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MAP Builds relationship with Trimble to distribute the Trimble MEP Layout Solution

Trimble MEP Layout Solution and CADmep+ to bring a helping hand to the Construction Industry to help minimize costs and increase profits in a struggling economic climate.

BLACKPOOL — July 20, 2010 — MAP Software is launching the Trimble® MEP Layout Solution to the UK market in an attempt to provide a solution to expensive reworks that take place due to inaccurate installation of MEP services in construction projects.

“The current trend with construction projects is seeing an increasing degree of complexity (for example with curved buildings) and a decreasing time-frame to deliver the project. Penalties for over-runs are increasing as is the cost for reworks and margins are becoming slimmer. With the current economic climate and taking into account the above trends, there has never been a more important time to 'get it right the first time' with layout and installations” says Stuart Barcock, Head of Business & Product Strategy at MAP.

Typically MEP layout has been delivered by a 3-4 man team, manually measuring and marking with a tape measure and chalk. With increasingly complex building designs, the Trimble MEP Layout Solution delivers plan accuracy to the site. The 2D plan is transferred to the Trimble® Nomad handheld Windows Mobile® device, which then drives the Trimble® Robotic Total Station (RTS) to position a visible laser dot to the exact coordinates the installers require, to within +/-2mm accuracy over 250m. No more need for 3-4 man layout teams, this solution can easily be operated by a 2 man team, or even a single user.

MAP Software have developed a function within CADmep+ (their AutoCAD approved application for 3D MEP services design) that works seamlessly with the Trimble MEP Layout Solution to enable the handheld positioning solution to locate hangers, sleeves, wall penetrations and pipe fixing points without the need of tape measures or chalk, therefore increasing accuracy and efficiency, whilst dramatically decreasing layout times.

CADmep+ can help provide accurate construction drawings with ease, while being used to create 'layout points' that can be exported directly to the Trimble MEP Layout Solution to provide installation teams with a digital plan onsite. The solution finally delivers what BIM promises, an office-to-site-to-office seamless workflow based on working plans. Contractors can feel comfortable using the solution while clients can be satisfied that the project is progressing with a reduced risk of preventable rework operations and project delays.

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About MAP (Micro Application Packages Ltd)

MAP has been a leading supplier of specialized software applications to the Global construction industry since 1982, with clients in over 80 countries. Developing specialist applications for the MEP Services industry, MAP has a comprehensive portfolio of software covering design to manufacture. Further information can be found at: www.map-software.com

About Trimble's Building Construction Business

Trimble's Building Construction Division is a leading innovator of productivity solutions for the building construction contractor. Trimble's solutions target site prep, general, concrete, mechanical, electrical and plumbing contractors on large and small commercial, industrial and residential jobsites. Trimble is focused on delivering solutions that tightly link office based process and information with the field crew—including taking Building Information Models (BIM) and other design data to the field for highly accurate positioning and layout of foundations and mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. Trimble solutions provide a high-level of process and workflow integration from the design phase through to the finished project—delivering significant improvements in productivity throughout the building construction lifecycle.

About Trimble

Trimble applies technology to make field and mobile workers in businesses and government significantly more productive. Solutions are focused on applications requiring position or location -- including surveying, construction, agriculture, fleet and asset management, public safety and mapping. In addition to utilizing positioning technologies, such as GPS, lasers and optics, Trimble solutions may include software content specific to the needs of the user. Wireless technologies are utilized to deliver the solution to the user and to ensure a tight coupling of the field and the back office. Founded in 1978, Trimble is headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif.

For more information Trimble's Web site at www.trimble.com.