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Data collection and storage for semiconductor equipment

CIMAC Releases EDAlink
To Address Data Acquisition Needs
Of Semiconductor Equipment

San Jose, CA—December 17—CIMAC today announced the release of EDAlink to address the data acquisition needs of semiconductor equipment. This product combines hardware and software in a compact format to capture data from semiconductor equipment and make it available to a wide variety of users in a standard format. It has XML/SOAP and SECS/GEM connectivity as well as an embedded OSIsoft ECHO database.

Previously, data from tools was difficult to access even for the tool owners. The existing SECS/GEM standard was not designed to address current requirements for data. Recently, there has been much progress toward an approval of an industry standard for data collection. CIMAC has been following this standard very closely and now that the standard is near approval, is releasing EDAlink that fully complies with the standard requirements. In addition, CIMAC is committed to maintaining standard compliance through future standard revisions.

CIMAC has developed this product using its extensive semiconductor domain knowledge, its experience automating semiconductor tools in a wide variety of situations, and its current product set that addresses fab and tool maker automation requirements. "Being out in the field servicing the automation requirements of the semiconductor industry gave us an insight into the data collection requirements of end-users." said Yezala Abayneh, President and CEO of CIMAC. "In addition, OEMs who incorporate EDAlink into their product offering will be able to offer immediate connectivity to their end users' EEC applications such as e-Diagnostics and Overall Equipment Efficiency/Effectiveness Applications (OEE)."

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