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Ubisense Announces Scheduling Interface with HASTUS™

San Antonio, Texas, 3 October, 2010. Ubisense, the world leader in transit yard location solutions and provider of the Transit Yard Manager™ solution for transit agencies, now integrates with GIRO's HASTUS™ software and supports real-time information exchange with HASTUS, an integrated and modular solution for optimized transit planning, scheduling, and operations installed at more than 250 transit companies in 23 countries.

Transit Yard Manager from Ubisense provides real-time visibility for indoor garages and outdoor transit yards to an accuracy of less than one meter, delivering exact bay, lane, and position information instantaneously. The system utilizes ultra-wideband (UWB) technology to provide up-to-the-minute, precise location tracking performance in tightly enclosed cluttered areas where other RFID and wireless technologies fail. Ubisense Transit Yard Manager eliminates the costs associated with manually logging the constantly moving vehicles in a yard, and ensures that the vehicle is parked exactly where is shown in the system. Ubisense Transit Yard Manager is installed in both bus and rail operations at locations around the world including Metro Transit (Minneapolis) and JNGV in Jena, Germany.

By providing schedule system integration through a real-time connection to the HASTUS solution, a dispatcher can select a piece of work in the scheduling system, highlight a bus on the interactive map in Transit Yard Manager, and "click to assign". The application can then send the vehicle number and location to HASTUS. With exact vehicle location in a yard, it is also possible to further automate the scheduling process using optimization tools available within HASTUS.

"One of the principal driving forces for transit agencies to deploy an automated vehicle location system within garages and yards is to increase the efficiencies with scheduling. By connecting to HASTUS in real time, agencies will now be able to automatically indicate to driver operators the location of the vehicle without having to enter this information manually," said Ubisense CEO Americas, Russ Chandler. "We are excited to be able to work with our partners at GIRO to provide this additional capability to our customers."

According to GIRO's Benoît Lacroix, Director of Product Management - HASTUS, "GIRO recognizes our customers' avid interest in technology such as Transit Yard Manager. We are pleased this partnership will allow HASTUS users to benefit from automated yard tracking capabilities as well as further optimize daily operations with dynamic integration through our HASTUS-Connect tools."

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