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Siemens launches PC SCOOT

Siemens Traffic has introduced the latest version of its SCOOT Urban Traffic Control system for use on a PC with the Microsoft Windows Operating System. Making controlling urban traffic even easier, the development of the technology provides a solution which is flexible to meet the needs of any service provider, from small towns to large cities.

According to Siemens' Systems Marketing Manager, Mark Bodger, PC SCOOT has been introduced in response to changes in technology and the demand from customers around the world for increased levels of integration in their traffic management systems. 'The introduction of PC SCOOT means that the world's leading adaptive traffic control system is now available on a standard hardware platform, offering efficiencies in system integration and ongoing maintenance' he said

PC SCOOT combines the latest version of SCOOT with the enhanced functionality of the company's advanced user interface, which offers users numerous benefits, including ease of use, simple installation and migration, and reduced equipment and maintenance costs, all operating on a PC.

The introduction of the technology is aimed at creating commonality of hardware across a range of traffic management and control systems, and therefore increased standardisation with traffic control centres and improved access to management data. PC SCOOT incorporates SCOOT MC3, the latest version of the proven adaptive control algorithm which includes a customised congestion management tool kit allowing traffic managers around the world to implement procedures that are relevant to their individual situations.

These advanced features, in turn, reduce maintenance requirements and provide more opportunities for implementing a range of traffic control solutions. PC SCOOT includes all the major features of the Siemens UTC/SCOOT system, monitoring traffic in real-time, it optimises traffic signal operation and adjusts the signal timings to match prevailing conditions, thus increasing network efficiency.

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SCOOT (Split Cycle & Offset Optimisation Technique) already operates in over 200 cities and towns worldwide, monitoring traffic flow in real-time to optimise traffic signal operation, and adjusts signal timings to match prevailing conditions. Following the introduction of SCOOT-based systems, 'before and after' studies have shown substantial reductions, both in journey times and delays.

PC SCOOT will be on show at the ITS World Congress in London in October. The system will be located on Siemens' stand E10/12 at the Excel Exhibition Centre from 9th – 12th October.

Elsewhere within the exhibition hall, on stand J53, visitors will be able to view Siemens' complete range of dedicated UTMC solutions, and delegates wanting to take a break over lunch on Wednesday 11 October can join a Siemens sponsored lunchtime debate which will bring together panelists Steve Norris, President of ITS (UK), former Transport Minister and London Mayoral candidate; Tony Ciaburro, Head of Highways and Transportation, Essex County Council; Professor Glenn Lyons, Professor of Transport and Director of the Centre for Transport & Society, University of the West of England; and Michael Roberts, Director of Business Environment, CBI. Entitled "Managing demand on the UK transport network: Can technology prevent gridlock?" the session promises to provide some lively discussion and will be chaired by Gordon Wakeford, Managing Director, Siemens Traffic Controls.

About Siemens Traffic Controls

As part of the Siemens Industrial Solutions and Services (I&S) group, Siemens Traffic Controls designs, manufactures, installs and maintains a wide range of traffic engineering products and systems to enhance road safety and improve traffic flow in congested urban and inter-urban areas. In the United Kingdom, the company installs and maintains more traffic infrastructure than any other company and has 700 employees including 350 skilled service engineers dedicated every day of the year to maintaining over half of all traffic control equipment installed on the UK road network. The Siemens Industrial Solutions and Services Group (I&S) is an integrator of systems and solutions for industrial and infrastructure facilities, and global service provider for the plant and projects business covering planning, installation, operation and the entire life cycle.

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