Press Release

CSM and Vector Reinforce their Integrated Measurement Technology Solution with Joint Strategy

Stuttgart, GERMANY, 02-12-2015 – CSM and Vector have agreed to work together intensively and engage in a joint venture for long-term and sustainable development and sales. In the future, users of measurement technology in automotive and commercial vehicle development will benefit from a closely coordinated complete solution for software and hardware products from Vector and CSM.

Vector is contributing to the fully integrated comprehensive solution with its software tools for online acquisition, analysis and management of measurement data. CSM is providing the measurement technology hardware – in particular its rugged and extremely compact analog measurement modules – for use in vehicles and on test benches.

Dr.-Ing. Winfried Koch, CEO and partner of CSM Computer-Systeme-Messtechnik GmbH: "As an independent hardware producer, CSM develops its products to communication standards such as CAN, EtherCAT and XCP on Ethernet. Our measurement modules interact optimally with the software solutions and interfaces of other producers that have become established on the market. This collaboration with Vector gives us an excellent opportunity to offer a comprehensive solution to our customers from a single source in the future. The experience and competence of Vector in developing complex software products and the many years of know-how at CSM in the field of challenging measurement technology hardware are an ideal match."

Thomas Riegraf, CEO of Vector Informatik GmbH adds: "Especially in the field of measurement technology, requirements by vehicle OEMs and ECU suppliers have increased tremendously with regard to measurement data

rates, reliability and flexibility of the development tools that are used. The partnership between Vector and CSM enables optimal exchange of know-how and close intermeshing of their products. Our customers will in turn benefit from this partnership in their projects."

To solidify its strategy, Vector Informatik GmbH acquired a 24.8 % share of CSM Computer-Systeme-Messtechnik GmbH on 01-01-2015. In the future, CSM and Vector will continue to operate as separate and independent companies on the market.

You will find more information at: www.vector.com/measurement_technique and www.csm.de

[Figure 1: Well-coordinated comprehensive solution of software and hardware products from CSM and Vector]

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About CSM Computer-Systeme-Messtechnik GmbH (Status: 02-01-2015):
For over 30 years, CSM Computer-Systeme-Messtechnik GmbH has stood for quality and innovation in the development of measurement instruments and data loggers. The company is a partner to manufacturers, suppliers and service providers worldwide, pursuing a strategic alignment to the key areas of Measurement Equipment, Memory Media and Programming Tools.
The core competencies of CSM are in developing challenging and compact devices for many different industrial applications, including the associated firmware and PC software. Its products are primarily focused on analog measurement modules based on CAN and EtherCAT and failsafe data logger solutions. CSM GmbH, founded in 1983, has a workforce of around 80 employees at its headquarters in Filderstadt, Germany. CSM maintains a subsidiary in the USA and has company representatives in China and France. CSM measurement equipment is also marketed by a global network of select and specially trained sales partners.

About the Vector Group (Revised 2/2015):

Vector Informatik is the leading supplier of software tools and components for developing and networking electronic systems based on CAN, LIN, FlexRay, Ethernet and MOST as well as on many different CAN-based protocols.

Vector's expertise is passed on to customers in the form of its wide range of products as well as in comprehensive consulting services with system and software engineering. Workshops and seminars round out the many different training options the company offers.

Customers around the world – working in the automotive, commercial vehicle, aerospace, transportation and control engineering industries – all rely on solutions and products from the independent Vector Group. Founded in 1988, Vector Informatik, together with Vector Consulting Services GmbH, currently employs 1,330 people, and its 2014 sales revenue was 268 million euros. In addition to its headquarters in Stuttgart, Vector also has subsidiaries in the USA, Japan, France, Great Britain, Italy, Austria, Sweden, South Korea, India, China and Brazil.