

Corporate Marketing  
2 Dart Road  
Newnan, GA 30265  
Telephone: 770-254-0400  
Fax: 678-423-2601

## PRESS RELEASE

### ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

Date: May 7, 2012

Contact: [info@us.yokogawa.com](mailto:info@us.yokogawa.com)

Contact Phone: 1-800-888-6400

Release #: 1032

### **Yokogawa Appoints Ian Verhappen as Head of Canadian Business**

Yokogawa Electric Corporation announces that Ian Verhappen will become the Managing Director of Yokogawa Canada Inc. reporting to Yokogawa Corporation America President Mr. Chester J. Mroz. In this position, Mr. Verhappen will be responsible for overseeing all Yokogawa business operations in Canada. With his experience and reputation as a strong leader in the industrial automation industry, Yokogawa is well positioned to expand its business in the Canadian market.

Mr. Verhappen's professional career covers a broad range of engineering, managerial, consulting and executive positions with a leading oil sands operator, automation suppliers, and consultants, and engineering societies. Mr. Verhappen spent the first 25 years of his career in the upstream hydrocarbon industry with Petro-Canada (now Suncor) and Syncrude Canada Ltd. gaining exposure to the full spectrum of the oil and gas as well as the oil sands sector. Mr. Verhappen left the Oil Sands industry for MTL Instruments (now part of Cooper Crouse-Hinds) where he was responsible for the development of worldwide business strategy and results for MTL's global industrial networking business. More recently, Mr. Verhappen has been working in the engineering services business as a global consultant assisting clients with their process

plant networking, digital field systems, process control and safety systems, process analyzer systems and automation projects.

Mr. Chet Mroz, President of Yokogawa Corporation America had the following to say about the appointment: "Mr. Verhappen is well recognized within our industry as someone who quickly identifies the customers' core problem and understands how technology can be used to provide cost effective solutions to the issue at hand. I believe that his experience, industry knowledge, understanding of the Canadian market, as well as his strong leadership, will help expand our business in Canada by providing customer services excellence."

Mr. Verhappen holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Alberta, and a Certified Automation Professional. He is a Fellow member of the International Society of Automation and Professional Engineer in Alberta.

Mr. Verhappen, born and raised in Western and Northern Canada, will be based in Yokogawa Canada's headquarters in Calgary, Alberta.

### **About Yokogawa Canada Inc.**

Yokogawa Canada is the North American division of \$3.9 billion Yokogawa Electric Corporation, a global leader in the manufacture and supply of instrumentation, process control, automation services and solutions. Headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, Yokogawa Canada Inc. works closely with our representative network to provide automation solutions based on the complete line of Yokogawa products, systems, services, and support. For more information about Yokogawa, please visit our website [www.yokogawa.com/ca](http://www.yokogawa.com/ca).

### **About Yokogawa Corporation of America**

Yokogawa Corporation of America is the North American division of Yokogawa Electric Corporation and a key part of Yokogawa's global network of 25 manufacturing facilities and 80 companies spanning 54 countries. Since its founding in 1915, the US \$3.9 billion company has been engaged in cutting-edge research and innovation, securing more than 7,200 patents and registrations, including the world's first digital sensors for flow and pressure measurement. Industrial automation and control, test and measurement, information systems and industry

support are the core businesses of Yokogawa. For more information about Yokogawa, please visit our website [www.yokogawa.com/us](http://www.yokogawa.com/us).

## **About Yokogawa**

Yokogawa's global network of 25 manufacturing facilities and 80 companies spans 54 countries. Since its founding in 1915, the US \$3.9 billion company has been engaged in cutting-edge research and innovation, securing more than 7,200 patents and registrations, including the world's first digital sensors for flow and pressure measurement. Industrial automation and control, test and measurement, information systems and industry support are the core businesses of Yokogawa. For more information about Yokogawa, please visit our web site at [www.yokogawa.com](http://www.yokogawa.com).