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BELDEN EXPANDS ITS HIRSCHMANN™ PORTFOLIO WITH THREE NEW MACH100 DEVICES: RUGGED GIGABIT ETHERNET WORKGROUP SWITCHES

RICHMOND, IN - Belden (NYSE: BDC), a world leader in the development of signal transmission products for the industrial, enterprise, building management, broadcast, and security markets, expands its Hirschmann portfolio with three new MACH100 devices: Rugged Gigabit Ethernet Workgroup Switches.

These new Gigabit Ethernet switches, characterized amongst others by fanless (passive) cooling, can be used for connecting workgroups to the backbone in production environments using twisted-pair cables and/or optical fibers. Each of the three versions, designated MACH104-20TX-F, MACH104-20TX-FR and MACH104 TX-F-4PoE, provide 20 RJ45 ports (10/100/1000 BASE-TX) and four Gigabit Ethernet RJ45/SFP combo ports (the Small Form-factor Pluggable ports support 100 mbps and Gigabit transceivers)

Further features include comprehensive management and redundancy capabilities, various configuration and diagnostic functions, low thermal footprint and noise-less operation. This is complemented by a redundant power supply on the MACH104-20TX-FR, and by four IEEE 802.3af Power over Ethernet (PoE) ports. The MACH104-20TX-F-4PoE has a rated output of 15.4 W per connected field device.

Media redundancy via HIPER Ring, MRP (IEC ring function), Rapid Spanning Tree and Link Aggregation provide high network availability. Security mechanisms include access control according to IEEE 802.1x, IP and MAC port security as well as SNMP V3 and SSH. Detailed information can be displayed by means of a standard web browser. A further central management function is offered by an integrated SNMP interface, permitting the use of network management software such as HiVision.

The new MACH100 Gigabit switches are designed for an operating temperature range of 0 to +50 °C, assembly in 19" racks and plug-and-play commissioning. They can be configured by either means of Command Line Interface (CLI), Telnet, BootP, HiDiscovery, Watchdog Configuration or DHCP Server. By connecting an ACA 21-USB auto-configuration adapter to its USB port, all configuration data and the operating system can be saved and recalled at any time without tools or a PC – even onto a replacement switch.

With these three new Hirschmann™ workgroup switches, Belden has further expanded its leading position in the Industrial Ethernet segment. “All managed switches are based on a platform strategy for combining various Layer-2 and Layer-3 software packages with different hardware components,” explains Product Manager Pascal Unterdorfer. Together, the various DIN rail and rack mounted Ethernet networking device offering comprises over 10,000 versions - all operating under a common user interface. “This facilitates the realization of integrated data networks from the management to the control and through to the field level without the need for repeated training of the customer’s personnel.”

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For more information on the Hirschmann™ MACH1040 Gigabit Ethernet Switch request New Product Bulletin #311. Or, contact Hirschmann, A BELDEN BRAND, 1540 Orchard Drive, Chambersburg, PA 17201, 1.719.217.2299, Fax: 719.217.2279. Website: www.hirschmann-usa.com.

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