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Agile Unveils Next Generation of Combined Motion Control and Servo Amplifier

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Waterloo, ON - Agile Systems, an international manufacturer of high performance motor drive and motion control systems, today introduced its next generation single axis microMAXR controller.

As demands for higher productivity and smaller footprints grow in the semiconductor, life sciences and electronics assembly industries, so does the need for progressive control systems.

Agile Systems' microMAXR integrates the motion control, servo amplifier, networking capabilities and user I/O all within a very compact package. The microMAXR allows the customer to incorporate multiple controllers using a traditional connector or a backplane version that simply 'plugs in' to the user's printed circuit board. This lego-style connection substantially reduces the interconnect wire complexity and the system integration time.

Agile has designed a unique Peer to Peer network architecture allowing the user to create individual distributed programs to interact with each other. With this true distributed control network scheme, register values are exchanged between controllers in a synchronized fashion, ensuring motion functions associated with each exchanged register value are executed at a defined point in time and synchronized between all axes in the system. Peer to Peer networking of motion tasks reduces the bandwidth requirement of the network connection between machine control and the motion system.

"Following Agile's history of building state-of-the-art controllers, the microMAXR was built for cost-reduced single axis applications. But with the new simple plug in style connector, it can be used as a superior multi-axis solution," says Ralph Steedman, President and CEO, Agile Systems.

About Agile Systems

Agile Systems is a global leader in the design and manufacture of energy-efficient electronic controls for electric motors. Agile's compact digital motion-control solutions are used in robotics, semiconductor production, and in life sciences and factory-automation equipment. Other vertical markets include HVAC, consumer white goods, and automotive industries. Agile Systems is headquartered in Waterloo, Ontario, with sales representation around the globe.

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