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PRESS RELEASE

Automation Federation recognized for contributions in protecting the manufacturing industry from the risks of cyberattack

ETA® International is a proud supporting member of Automation Federation and its cybersecurity initiatives.

Greencastle, April 29, 2014: Frost & Sullivan's Manufacturing Leadership Council, a global business leadership network in the manufacturing industry, recently recognized the Automation Federation as one of 100 world-class manufacturing companies in its 2014 Leadership 100 Awards (ML100 Awards) program.

The ML100 Awards Program honors companies and individuals that shape the future of global manufacturing. The judges concluded the Automation Federation has demonstrated excellence in promoting "Cybersecurity for Operational Technology in Industry Advocacy Leadership," one of the awards program's most competitive categories.

The Automation Federation is an association of member organizations providing awareness, programs, and services that advance the automation profession for the betterment of humanity.

"The strength of any trade association can be determined by its members. ETA® International is a proud member of Automation Federation and supports common goals that shape the future of cybersecurity protection in global manufacturing," said ETA President Teresa Maher, CSS.

At the request of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), a federal agency within the US Department of Commerce, select representatives of the Automation Federation participated in a series of NIST workshops charged with laying the groundwork for the government's cybersecurity initiative.

The Automation Federation, under the umbrella organization of the International Society of Automation (ISA), has been a strong and vocal advocate for the use of ISA's industrial automation and control systems (IACS) cybersecurity standards (ISA/IEC 62443) in better protecting industry and critical infrastructure from cyberattack.

The Automation Federation played a critical role in the development of the US Cybersecurity Framework, a how-to guide for American industry and operators of critical infrastructure to strengthen their cyber defenses. Representatives of the Automation Federation have been advising the Obama administration—

at the White House's request—on the value of ISA's industrial cybersecurity standards and the importance of incorporating them as core framework guidelines.

"The Automation Federation is honored to be recognized for its efforts in raising awareness around the need to better defend America's critical assets from the serious risks posed by cyberwarfare," says Michael Marlowe, Automation Federation Managing Director and Government Relations Director. "While no one can prevent industrial cyber attacks, you can significantly reduce your vulnerabilities. That's why ISA cybersecurity standards are so valuable. They're proven to mitigate and minimize the consequences."

About the Manufacturing Leadership Council: The Manufacturing Leadership Council is an exclusive, invitation-only executive network designed to define and shape a better future for manufacturers worldwide. It is managed by Manufacturing Executive, a division of Frost & Sullivan. For more information, visit www.MLCouncil.com.

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About Automation Federation: The Automation Federation is a global umbrella organization of sixteen (16) member organizations and six working groups engaged in automation activities. The Automation Federation enables its members to more effectively fulfill their missions, advance the science and engineering of automation technologies and applications, and develop the workforce needed to capitalize on the benefits of automation. For more information about the Automation Federation, visit www.automationfederation.org.

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