Digitalization increases efficiency and security of supply in the water industry

- Plant and process optimization based on a digital twin
- Cloud-based solutions for the efficient use of pumps
- Pre-configured sample solutions for the electrification, automation and drive systems of plants

At the IFAT 2018 trade show for environmental technologies, Siemens will be focusing on the digitalization of water and waste water plants. The solutions on display will cover the entire life cycle of plants - from planning through to operation and maintenance, helping to sustainably reduce energy consumption and lower the overall costs. Companies and municipalities are increasing both the efficiency and security of supply by, for example, planning, simulating and optimizing plants and processes using a digital twin. Innovations include new hardware concepts and industry-specific modules for the Simatic PCS 7 process control system, as well as automation over the TIA Portal using Simatic S7-1200 and S7-1500 and cloud-based solutions for the optimized use of pumps.

A digital twin of the real plant provides users with significant advantages over the entire life cycle of the plant. Siemens will be illustrating this with its main exhibit “From Integrated Engineering to Integrated Operations” demonstrating the integration of processes, operations and information across the plant’s entire life cycle: Comos engineering software, the latest version 9.0 of Simatic PCS 7, and the Simit simulation software. The latter enables virtual plant commissioning and operator training, enabling faster and error-free commissioning. Comos innovations will be also showcased, such as pre-configured sample
solutions for the water industry covering all engineering, electrotechnical and automation aspects and the integration of technological and geographical information into digital maps. A comprehensive device management (based on a modern IT infrastructure with “Comos as a Service”) will also be on display.

Tailored scalable automation solutions
Siemens offers pre-configured sample solutions (engineering templates) for Simatic PCS 7 and WinCC specifically for the water industry covering electrification, automation and drive systems. The templates include all functions required for control and regulation, including ergonomic visualization and operation. The scalable automation solutions can be adapted and adjusted to fit all needs: From TIA Portal for small and autonomous stations through to the WinCC SCADA system for distributed and heterogeneous water networks and complex plants using the Simatic PCS 7 process control system. This helps to significantly reduce the costs of plant engineering, operations and maintenance over the entire life cycle.

New data-based possibilities to optimize operations
Data networking can make processes more efficient and reduce costs in operations as well. Here, Siemens offers smart solutions: SIWA Leak and LeakControl help detect insidious leaks in water pipelines and networks. This solution supplements existing control systems and continuously supplies operators with information on the current status of the water pipes, providing them with a detailed data basis for making informed decisions on suitable action to be taken in the event of a leak. The SIWA Optim app, which will be also available as a MindSphere solution, will support staff in creating and optimizing pump and valve schedules for water supply networks helping to reduce energy consumption and costs by up to 15% whilst safeguarding the supply at the same time.

Transparency with comprehensive energy management
Siemens’ comprehensive energy management systems provide a holistic solution for the optimized utilization of resources which also help to identify potential savings in the overall operations. With Simatic Energy Management, Siemens provides an extensive ISO 50001 certified, scalable product and solution portfolio which helps to sustainably increase efficiency - from energy data capture at field level to business-wide energy analysis at management level.
Industrial security for critical infrastructures
Security plays a vital role in water supply systems as it constitutes a critical infrastructure. To protect industrial plants against cyber-attacks, Siemens offers its “Defense in Depth” concept. Industrial Security Services support early detection of potential vulnerability and threats. Together with the customer, Siemens then implements proactive measures of system hardening, anti-virus management, and network segmentation for long-term plant protection.

Scalance S is one of the product ranges serving as a basis to secure communication networks in an industrial environment together with their integration into the security structures of the office and IT worlds.

The Automation Firewall range serves to protect industrial plants by implementing special protective mechanisms for Simatic PCS 7 and Simatic WinCC. The Sinema Remote Connect management platform helps users to obtain convenient and secured remote access to widely distributed plants, stations or remote control centers. As early as in the design and development stages of products and systems, Siemens attaches utmost importance to IT security (including certification of compliance with, for example IEC 62443 and ISO 27001).

Industrial communication as a basis for digitalization solutions
Siemens will also be showcasing its extensive portfolio for industrial and robust communication. The compact and energy-saving remote control centers from the Simatic-RTU3000C range are used in, for example, applications without local power supply. With its comprehensive offering of modular remote control centers, substations can be adapted and scaled to meet the various requirements and integrated into heterogeneous automation environments.

New perspectives in field device connections - Plug-and-Produce
With its Simatic CFU (Compact Field Unit) field distributor installed closely to the process, Siemens has laid the foundation for digitalizing industrial plants in the water industry at the field level. Connected devices are automatically addressed. This novel implementation of Profibus and Profinet concepts combines the simplicity of point-to-point wiring with the scalability of digital field buses.
Process instrumentation
An industrial water model on display at the fair, which is entirely integrated into Simatic PCS 7, demonstrates a wide range of process instrumentation solutions and the seamless integration into the complete control system. Also on view will be such devices as the Sitrans FST020: With its Sitrans FSS200 clamp-on sensors, the powerful measuring transducer forms a digital flow metering system, measuring virtually any liquid with a consistently high accuracy of one per cent of the flow velocity. The battery-powered Sitrans F M MAG 8000 flow meter can be fitted almost anywhere without compromising accuracy or performance. The battery-powered device meets legal metrology requirements in accordance with water meter standards MID and OIML R49. It is specifically designed for autonomous water applications such as water intake, distribution, consumption billing and irrigation.

Services for higher efficiency in commissioning and maintenance
Service activities such as commissioning and maintaining field devices can be supported by modern communication media through remote access. In addition to maintaining the hardware platform, the life cycle costs of a process control system are determined to a significant degree by the maintenance and upkeep of the installed software components. Innovative concepts such as “Simatic Virtualization as a Service” help customers to reduce their capital expenditure on hardware considerably as well as spending on service and administration. Moreover, a central software and system administration makes for simpler implementation of security-related measures.

Partners
Partners from the water industry will also be showcasing their portfolios at the Siemens booth:
Acciona Agua is collaborating with Siemens to offer the most advanced technologies for engineering and operations, driving forward the digital transformation in the water industry.
HACH offers solutions for water analyses in waste water, drinking water and industrial water to ensure high drinking water quality. The collaboration combines the expertise of both companies at the point where it helps users to optimize their plants and operate them more cost effectively.
BN Automation develops and implements solutions for automating operational processes. Working in partnership with Siemens, the business combines industry-specific experience and technological know-how in the field of automation, information technology and electrical engineering.

With more than 20 years’ experience, GESA Elektrotechnik has gained a strong position in Germany and beyond. As an expert in its field, the company makes an important contribution towards an ecologically optimized and economical operation of plants in the water and waste water industry.

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Siemens AG (Berlin and Munich) is a global technology powerhouse that has stood for engineering excellence, innovation, quality, reliability and internationality for 170 years. The company is active around the globe, focusing on the areas of electrification, automation and digitalization. One of the world’s largest producers of energy-efficient, resource-saving technologies, Siemens is a leading supplier of efficient power generation and power transmission solutions and a pioneer in infrastructure solutions as well as automation, drive and software solutions for industry. With its publicly listed subsidiary Siemens Healthineers AG, the company is also a leading provider of medical imaging equipment – such as computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging systems – and a leader in laboratory diagnostics as well as clinical IT. In fiscal 2017, which ended on September 30, 2017, Siemens generated revenue of €83.0 billion and net income of €6.2 billion. At the end of September 2017, the company had around 377,000 employees worldwide. Further information is available on the Internet at www.siemens.com.