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### Rockwell Automation Supports Improved Interoperability through OPC-UA Adoption

*Leveraging OPC-UA specifications helps manufacturers improve device-to-device and device-to-enterprise connectivity*

MILWAUKEE, June 25, 2006 — As a part of its ongoing commitment to open standards and interoperability, Rockwell Automation today announced its plans to leverage the OPC Unified Architecture (OPC-UA) specifications within the service-oriented architecture (SOA) of its FactoryTalk<sup>®</sup> production and performance software suite.

The OPC-UA standard follows advancements in Microsoft<sup>®</sup> technology from COM/DCOM to Web Services and .NET, and was developed to provide increased visibility, performance and interoperability between manufacturing control systems for OPC users. In addition, by offering platform neutrality, the OPC-UA standard improves the sharing of critical real-time information between multi-vendor systems from the plant floor throughout the enterprise.

“Rockwell Automation has a continued commitment to embracing next generation technologies that improve device-to-device and device-to-enterprise connectivity for our customers,” said Kevin Roach, vice president of Rockwell Software, Rockwell

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Automation. “This will help manufacturers who have installed a mix of products from different automation and information-level vendors to more easily exchange real-time data, leverage their manufacturing information assets and improve enterprise-wide interoperability.”

A founding member of the OPC Foundation, Rockwell Automation has been a long-term supporter of its standards for improved interoperability, which it demonstrates by actively participating in the OPC Foundation senior leadership and leveraging OPC technologies within its products to enable better connectivity and data sharing. Rockwell Software vice president Kevin Roach is one of the foundation’s seven elected members of the board of directors, directing its technical, marketing and financial responsibilities.

In addition, the company recently announced the release of FactoryTalk Gateway, a software application that increases connectivity options for Rockwell Automation customers by helping non-Rockwell Automation OPC clients to communicate bi-directionally with applications on the FactoryTalk platform. Available today, FactoryTalk Gateway also optimizes connectivity for OPC-compliant applications with the Rockwell Automation Logix control platform, another component of the company’s Integrated Architecture.

Rockwell Automation support of the OPC-UA standard will begin in 2007, with the standard’s Alarms & Events capabilities being included in subsequent FactoryTalk releases. In addition, elements included in the standard, such as Web Services, XML and .NET, align with FactoryTalk through its SOA, a common set of software services that helps ease integration and offers more efficient exchange of information.

Rockwell Automation (NYSE: ROK), is a leading global provider of automation, power, control, and information solutions that help manufacturers achieve a competitive advantage in their businesses. Headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., U.S.A., the company employs about 21,000 people serving customers in more than 80 countries.

For more information on the OPC Gateway please contact the Rockwell Automation Response Center, 10701 Hampshire Avenue South, Bloomington, Minn., 55438, 800-223-5354, ext. 1897.

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