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## Join... the world's largest fieldbus organisation

With more than 25 million installed PROFIBUS and PROFINET nodes, PROFIBUS and PROFINET technology is growing. So, become a member of the world's largest fieldbus organisation and help drive the technology. Whether you are a manufacturer, systems integrator, end-user or other professional in the business; join the Southern Africa Regional PROFIBUS Association (SARPA) and take advantage of the benefits:

### ■ Participation

- Get involved in guiding and supporting the uptake of PROFIBUS in Southern Africa.
- Attend meetings of the SARPA and learn about the latest PROFIBUS and PROFINET developments.
- Discuss the marketing and marketing communications efforts for the promotion and growth of PROFIBUS and PROFINET in Southern Africa.
- Participate in presentations on the latest technological advances.
- Network with other device manufacturers and end-users.

### ■ Marketing Support

- Free use of the registered PROFIBUS and PROFINET logos and the SARPA logo.
- Member companies are able to participate in the SARPA stands

at trade fairs and are able to attend and invite customers to attend training seminars and events which are run by the SARPA.

- Member companies are listed on the SARPA Member's Listing in Electricity+Control magazine. This grid gives details of the services which you are able to offer to prospective customers.
- Free exposure of your company information on the Electricity+Control website.

### ■ Technical Support

- Free telephonic and email support on PROFIBUS and PROFINET issues.
- Free access to a forum of users, system providers and device manufacturers to obtain support for integration issues.
- Device Ident Numbers and Certificates are supplied, at reduced prices, to members who are device manufacturers.

### ■ Training

- Receive discount on Certified PROFIBUS training provided by our PROFIBUS International Competence Centre.

### ■ Accreditation

- Members have the opportunity to become an "Accredited PROFIBUS Company" – A SARPA recommended installer.



We just raised  
the bar:  
25 million  
PROFIBUS nodes  
installed  
worldwide

PI (PROFIBUS and PROFINET International) can bask in yet another success. Current market figures confirm that in April 2008, the number of installed PROFIBUS nodes in manufacturing and process plants broke the 25 million barrier. Exactly one

year previously, in April 2007, PI had broken the 20 million node barrier. Thus, the installed base has increased by 25% in just a single year. The current growth rate is 5 million PROFIBUS nodes p.a.

"With more than 25 million installed devices – probably more than all other rival systems combined – PROFIBUS now dominates all sectors of industrial automation", enthused Jörg Freitag, PI Chair-

man. "The total value of the PROFIBUS market is estimated at 50 billion US dollars with every indication that this is still a growing market. We fully expect PROFIBUS to exceed 30 million nodes by the beginning of 2009".

A key factor in the market success of PROFIBUS is the outstanding quality assurance and certification system of PI. The PROFIBUS certification test by independent accredited test laboratories ensures that the tested devices comply with the respective specifications, a fact that reassures users and manufacturers alike and gives them the utmost confidence in their investment decisions. Customers value not only the comprehensive range of PROFIBUS products, but also the large number of manufacturers, which gives them the freedom to select providers optimally suited to their requirements.

This market success attests to the continuous activities of PI, which is totally committed to promoting the continual growth of the world's most successful fieldbus system, while at the same time paving the way for a smooth transition to PROFINET. The availability of both PROFIBUS und PROFINET on the market means that for today's end-users - the sky's the limit!

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