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SMD Nets A Safety Solution From CoreRFID

Structural Metal Decks Ltd have selected CoreRFID to provide a safety management system for the safety nets used in support of the installation of over 1 million square metres of metal decks each year.

As a strong promoter of safety initiatives in the construction industry, SMD identified the need for improved checking of safety nets so that they meet the BS EN 1263-2 standard before they are allowed on-site. The solution uses a small electronic tag fixed to each net. The tag can be read by a hand-held computer, providing an immediate and automatic record of each time the net is moved. The record of movements allows the system to warn when a net's usage means that it requires testing.

CoreRFID has developed the software and supplied radio frequency identification (RFID) tags, readers and hand-held computers in a system that will initially be used to manage the use of over 500 safety nets across SMD sites.

"The RFID based system makes it much easier for us to keep track of safety nets. That will contribute to further improving our site safety record. The solution is an important part of our safety strategy. The solution provided by CoreRFID met our requirements and is providing a solution that is easy to implement and practical to use both in our warehouse and on-site," says Craig Galway, Contracts Director for Structural Metal Decks Ltd.

CoreRFID Ltd's Managing Director, Mike Maughan said, "We are delighted to be working with SMD because of their leadership on the issue of safety in the construction industry. CoreRFID Ltd has created innovative software solutions in safety management for companies such as GMJV and in collaboration with Reactec Ltd. The SMD application is another demonstration of the benefits that RFID can bring to safety management."

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About CoreRFID Ltd.

Over the last 15 years CoreRFID Ltd has established a prominent reputation in the global RFID industry for delivering innovative products and services that help its customers to deliver successful solutions.

With bases in the US, UK and Europe, CoreRFID is now working on some of the most advanced RFID projects, delivering RFID technologies often in short timescales. CoreRFID customers include the BBC, Capita, Nokia, BAA, Thames Water, the Channel Tunnel, Norwich Union, Galliford Morgan and Amec.

CoreRFID was formerly known as Mannings RFID, part of the Mannings engineering group. In July 2007 the Mannings RFID management team successfully completed a management buyout from Mannings UK to create a business exclusively focused on the needs of RFID technology users. CoreRFID retains all the staff, know-how and intellectual property of the Mannings RFID business. The CoreRFID team of experienced engineers and its sales and administration centre is based in Warrington, in the North West of England.

CoreRFID is backed by Enterprise Ventures and NatWest Bank.

About the use of RFID

Radio frequency identification is widely used to help track, trace audit and control items by allowing computer systems to read details of tags attached to stock, assets or other items. RFID is used for applications such as:

- Keeping track of stock as it moves from manufacturer to warehouse to shipping agent to retail outlet to customer.
- Providing travellers with tickets that register each journey as it is made.
- Identifying livestock to ensure traceability of food, to prevent theft or to help lost animals to be reunited with their owners.
- Providing access control and checking who enters premises and when.

The wide range of different types of tags with widely different data handling capabilities and reading characteristics means users of RFID systems need to make careful technology choices to create successful applications. CoreRFID specialises in helping customers to make these choices.