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## Partner itelligence AG links Production Machines with Business Management / itelligence takes part in the Initiative "Open Industry 4.0 Alliance" (FOTO)



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The objective of the "Open Industry 4.0 Alliance" is to create a network that links up most of the various machines in a smart factory. The alliance is a union of companies from the engineering and industrial automation sectors and SAP. In August 2019, itelligence AG, one of the world's leading SAP consultancies, joined the group as one of the first partners at the application level.

The aim of the Open Industry 4.0 Alliance is to build a standardized, open network for operating highly automated factories and processing plants, including logistics and services. The partners in the alliance are planning a framework on the basis of existing standards.

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The founding members of the Open Industry 4.0 Alliance include the companies Beckhoff, Endress+Hauser, Hilscher, Ifm, Kuka, Multivac and SAP. Other partners are Balluff, Gebhardt, Pepperl+Fuchs, Schmidtsche Schack, Samson and Wika. In general, any company is welcome to join the alliance.

Creating a common language for data exchange

Any large company, or any medium-sized factory, processing facility or logistics center, will use a variety of products from a number of different manufacturers. "Proprietary standards in connectivity, data management and collaboration inhibit the scaling toward 'Industry 4.0'," says Mark Albrecht, Global Head of Innovation Technologies at itelligence. "We want to change that by creating a common language for data exchange."

Open standards all the way from production to service

The Open Industry 4.0 Alliance promises an open, standards-based and compatible range of solutions and support and intends to model the entire path extending from the product in the workshop to service. Companies using this framework can draw on a toolkit of modular, compatible and scalable components for solutions and services. These are based on the core competencies of the alliance members and provide the opportunity to make a vendor-neutral selection among suppliers in the discrete

manufacturing and processing industries.

Four winning elements: The Open Industry 4.0 Alliance offers the four components Device Connectivity, Edge, Operator Cloud and Cloud Central as well as an associated range of services. The alliance is global in scope. The initiative was joined by itelligence in August of this year.

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