



Foundation Fieldbus Recognizes Contribution of Westlock Controls in Flexible Function Block Technology Demonstration

Lima, OH, May 19 2005- At a ceremony hosted by the Fieldbus Foundation, member companies participating in the Flexible Function Block (FFB) technology demonstration were recognized for their contributions to the success of the project.

Senior Software engineer Vijaykumar Soni received an award on behalf of Westlock Controls for his lead-



Vijaykumar Soni in front of the Fieldbus Foundation's FFB display demo with 10 Westlock 7344 Fieldbus Control Monitors. The Foundation used this display at the ISA Expo 2005 Fieldbus booth.

ership in developing a critical component of the overall technology demonstration.

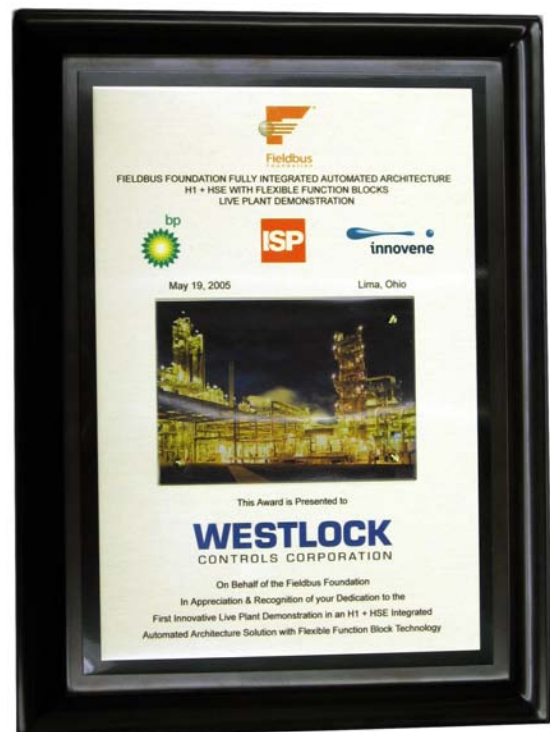
Westlock was the only company able to develop a FFB that was integrated into the valve control monitor on the H1 bus. The Westlock FFB reads the valve position input and develops the correct output with response times under 50 milliseconds. This sub-macrocycle response time was critical to the success of this project.

This technology demonstration was a joint venture of the Fieldbus Foundation and the BP Amoco Chemical Company and was hosted at the Lima, Ohio 1,4-butanediol (BDO) manufacturing facility. This facility has subsequently been acquired by one

of the subsidiaries of International Specialty Products.

John Rezabek, lead controls engineer for the ISP Lima facility, stated that the fieldbus demonstration project provided valuable, real-world experience for end-users interested in replacing proprietary control systems with an open, interoperable fieldbus architecture enabling robust, reliable control at the field level.

Mr. Rezabek stated, "Having implemented the demonstration project in a mission-critical part of an operating process, we feel confident that we have passed a milestone in the development of fieldbus HSE and truly distributed control". He continued, "The distinct advantages of implementing H1 and HSE in lieu of proprietary networks will become increasingly apparent, as our leading suppliers develop products to make this technology accessible to their customers everywhere."



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