

## Schleicher's ProNumeric *XCI 600* now also speaking STEP 7

**German controls specialist Schleicher Electronic has now integrated the STEP 7 control programming language into its control solutions. The ProNumeric XCI 600 is Schleicher's first control to be equipped with Siemens programming. Others will follow shortly. Software for programmable logic controllers (PLC) can thus be offered at lower prices - and there are no licensing fees.**

STEP 7, the programming language of Siemens controls, has been increasingly developing into an industry standard and is mainly used in PLC- and PC-based controls. In addition, STEP 7 is used as a basis in training, schooling and studying. Now Schleicher is also combining its PLC with STEP 7, and can offer the XCI 600 using the S7 ProfiNet package as a software option. The new model is called ProModul XCI 600 S. Its advantages: There is no retraining required for machine manufacturers and programmers: they can use their familiar programming language, which in most cases is STEP 7. And there is no need for expensive training when switching to other control system providers.

In addition, there is no need for elaborate controls conversions - the Schleicher alternative can be connected directly. Work runs as usual, autonomously from the control system provider. The kicker: Not only is the installation cost efficient, but also, Schleicher customers will no longer be required to pay high licensing fees in the future. "We can offer our programming software at lower prices because machine manufacturers have to comprehensively equip their service engineers with the software to the effect that standard fare licensing fees no longer pay off," explains Sven Dübbers, CEO of Schleicher Electronic. Gradually subsequent Schleicher Electronic control models will equally be equipped with the STEP 7 software option. In general the following applies: Based on standards, Schleicher develops and supplies individual solutions for all users, even for the smallest SMEs.

### **ProModul XCI 600 S**

Next to STEP 7, the ProModul XCI 600 S offers fast and efficient field networking in accordance with international standards. Windows Embedded 8 and the Intel i3 processor additionally allow for powerful applications regarding the user interface, machine networking and other technological functions. With four Ethernet interfaces, the XCI 600 S can be used as a universal communication node.

### **About Schleicher Electronic**

Schleicher Electronic GmbH is a leading provider of automation & control solutions and globally one of the only medium-sized companies owning a proprietary NC kernel for use in the manufacture of machines and plants. Since 1937 Schleicher has been standing for quality, innovation and experience: What began in 1958 with the invention of the multifunctional time relay was perpetuated with the development in 1985 of its proprietary NC kernel and production of customer-specific control solutions. The company's longstanding tradition in innovation has its origin in Berlin, a major worldwide science hub; Cooperative projects with internationally renowned research institutes ensure constant inspiration for new development, giving Schleicher Electronic that decisive impetus and edge in the area of complex, high performance industrial applications. The company's four core skills include high-performance control systems, relays, electronic engineering services (EES) and electronic manufacturing services (EMS).