floor Control Applications, and CNC Verification Software. The company also provides a line of products that together make up the Predator MES (manufacturing execution system) suite, which includes manufacturing data collection, electronic work instructions, and tool and gage management. Predator Software is based in Portland, Oregon, USA, with offices in; Cambridgeshire, UK; Copenhagen, Denmark, and Barcelona, Spain.

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