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Converteam Supplies Upgrade to Coast Guard Icebreaker With Modern Historian from GE Fanuc Intelligent Platforms

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Converteam has completed a system upgrade to the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Healy with state-of-the-art equipment to monitor the health and well being of the ship's integrated power plant. The system is used as the portal to provide Converteam engineers with enhanced remote technical support capabilities.

The Healy, moored in Seattle, measures 420 feet in length, achieves a maximum 30,000 HP, and can cut through as much as 4.5 feet of ice at three knots. Converteam assembled a Continuous Test and Evaluation System (CTES) for the vessel, which provides two systems—one resides on the ship, and its sister system resides in the Converteam office. The two units “speak” over a satellite link, which allows the ship to share troubleshooting data with land-based engineers.

“We originally put the CTES in the Healy when the ship was first commissioned,” said Jason Jasinski, Naval Service Manager for Converteam. “When we upgraded the system, we evaluated new products from five different suppliers and chose the GE Fanuc Intelligent Platforms’ Proficy Historian.”

The U.S. Coast Guard and Converteam have had a long-standing relationship. In November of 2007 the USCG awarded Converteam with the Healy service contract through the year 2013. The new contract has confirmed, again, Converteam’s position with U.S. Coast Guard and its continued work on the Healy.

About Converteam

Converteam Group is a world leader in power conversion engineering. Building on over a century of experience, it is firmly placed at the leading edge of technology and innovation with a global reputation for excellence in the conversion of electrical energy. Converteam develops and provides solutions built around three core components: rotating machines, drives and process automation. Serving specialized sectors as well as its core markets in Marine, Oil & Gas and Offshore, Energy and Industry, its 4,600 staff members provide power conversion solutions worldwide. At year-end 2007, Converteam sales totaled \$1,400,000,000. Converteam’s North American Headquarters is located in Pittsburgh, PA.

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