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RuggedCom Introduces the RuggedSwitch™ RS969 ***“The World’s First IP65/IP67 Rated, Fully Managed, Industrial Ethernet Switch with Gigabit”***

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RuggedCom, a leading developer of ruggedized networking and communications technology, today announced the availability of the RuggedSwitch™ RS969, an IP65/IP67 rated 10-port fully managed Ethernet switch with fiber optical Gigabit uplink ports. This product is, to the best knowledge of the company, the first of its kind and is the only available managed Ethernet switch with the IP65/IP67 rating. The IP65/IP67 rating indicates device protection in “wet” environments that includes immersion in water and water jet spray.

In addition to the IP65/IP67 rating, the RS969 is designed to the RuggedRated™ specification, which establishes a set of criteria that networking and communications devices must meet to ensure reliable operation in harsh industrial environments. This includes the industry’s most extensive set of tests and highest level of immunity to electromagnetic interference (EMI) and heavy electrical surges. The RS969 also offers the widest temperature range in the industry, ensuring reliable operation in temperatures ranging from -40°C to +85°C without the use of fans. In addition, optional dual-redundant, parallel load-sharing power supplies provide customers with improved network availability. Combining all these features together ensures the highest level of reliability for mission critical applications.

According to RuggedCom President and CEO Marzio Pozzuoli, “The development of the RuggedSwitch™ RS969 illustrates our commitment in providing advanced networking devices for demanding application environments. We want to enable and extend automation and control applications into new areas of the factory floor, environmentally harsh environments, and other hazardous locations, and we want to do so with all the advanced networking features that our customers are accustomed to in their corporate office networks.”



As a fully managed switch, the RS969 features all of the advanced networking features of the RuggedSwitch™ Operating System (ROS™) including: RuggedCom's eRSTP™ technology which provides enhanced support for large ring topologies and ultra-high speed fault recovery; Quality of Service for real-time traffic; port rate limiting; VLAN support; and a rich set of diagnostics with logging and alarms.

The RuggedSwitch™ RS969 extends RuggedCom's leadership position as a developer of ruggedized networking and communications technology.

To learn more about RuggedSwitch™ RS969 or RuggedCom's other products and technologies, please visit www.RuggedCom.com

About RuggedRated:

The RuggedRated specification establishes a set of criteria that networking and communications devices must meet in order to ensure reliable operation within harsh industrial environments. The RuggedRated symbol identifies products that have been specifically designed to meet these criteria. For more information about RuggedRated™, please visit www.RuggedCom.com/ruggedrated.html

About RuggedCom Inc.:

RuggedCom is a leading developer of high-performance networking and communications equipment capable of operating reliably in harsh industrial environments.

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