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New *groov* View App from Opto 22 Simplifies and Secures *groov* Operator Interfaces on iOS and Android Devices

Free app makes browser-based operator interfaces function as native apps on smartphones, tablets, and other devices.

Temecula, CA – May 8, 2013 – Industrial automation manufacturer Opto 22 has released *groov*® View for iOS and *groov* View for Android, apps that control how *groov* browser-based operator interfaces are displayed on smartphones, tablets, and other devices. The free *groov* View apps are an optional part of Opto 22's *groov*, a new way to securely build and deploy web-based operator interfaces for automation, monitoring, and control applications. Industrial automation end-users, system integrators, machine OEMs, building managers, or any authorized person can view these interfaces on virtually any device using a modern web browser.

Using the *groov* View app instead of a browser visually simplifies the interface on a mobile device by displaying it full screen and without browser menus. This option focuses the user's attention on the operator interface screen by removing navigation buttons, favorites, and the URL bar visible in most mobile device web browsers, and makes a *groov* interface function like a native app for that operating system. The *groov* View app includes options to leave time and other device information visible at the top of the screen as well as to switch between the views—Desktop or Handheld—developed for the operator interface. User access to the operator interface can be password protected.

The *groov* View app is ideal for OEMs and system integrators using an iOS or Android device as the operator interface to their systems or equipment. When used on iOS devices like the iPod Touch, iPhone, iPad, and iPad mini, the iOS operating system can be configured to limit the

user to using only *groov* View for iOS. Generally referred to as “kiosk mode,” iOS’s Guided Access feature lets an administrator restrict the iOS device to a single app, disable the hardware buttons, and keep the device from sleeping, effectively providing a low-power, low-cost, wireless, touchscreen operator interface locked down for an intended use only.

This feature will appeal to OEM machine builders who wish to use these off-the-shelf devices in their systems with industrial enclosures now available. Kiosk mode will also appeal to building control applications, where the mobile device can be mounted on a wall and function as a lighting control, thermostat, and audio/video control in a single compact unit.

What's *groov*?

groov is a new way to build, deploy, and view simple, effective, and scalable operator interfaces to monitor and control systems and equipment using computers and mobile devices. These operator interfaces can be viewed on almost any computer or mobile device regardless of its manufacturer, operating system, or screen size, including PCs, tablets, smartphones, and even smart high-definition televisions. *groov* is intended to augment traditional human-machine interfaces (HMIs) by making important information available at any time and in any location.

Pricing and Availability

groov View for iOS and *groov* View for Android are available now free of charge on the Apple App Store and Google Play, respectively. For additional information, visit groov.com or call Opto 22 Pre-Sales at 951-695-3000 or toll free at 1-800-321-6786.

About Opto 22

Opto 22 develops and manufactures hardware and software for applications involving industrial automation and control, energy management, remote monitoring, and data acquisition. Designed and made in the U.S.A., Opto 22 products have an established reputation worldwide for ease of use, innovation, quality, and reliability. Opto 22 products use standard, commercially available networking and computer technologies and are used by automation end-users, OEMs, and information technology and operations personnel in over

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10,000 installations worldwide. The company was founded in 1974 and is privately held in Temecula, California, U.S.A. Opto 22 products are available through a global network of distributors and system integrators. For more information, contact Opto 22 headquarters at +1-951-695-3000 or visit www.opto22.com.

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