

Turck takes over RFID turnkey solutions provider Vilant Systems

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Automation specialist expands its portfolio to enhance software, systems and services business

Espoo, October 19, 2017 – Turck has acquired the majority of the shares of its current RFID turnkey solution partner Vilant Systems based in Espoo, Finland. The company is now part of the Turck Group. After completion of the transition process in January 2018, the new company name will be Turck Vilant Systems. With this transaction Turck is strengthening its commitment to software, systems and services, which is of high strategic importance in terms of Industry 4.0 and the Internet of Things.

“Our customers require not only excellent hardware products, but more and more complete system solutions including software, integration and maintenance services, especially in the RFID business”, says Christian Wolf, Managing Director of Turck. “With the experienced specialists from Vilant, we are now able to meet these requirements better and support our customers on the way to Industry 4.0. We are particularly delighted to welcome the complete Vilant team with about 50 employees on board.” Founding partners Ville Kauppinen and Antti Virkkunen (hence Vil-Ant) remain shareholders and managing directors of the new Turck Vilant Systems.

With its four subsidiaries, Vilant has implemented more than 1,000 RFID system installations in 35 countries in the 15 years of operation, making it a major player in the industrial RFID system business. “This was a strategic decision for us. We have always targeted international growth”, says Ville Kauppinen. “In the Turck group we will be able to continue our RFID system implementation business as usual, leveraging Turck’s international sales organization and the hardware product portfolio for further international growth.”

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