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Comtrol Releases the IO-Link Master DR-8-EIP Gateway

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota —February 26, 2015—Comtrol Corporation, a leading manufacturer of industrial device connectivity products and the official North American IO-Link Competency Center, today announced the release of the IO-Link Master DR-8-EIP for industrial IO-Link sensor and actuator connectivity. The newest addition to the Comtrol line of IO-Link Master products, the DR-8-EIP, enables plug and play communication of up to eight intelligent IO-Link devices to EtherNet/IP™ and Modbus TCP networks deployed across factory and industrial environments.   The DR-8-EIP master supports the IO-Link 1.1 standard for full IO-Link device compatibility and provides Comtrol's innovative "QuickLinx" embedded IODD file storage application. The new IO-Link DR-8-EIP master features software and web interfaces that pair the most advanced sensor and diagnostic information with the easiest setup in the industry.

"Our new IO-Link master's DIN rail form factor, screw terminal connections, and additional digital I/O points make it one of the most flexible IO-Link master modules available– perfectly suited for panel builders and applications such as automobile manufacturing where the DIN-rail design is widely preferred," states David Boldt, Comtrol Director of Product Management, "Until now, IO-Link products have focused on M12 connectors and machine-mount enclosures. The compact DIN-rail design of the DR-8-EIP is a response to our many customers seeking a higher port density, panel-mount IO-Link master for integrating digital and IO-Link sensors, actuators, and other devices."

The IO-Link Master DR-8-EIP simultaneously connects IO-Link devices to EtherNet/IP™ and Modbus TCP industrial networks, providing PLCs, SCADA systems, or HMIs access to sensor process, event, and

service data. It incorporates eight IO-Link ports, twelve digital IO connections and dual 10/100 Fast Ethernet ports for upstream network communication. Standard features like the comprehensive web-based user interface, PortVision DX configuration software, automatic device discovery and data storage, and simplified PLC integration make the DR-8-EIP the complete IO-Link gateway solution for EtherNet/IP™ and Modbus TCP industrial networks.

About Comtrol Corporation

For more than 30 years, Comtrol Corporation has been a manufacturer and provider of quality networking and industrial data communication products, specializing in industrial Ethernet and device connectivity. With representation across North America, EMEA, Asia and Latin America, Comtrol sells RocketLinx® industrial grade Ethernet and Power over Ethernet switches, IO-Link Master industrial gateways, DeviceMaster® Ethernet device servers and gateways and RocketPort® multiport serial cards through distributors, resellers and integrators worldwide. Providing exceptional product and technical support, Comtrol establishes solutions for a wide range of security, energy, industrial automation and traffic and transportation applications. For more information, contact Comtrol Corporation at 800-926-6876 or visit www.comtrol.com**.**