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Axis introduces new rack solution for large video systems

Axis Communications today introduced a video server solution designed for large, surveillance installations. The AXIS Rack Solution enables customers to mount a large number of Axis video servers (typically serving more than 15 analog cameras) in one rack with a common power supply. Customers benefit from an IP-networked video solution that provides increased efficiency in installing and managing large, integrated, video surveillance systems.

While truly digital video solutions stand for an increasingly larger part of the security and surveillance video market, many companies still rely on analog camera systems. By bridging the analog input from the cameras, customers can more effectively manage recorded video, attain remote access capabilities and eliminate the need to change tapes and perform maintenance on the VCR mechanics. Bridging analog systems usually means connecting video servers to analog systems, while new installations can be a mixture of video servers and network cameras. For larger installations and integrated solutions, the mechanical concept of standard video servers is not optimal. The preferred solution for these installations normally include 19-inch based mounting, which makes the introduction of the AXIS Rack Solution a natural extension of Axis' leading product offering.

The AXIS Rack Solution involves an AXIS Video Server Rack, which is a 19-inch rack mountable chassis with built-in replaceable power supply, and up to 12 interchangeable and hot-swappable blades (video server cards). With the AXIS Rack Solution, there is no need to power-down during installation or service and customers will be able to mix and match different blades to meet their specific demands. As a stand-alone part of the solution, Axis also introduces two blades, the AXIS 2400+ Blade (a four-channel video server card) and the AXIS 2401+ Blade (a single channel video server card). More AXIS Blades will be made available in 2004.

The primary target group for the AXIS Rack Solution is customers with surveillance applications involving a large number of cameras, such as prisons, airports, railway stations, schools and universities, corporate headquarters, R&D centers and large hospitals.

The AXIS Video Server Rack, as well as the new blades will be available through Axis' distribution channels in December 2003. Product images are available on http://www.axis.com/corporate/press/cam_vid_photos.htm

About Axis

Axis increases the value of network solutions. The company is an innovative market leader in network video and print servers. Axis' products and solutions are focused on applications such as security, surveillance, remote monitoring and document management. The products are based on in-house developed chip technology, which is also sold to third parties.

Axis was founded in 1984 and is listed on the Stockholmsbörsen (XSSE: AXIS). Axis operates globally with offices in 14 countries and in cooperation with distributors, system integrators and OEM partners in 70 countries. Markets outside Sweden account for more than 95% of sales. Information about Axis can be found at www.axis.com.

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