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Axis introduces new video server family

Axis Communications introduces the first in a series of next-generation video products, utilizing the new ARTPEC-2 video compression chip. The AXIS 241 video server family offers security professionals an easy way to migrate from analog to digital surveillance. Benefits include new features such as full frame rate -- simultaneously on all channels, advanced event management, built-in video motion detection and a complete security package.

With the AXIS 241 video server family, Axis addresses the needs of advanced customers with professional surveillance applications based on analog video. Since the AXIS 241 utilizes analog signals, it is ideal for networking existing analog systems, and thus perfect for system integrators and installers who would like to help customers with existing installations cross over to IP-based surveillance systems. With an extensive portfolio of third-party applications available, the video servers enable an easy and flexible migration from analog to IP-based systems.

The product family initially contains two versions: AXIS 241S (single channel) and AXIS 241Q (four channels). Axis will introduce, as the next step, blade versions for use with the AXIS Rack Solution.

Offering full frame rate simultaneously on all channels, the AXIS 241Q/S video servers have the ability to digitize up to four analog video sources (in the Q version) and make this available on the network as streams of real-time Motion JPEG video. The video servers also include a comprehensive security package, with IP address filtering, HTTPS support and multi-level password protection. Other benefits include built-in video motion detection and powerful event management based on triggered or scheduled events. The video servers allow for 10 different resolutions up to 768x576 and five different compression levels.

AXIS 241Q/S will be available through Axis\' distribution channels in March, 2004. Blade versions will be available during Q2, 2004. For product images, please visit:

www.axis.com/corporate/press/cam_vid_photos.htm

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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