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DCN INTERACTIVE TOUCHES ON THE FUTURE

Bosch Security Systems has launched the latest addition to its Digital Congress Network (DCN) range - the DCN Interactive - featuring discussion units with integrated PC capabilities and touch-screen panel, allowing delegates to follow the voting results at meetings visually and in real time on displays built into each unit.

Used in combination with existing discussion units, new easy-to-use functions such as on-line microphones, file sharing and delegate-to-delegate messaging eliminate some of the typical problems relating to congress-style meetings, notably poor audio quality, lack of focus, repetition, rambling, and limited availability of support/background information.

“The panels have an on-screen ‘soft’ keyboard, so delegates and speakers can connect to the internet during a meeting to access websites, files or presentations located on remote servers,” explains Paul Wong, Managing Director of Bosch Security Systems.

“Hosts can also prepare their own websites with information to be made available to delegates in advance of the meeting,” he adds, “while live video of each speaker can also be sent directly to each touch-screen, meaning delegates can easily follow who is speaking at any time.”

The touch screen panels of the DCN Interactive discussion units connect to the DCN system via a server PC running DCN software. The complete DCN interactive system provided by Bosch works in conjunction with the existing flush-mount discussion units combined with touch-screen panels, DCN server software and DCN client software.

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