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From the editor's desk!

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Welcome to the latest issue of the High Tech AIDCourier.

A short month this time as we try to bring the newsletter back on schedule. Though the news seems slow, there is a lot of activity as we head in to the final quarter of the year. With the acquisition of Vue by Tyco Sensormatic and the latest round of financing for Alien Technology, there is a lot of activity out there.

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E-mail me at editor@hightechaid.com and tell us what you think. Don't forget to send this issue to your friends so that they can sign up for their own issue of the free newsletter at www.hightechaid.com. If you have news to share or info you need, let me know at news@hightechaid.com.

Technology News Briefs

RFID Standards

Standards progress has continued in the form of documents out for ballot this month but there has been no meeting activity.

If you want more information on ISO standardization or on any issue of RFID standardization, then email steve@hightechaid.com.

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Press Releases

A regular feature of HighTechAID Courier will be a review of interesting press releases from around the world. Please send your press releases to news@hightechaid.com, but do not forget to include a URL to the full release on your web site. Here are this month's selections:

Sirit Completes

California Makes It a Crime

To 'skim' RFID Tags

http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/151822/california_makes_it_a_crime_to_skim_rfid_tags.html
http://www.computerweekly.com/Articles/2008/10/03/232545/schwarzenegger-terminates-rfid-skimming.htm

RFID's real ROI

Is in IT's own backyard

http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9115943&source=NLT_AM
&nlid=1

US Army Awards ODIN technologies

Prime Contract for Passive RFID

http://www.morerfid.com/details.php?subdetail=Report&action=details&report_id=5046&display=RFID

Army awards RFID contracts

To six vendors

http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20081007_6265.php?zone=ngtoday

US military fails to go RFID tag-tastic

RFID in policy, bar-coded in action

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2008/10/08/dod_rfid/

Casinos betting on RFID

Says Progressive Gaming International

http://www.rfidnews.org/2008/10/09/casinos-betting-on-rfid

Scientists warn of hacker risk

For transit-fare cards

http://license.icopyright.net/user/viewContent.act?clipid=159596254&mode=cnc&tag=3.7441%3Ficx_id%3D%2FRTGAM.20081011.wcards11%2FBNStory%2FTechnology%2FHYBritishColumbia

Alien announces partnership

Private Placement

Toronto, ON – September 30, 2008 – Sirit Inc. ("Sirit") (TSX: SI), a leading provider of radio frequency identification ("RFID") technology, confirms that it has closed its previously announced private placement issuing 5,360,670 common shares of Sirit at a price of $0.15 for total gross proceeds of $804,100.

http://www.sirit.com/event_release-info.php?id_news=101

AIM Global Undertakes Development of Healthcare Test Protocols

RFID Experts Group (REG) to Define Parameters for Testing RF Emitters in Clinical Settings

For Chinese market

http://www.rfidnews.org/2008/10/13/alien-announces-partnership-for-chinese-market

Europe seeks to promote

The Internet of Things

http://www.muniwireless.com/2008/10/09/europe-seeks-to-promote-the-internet-of-things/

Tyco International Announces Acquisition

Of Vue Technology

http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/081007/netu075.html?.v=71

Gaping security hole

Found in RFID chips

http://www.techworld.com/security/news/index.cfm?newsID=105167&pagtype=samechan

RFID's new profile

Impact on supply chains growing

http://www.joc.com/articles/news.asp?section=spec2&sid=46578

Healthcare and Life Sciences

Forum On The Way

For Medical Use Of RFID

http://www.wirelesshealthcare.co.uk/wh/news/wk40-08-0006.htm

More RFID Healthcare Applications

Wireless location used to track assets and validate drug shipments

http://www.wirelesshealthcare.co.uk/wh/news/wk41-08-0002.htm

Mayo Clinic

Uses RFID to reduce errors

http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2008/10/08/Mayo_Clinic_uses_RFID_to_reduce_errors/UPI-24261223485562/

