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**HK SYSTEMS INTRODUCES  
AUTOMATE THE CONVENTIONAL SOLUTION**

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**MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, APRIL 29, 2009** – HK Systems Inc., the leading automated material handling and supply chain software total solutions provider, today introduces “Automate the Conventional,” a unique and affordable automated solution for the conventional warehouse. Specifically designed to lower operating costs, increase inventory accuracy, and reduce product and facility damage, the “Automate the Conventional” solution replaces lift trucks with HK Systems’ Fork Style Automated Guided Vehicles (AGVs) to improve operational performance and increase efficiencies.

Today, with new technology developments, Fork Style Automated Guided Vehicles offer a compelling alternative for conventional warehouse operations as they provide:

- Significant and immediate reduction in annual operating costs
- Increased accuracy and reliability
- Reduced product and facility damage
- Greater energy efficiency
- Increased operational efficiency and productivity

HK’s Fork Style AGVs interface with existing rack systems, conform to a variety of facility types and applications, and are easily modified without added operational costs or facility modifications. An advanced laser navigation system allows each vehicle to operate with a high degree of flexibility and efficiency while picking up or depositing full pallets from the floor, conveyor systems, or a stationary pick and drop device.

The Automate the Conventional AGVs can interface with existing material handling equipment and technology and also work in conjunction with manual lift trucks, allowing warehouse operations to be carried out effortlessly. Diversified load handling capability is possible with the use of attachments including fork positioners, double pallet handlers, clamps, and rotating forks. In addition, the fine tuned traffic management software allows each AGV to follow the most efficient path and consistently handle loads without facility or product damage.

For more information regarding HK Systems and/or its Automate the Conventional Solution, contact Cheryl Falk at 262-860-6715 or visit [www.automatetheconventional.com](http://www.automatetheconventional.com).

**About HK Systems**

Addressing the synchronized flow of material and information throughout a company’s network, HK Systems develops, deploys, and maintains innovative solutions that improve customer service, reduce inventory and delivery time, and lower overall costs of manufacturing, distribution, and transportation.

HK’s comprehensive product and service offerings include **Solution Design, Solution Delivery** including automated storage and retrieval systems, automated guided vehicles, conveyance, sortation, customer services, RFID solutions, and logistics software and **Solution Support**.

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