RFID TECHNOLOGY ELIMINATES MANUAL SEARCH FOR LOST FILES

FileTrail, a leading provider of RFID file tracking solutions, has announced the newest version of their FileDetector technology to eliminate the manual search for lost files. Filetrail client feedback indicates that time searching for files can consume 6 to 10% of the day for each staff member. The FileDetector's Gen2 RFID technology provides reading from distances up to 72 inches. This replaces the old RFID technology that was limited to reading from 8-10 inches. Clients also voiced the need for a description that clearly identified the file that had been found - not just a cryptic barcode or RFID number. FileTrail displays who requested the file and where they sit, allowing it to be taken where it is needed immediately. The solution can be integrated with an existing RIM system. For firms that don't have a RIM system, its browser-based software provides a complete solution for file tracking and records management.

NEW VERSION OF YARD MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

WhereNet, a Zebra Technologies company and leader in wireless solutions for tracking and managing enterprise assets, has unveiled WhereSoft Yard version 5.0. Featuring user-defined business rules to automate workflow in medium-to-large yards, this latest release of the WhereNet yard management system software serves as an advanced planning and execution system. Depending on the volume and velocity of the yard operation, WhereSoft Yard can be used with or without the company's standards-based RTLS technology. Carpet manufacturer Shaw Industries has deployed the solution at its main distribution campus in Georgia (US), as well as at two supporting distribution centers. Managing the flow of more than 500,000 shipments from these facilities each year, WhereSoft Yard is designed to improve yard throughput, asset and labor utilization, and on-time deliveries.

SOLUTION REDUCES LAPTOP AND IDENTITY THEFT AT UNIVERSITY

Axcess International, a leading provider of dual-active RFID and RTLS solutions, and IDZ RFID Mexico, one of the most active RFID consulting and integration service providers in Latin America, have announced the successful implementation of its asset management system at Universidad Regiomontana, a premier Mexican academic institution. The University deployed Axcess' ActiveTag RFID physical computer asset protection solution in January 2006 with the goal of reversing asset theft and enhancing personnel tracking. Prior to implementation, the university suffered a rate of 10-15 percent in laptop thefts on a regular basis; following the use of the system, the thefts have been reduced to zero.

The RFID/RTLS and sensing systems use small, re-usable battery-powered tags that when automatically activated, transmit a wireless message typically 30 to 100 feet to hidden palm size receivers. Activation-based positioning, meanwhile, can determine if an asset has left a secured area down to 1 foot of accuracy and can also determine its direction.

TEXTILE MANUFACTURER TRACKS FABRIC ROLLS

Alien Technology, an industry leader for RFID products and services, in partnership with Simet, has announced what it claims to be the world's first EPC-compliant fabric roll tracking application at Griva, a textile manufacturing company based in Torino, Italy. As a result of implementing the RFID reader and tag system almost 10 months ago, a 30% return on investment has been realized in the form of time management savings and increased traceability of the fabric rolls.

Griva produces over three hundred thousand rolls of fabric every year, providing finished fabrics for upholstery and drapery to leading European retailers, and they must therefore ensure that the correct fabric roll undergoes the correct treatments and processes. The Gen 2 Squiggle tags used passed the "plastic film" test that previous methods hadn't been able to pass because the film hid the barcode. This method therefore made it possible to track pieces that are already packaged and ready for delivery; saving time and providing customers with more accurate information.