Warrendale, PA -- October 9, 2008 -- AIM Global, the trade association recognized as the worldwide authority on automatic identification and mobility, today announced that its RFID Experts Group (REG) will develop a definitive set of test protocols for testing of RF emitters to ensure a benign effect in a healthcare setting.

http://www.aimglobal.org/members/news/templates/template.aspx?articleid=3345&zoneid=1

GE HEALTHCARE ACQUIRES AGILITY HEALTHCARE SOLUTIONS, BROADENING CAPABILITIES TO HELP HOSPITALS IMPROVE THEIR PERFORMANCE

RTLS

Startup DecaWave to Deliver

Standards-Compliant UWB RTLS

http://www.rfidupdate.com/articles/index.php?id=1682&from=rss

Privacy

The Real Threat To Privacy

Is Not From RFID

http://www.pulasthi.info/2008/09/real-threat-to-privacy-is-not-from-rfid.html

Bar Code

Microscan Purchases

Siemens Machine Vision Business

http://www.imakenews.com/marketechniqs/e_article001218661.cfm?x=bdrh7bt,b5pJNfGb

Homeland Security

One million ID cards

Every year from 2009

http://www.silicon.com/publicsector/0,3800010403,39293829,00.htm

Radio-Frequency ID

Technology Takes Off

http://www.newsfactor.com/story.xhtml?story_id=62054

GE's Offering Will Provide Hospitals With Informatics-driven Solutions for Resource & Patient Care Management

WAUKESHA, WI, - GE Healthcare, a unit of General Electric Company (NYSE: GE), announced today that it has acquired the privately held Agility Healthcare Solutions of Glen Allen, Virginia. Financial terms were not disclosed.

http://pressroom.gehealthcare.com/proom/internet/NewsandEvents.jsp?release_id=15446

SAFRAN to Acquire Motorola's Biometrics Business

Paris and Schaumburg, IL - Oct 15, 2008 – SAFRAN through Sagem Sécurité, its

wholly owned subsidiary and a world leader in ID solutions based on biometrics, today announced that it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the biometric business unit within Motorola Inc. (NYSE: MOT), which includes its Printrak trademark.

http://www.motorola.com/mediacenter/news/detail.jsp?globalObjectId=10292_10221_23

SENSORMATIC STRENGTHENS TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM FOR RETAILERS THROUGH ACQUISITION OF VUE TECHNOLOGY

Retailers to Gain Greater Operational Efficiency Capabilities with Vue's In-store RFID Technology

Boca Raton, FL, October 7, 2008 - Sensormatic Electronics Corporation, a Tyco International company, announced today the acquisition of Vue Technology, Inc. (Vue), a leading provider of item-level RFID software and infrastructure solutions.

http://www.sensormatic.com/WhoWeAre/prDetail.aspx?id=227

Alien Technology® Secures $38 Million in New Round Of Funding

October 6, 2008, Morgan Hill, CA – Alien Technology today announced that it has secured a new round of financing, led by existing investors Advanced Equities, New Enterprise Associates

(NEA), Rho Ventures and Sunbridge Partners.

http://www.alientechnology.com/newsevents/2008/press100608.php

Avery Dennison Names John Farrell Vice President and General Manager, RFID Division

PASADENA, Calif., Oct 10, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Avery Dennison Corporation today announced the appointment of John J. "Jack" Farrell Jr. to the position of vice president and general manager, RFID Division.

http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/avery-dennison-names-john-farrell/story.aspx?guid=%7BFE59CF8D-E5D8-4589-A081-4CDE60B45FCE%7D&dist=hppr

The Final

Comment

We always try to find something to keep away those boring evenings while you wait to get back to work. This month is no exception, try these:

Finally! Your Windows error messages decoded

At last! Error messages for the rest of us!

http://www.jibjab.com/view/41520

A parody that's as American as apple pie

http://www.jibjab.com/originals/time_for_some_campaign

Forget Freddy, it's a nightmare on Windows Street!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eNqPTOb31S8

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