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NovaTech Process Solutions, LLC acquires Automation Elements, LLC to Offer Combined Solutions to Cement Manufacturers.

Owings Mills, MD – (March 8, 2006) NovaTech Process Solutions, LLC (NovaTech) is pleased to announce the acquisition of Automation Elements, LLC, a provider of total automation solutions for the cement industry. NovaTech Automation Elements will operate as a new NovaTech division located in Owings Mills, Maryland. This acquisition leverages the strengths of both companies to offer cement manufacturing customers a more comprehensive suite of products and services to operate their plants more effectively.

Volker Oakey, NovaTech's Chairman said, "Automation Elements provides NovaTech with an excellent opportunity to enter the cement industry at a time when the increased complexity of current production practices exceeds the capability of the traditional PLC instrumentation. The relationships of Automation Elements' personnel with operators in numerous cement facilities will provide us with the opportunity to demonstrate the capability of the D/3[®] to this industry."

"NovaTech provides Automation Elements access to a larger group of automation experts and the financial strength to allow us to focus on satisfying our cement industry customers," notes Don Harroll, Vice President of NovaTech Automation Elements.

These synergies will allow NovaTech Automation Elements to provide cement plants with automation, expertise, and the latest in off-the-shelf and best-in-class technologies. NovaTech's worldwide sales and support will surpass the expectations of global cement manufacturers, and NovaTech Automation Elements will grow with our customers.

About NovaTech LLC

NovaTech, LLC is a provider of process automation and high-speed communication products to industrial and utility customers worldwide. Its D/3[®] process automation system is used to monitor and control production operations within major drug, food, chemical and energy producers. Complementing the D/3 is NovaTech's Orion communication controller, which enables secure data acquisition from third-party equipment using a variety of communication protocols. NovaTech has over 350 D/3 process automation systems installed world-wide, in addition to hundreds of SCADA and distribution automation systems installed in the electric utility industry. For additional information on NovaTech, LLC, please visit www.novatechweb.com.