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PRODUCT NEWS

Pilz SafetyEYE declared 'Automation Product of the Year'

The Pilz SafetyEYE safe camera system for three-dimensional zone monitoring has been named 'Automation Product of the Year' at the 2007 Electrical Industry Awards.



Photo shows (left to right): Paul Ross, Ian Murgatroyd of Pilz and Peter van den Broek, Senior Vice President of Fluke Europe, one of the event sponsors, at the 2007 Electrical Industry Awards.

At a glittering awards ceremony held at the Grosvenor Marriot hotel in central London, the Pilz SafetyEYE safe camera system for three-dimensional zone monitoring was declared Automation Product of the Year. Over 300 people attended the Electrical Industry Awards on 4 October 2007, all keen to hear who had won this year's 'Ellie' trophies. Ian Murgatroyd of Pilz Automation Technology accepted the Automation Product of the Year award from television and radio presenter Paul Ross.

The judges chose SafetyEYE because they appreciated its space-saving and safety credentials, and its enormous potential for a host of applications. One of the judges commented: "It makes a redefinition of the human-machine interaction possible."

Speaking afterwards, Ian Murgatroyd said: "SafetyEYE is the world's first safe camera system for three-dimensional zone monitoring, offering manufacturers the chance to transform the working environment. It can also save considerable amounts of money for system integrators and end users alike. Everyone at Pilz is extremely pleased that the judges recognised how innovative this product is. On behalf of Pilz Automation Technology, I would like to thank the judges and the award organisers, Purple Media Solutions."

This is the second award for SafetyEYE. In Germany the system won the Automation Award at the 2006 SPS/IPC/Drives show, plus it was one of five finalists for the Hermes Award at the 2007 Hannover Fair.

Please contact Pilz to request more information about SafetyEYE or visit the website at www.pilz.co.uk

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Note to editors

Pilz Automation Technology develops, manufactures and supplies process and automation control products for use wherever there is a requirement to ensure the safety of plant, personnel or the environment. Included in the range are: safety relays; configurable safety controllers; programmable safety systems (safety PLCs) for use with or without the SafetyBUS p safe, open industrial fieldbus network; mechanically actuated and non-contact guard switches; safety light curtains; 2D and 3D vision-based safety sensors; emergency stop switches; conventional and touchscreen operator interfaces; plus control and monitoring relays for non-safety applications.

In addition, Pilz provides safety-related services, such as training, engineering, consultancy and competence management. For 20 years Pilz has taken a leading role in educating the market with regard to safety legislation. This has been through seminars on legislation, software packages that assist with standards compliance and product selection, and publications. Pilz has produced six editions of the Guide to Machinery Safety, a Guide to Programmable Safety Systems, and publishes a free monthly email newsletter

Pilz Automation Technology is a wholly owned subsidiary of Pilz GmbH & Co KG, a family-owned German company with global operations. Since its foundation in 1948, Pilz has remained at the forefront of safety technology, launching the first safety relay the first programmable safety system, the first safe, open fieldbus system (SafetyBUS p), the first solid-state safety 'relay', the first software-configurable modular safety controller, and the first safe camera system for monitoring three-dimensional zones. Future developments will see safety technology being integrated more closely with standard control, such as in servo drives with safety functionality.

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