Dear Sir or Madam,

in the course of the AUTOMATICA 2008 trade fair in Munich we kindly invite you to our press conference:

„Future automation solutions for small and medium-sized manufacturing“

Wednesday, June 11, 2008 at 1 p.m. (13:00)

at the conference room of the press centre WEST
(Entrance WEST)

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For the first time the EC-funded research project SMErobot™ (project duration 2005-2009) will present new robot solutions and technologies which focus on the specific needs of small and medium-sized manufacturing in various branches of industry. Among partners from industrial IT, research and consulting, the leading European robot manufacturers such as ABB, COMAU, Güdel, KUKA, and Reis have joined the SMErobot consortium.

Following the press conference we would like to invite you to a guided SMErobot™ booth tour. Please contact me in case of any question or if you need further information. During the fair event please use my mobile number +49 175-9 38 81 01.

Kind regards

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