



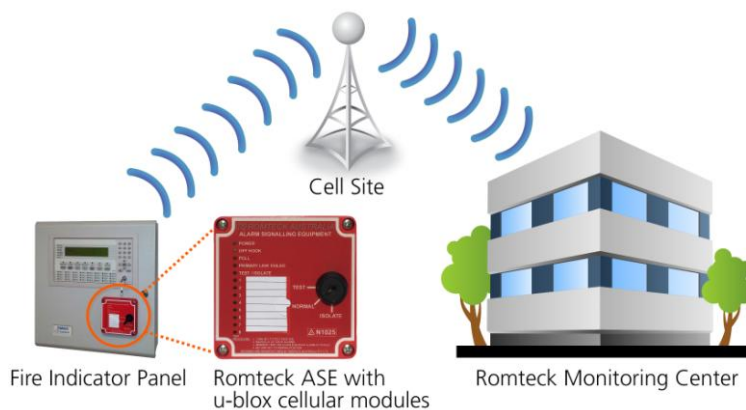
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Romteck Australia collaborates with u-blox to upgrade its remote monitoring systems

Romteck ASE (Alarm Signaling Equipment) gains superior cellular connectivity thanks to u-blox technology

Thalwil, Switzerland and Sydney, Australia – August 20, 2015 – Romteck Australia, a leading provider of remote monitoring systems and services catering to fire services, airports, defense organizations and mining companies Australia-wide, collaborates with u-blox, a global leader in wireless and positioning modules and chips, to upgrade its product portfolio.

One of Romteck's flagship products, Romteck ASE (Alarm Signaling Equipment), is part of the collaboration. Designed to overcome the shortcomings of more traditional fire alarm systems, it constantly monitors tens of thousands of building alarms and centralizes these at a fire alarm monitoring center that then relays confirmed fire alarm information to the relevant fire and rescue services. The system allows instant knowledge and alerting of fire alarms and provides specific information as to the location, type and extent of the alarm. State-of-the-art cellular technology is therefore essential to the ASE so that it can convey life-or-death critical information in a timely way.



"When the mobile carrier Telstra announced that it would shut down its GSM network in 2016, we had to rapidly consider how to migrate our product portfolio from 2G to the latest 3G and LTE cellular technologies in order to protect our customers' investment in their installed equipment", explains Phil Harman, General Manager of Romteck Australia. "We also needed reliable and high quality products critical to fire alarm monitoring applications. u-blox's latest technology, in particular the cellular modules [LISA-U200](#) 3G and [TOBY-L280](#) LTE supporting Band 28, were the right choice for us", he adds.

One of the main customers to benefit from the collaboration between Romteck and u-blox is Airservices Australia, an Australian Commonwealth corporation providing air navigation, rescue, and fire-fighting services to the aviation industry. Reinforcing their ongoing commitment to an impressive safety record, in 2011 Airservices upgraded their fire monitoring services across every major Australian airport to a centrally monitored facility using Romteck equipment, embedding u-blox's LISA-U200.

"We are excited about this collaboration with Romteck Australia, the recognized leader in remote monitoring systems. In addition to a comprehensive and reliable cellular portfolio, we offer a 'nested design' philosophy to maintain form factor and software continuity. This allows customers to easily upgrade their products with each new generation of u-blox global positioning or wireless modules without having to change the PCB designs. It allows for easy migration contributing to maximized investment, simplified logistics and drastically reduced time-to-market, which is particularly crucial in the case of Romteck", explains Pietro Sbisa, Business Development Manager for u-blox Australia & New Zealand.

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About u-blox

Swiss u-blox (SIX:UBXN) is a global leader in wireless and positioning semiconductors and modules for the automotive, industrial and consumer markets. Our solutions enable people, vehicles and machines to locate their exact position and communicate wirelessly over cellular and short range networks. With a broad portfolio of chips, modules and software solutions, u-blox is uniquely positioned to empower OEMs to develop innovative solutions for the Internet of Things, quickly and cost-effectively. With headquarters in Thalwil, Switzerland, u-blox is globally present with offices in Europe, Asia and the USA.

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Romteck Australia is a product development company that combines technical, research, development, military and public sector expertise with broadly based experience in the electronic, computing, security, mining, oil and gas, power, water and communications industries. International markets are serviced by international distributors. Designs and manufactures environmental instruments for the mining, defense, medical, health sciences and safety industries. (www.romteck.com)

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