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SKF launches the SKF @ptitude Asset Management System – a comprehensive, integrated and scaleable system of hardware and software elements for optimized plant asset efficiency

SKF is pleased to announce the launch of the SKF @ptitude Asset Management System, which brings together the world class hardware and software technology offerings from SKF Reliability Systems, and provides solutions to optimise machine and process reliability and productivity.

Together, they form the basis of a completely integrated and scaleable approach to condition monitoring. Using data from the full range of SKF data collection devices, offering links to the customer CMMS system, and interfacing with SKF @ptitude Decision Support to facilitate consistent and reliable decision-making.

The system comprises SKF Multilog on-line surveillance and protection systems, SKF Microlog and Marlin portable monitoring solutions, and the SKF @ptitude Monitoring Suite - consisting of three core software modules - Analyst, Inspector, and Observer.

Having one common software platform enables collaboration between maintenance, operations and reliability personnel and helps customers apply a proactive maintenance strategy, minimizing asset downtime and avoiding costly machine damage, and decreasing health, safety and environmental incidents.

And by consolidating data into one software suite it becomes easier to analyse data, create reports, produce plot overlays and interface with other plant-wide systems, such as @ptitude Decision Support, CMSS and DCS.

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The common look and feel of each core software module in the SKF @ptitude Suite enhances ease of use, reduces learning curves, and makes it easier to maintain a complete up-to-the minute picture of your asset condition. The suite uses a common database manager and can share an Oracle® or Microsoft SQL Server® database manager for easier system administration and enterprise-wide integration.

According to Luis Econom, Product Line Manager for SKF @ptitude Monitoring Suite, "Having one software platform provides simple installation procedures, easy maintainability and options for customization." Mr. Econom continues, "The system is scalable, allowing customers to begin with periodic or on-line systems and expand as their needs change to include additional monitoring hardware or to expand system-wide; all without complex IT conversions, additional staff training or different software configurations."

For more information on the SKF @ptitude Asset Management System and the @ptitude Monitoring Suite, visit www.skf.com/apptitude.

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