

Remote Monitoring Unit (RMU)





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Remote Monitoring Unit (RMU)

Cathtect Engineering (Pty) Ltd offers the complete solution to the corrosion problem, providing quality products and professional solutions throughout the Cathodic Protection spectrum. We take ownership of your Cathodic Protection problem and have the ability to find solutions through world class Cathodic Protection equipment and expertise developed from over 25 years of experience in installations world wide.

Cathtect is a Technical Market Leader in the Cathodic Protection Industry and we have dedicated and experienced engineers who design and manufacture monitoring equipment for the use in Cathodic Protection. One being our Remote Monitoring Unit (RMU) which is a programmable remote controller that provides remote monitoring and control of the Rectifier Unit. This Monitoring system uses GSM and GPRS to navigate and monitor Corrosion around pipelines and tank structures. Integrated Cathodic Protection uses cellular networks by sending sms messages from the field to the control facilities (GSM) and it utilises GPRS communication protocols to facilitate data transfer between field and control facilities.

Remote monitoring equipment enables personnel to collect Cathodic Protection performance from a distant location. Personnel do not need to travel to a site, not only is this ideal but it can also be beneficial when sites are not easily accessible. The RMU does not only measure the performance of the Cathodic Protection system but it can also pick up any faults that might occur, so that it can be repaired. RMU's are generally installed near a Cathodic Protection Rectifier but can also be installed at critical structure-to-soil potential test stations.

Benefits of Cathtect's RMU

- Request for instantaneous values for control mode and alarm
- Request for 24 Hour log
- Remotely changing control settings
- 12V SLA Rechargeable battery which can provide up to 150 hours of backup supply
- Transmit an SMS to the Master Station if there is any kind of fault or tampering
- Uses the Newest technology
- Can receive instantaneous values of your Cathodically Protected system anywhere around the world over an sms





TOP VIEW OF THE RMU WITH ITS BATTERY SUPPLY

SIDE VIEW OF THE RMU WITH ITS BATTERY SUPPLY

The RMU must be able to monitor and control the TRU and must comply with the items listed below.

1.1. Remote Field Unit Hardware.

1.1.1 Multi-mode Monitoring & Control Module.

- Measure, store and display on local LCD screen TRU output voltage (0 to 100V DC)
- Measure, store and display on local LCD screen TRU output current (0 to 25 A DC, derived from 50mV shunt)
- Measure, store and display on local LCD screen Reference Potential (+10V to -50V DC) Input impedance >20 $M\Omega$.
- Measure, store and report on status of 8 Digital I/O inputs
- Set 4 Digital outputs
- Control output of OV to 5V DC voltage.
- RS232 port (9600Baud) for program updates and GSM module communications.
- I2C bus
- Minimum of 64kB of EEPROM memory for storage of log and other data.
- Power Supply requirements: 15-0-15V AC 50Hz.
- Real time Clock (YY-MM-DD-hh-mm-ss).

1.1.2 Power Supply/UPS Module.

- Power Input: 220V AC 50Hz
- Power Outputs: 15-0-15V AC, Regulated +/-15VDC @ 100mA
- Battery Charging: 10mA trickle charger for 12VDC SLA Battery
- Provides UPS supply to the multi-mode controller and GSM module.
- Sets the "AC Supply failure to Monitoring Unit" Alarm signal on interruption of the 220 V AC supply.

1.1.3 GSM Module (plus antenna).

- GSM/GPRS SMS enabled Modem.
- Power Input: 12 VDC
- Din rail mount

1.1.4 12V SLA Rechargeable Battery.

Provide up to 150 hours of backup supply.

1.1.5 Power and signal line protection.

- 220 V AC power is protected by 275 V 15kA MOV
- TRU output voltage signal: 275 V 15kA MOV
- TRU output current signal: bidirectional diode across shunt input on PCB.
- Reference Potential signal: 60-0-60V 1.5kA bipolar transorb with 90V spark gap to earth.
- Digital inputs protected to 20V continuous

1.2 Remote Field Unit Functional Description.

1.2.1 To continuously monitor the important outputs of the TRU.

- DC Voltage
- DC Current
- Reference Potential.

1.2.2 To detect TRU fault conditions.

- AC Supply failure to Monitoring Unit (mandatory)
- Door tampering trigger
- Diode heat sink over temperature
- AC and DC fuse failure
- Phase failure

1.2.3 To provide local automatic TRU control capability in one of four selectable modes.

- Constant Voltage
- Constant Current
- Constant Potential.
- Instant-Off

In addition, the following TRU operating limits are also to be configurable:

- Voltage limit
- Current limit
- Reference Potential Set point
- Instant-Off Mode ON-time
- Voltage Alarm set point
- Current Alarm set point
- Reference Potential Alarm set point

1.2.4 To continuously log TRU operating (and fault) conditions with the following parameters.

- Storage of hourly readings 24 times daily, with accurate start date and time stamp for each day's log.
- Cumulative roll-around storage of 366 (1 year) daily records
- Reference Potential set point
- Voltage Alarm set point
- Current Alarm set point
- Reference Potential Alarm set point

1.2.5 To transmit via a single SMS the latest recorded 24-hour log to the Master Station including the following data.

- 24 hourly-sampled DC Voltages
- 24 hourly-sampled DC Currents
- 24 hourly-sampled Reference Potentials
- Last monitored TRU fault status
- Log Start Date and Time stamp (YY-MM-DD-hh-mm-ss)
- Unit ID

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The Outstation is to be remotely configured to transmit the daily log at a preselected hour and minute of the day and will continue to do so until a change in configuration is received from the Master Station. The latest recorded log can also be polled at any time of the day by the Master Station.

Should the Outstation's system processor be reset or shut down for any reason, upon restart, the monitoring and logging will resume according to pre-set conditions so as to maintain synchronicity. This is to include multiple power outages in one 24 hour period.

1.2.6 When polled by the Master Station or any personal cell phone, the out station must transmit via a single SMS to the polling personal cell phone or Master station the following data.

- DC Voltage
- DC Current
- Reference Potential.
- AC Supply failure to Monitoring Unit status
- Door tampering trigger status
- Diode heat sink over temperature status
- AC and DC fuse failure status
- Phase failure status
- Poll Date/Time stamp (YY-MM-DD-hh-mm-ss)
- Unit ID

1.2.7 To transmit via SMS the following ALARM data to the Master Station.

- Voltage Alarm set point exceeded
- Current Alarm set point exceeded
- Reference Potential Alarm set point exceeded
- AC Supply failure to Monitoring Unit
- Door tampering trigger
- Over temperature
- AC and DC fuse failure
- Phase failure
- Alarm Date/Time stamp
- Unit ID

1.3 Master Station hardware and Software

1.3.1 This will consist of a desktop PC, for continuous runtime use, fitted with the following items:.

- RS232 Port, 9600Baud OR USB port with USB-RS232 converter cable.
- Spreadsheet software compatible with .csv file formats.
- Password-secured dedicated SCADA software for real time management of up to 250 Outstations.
- At least 512kB of available RAM
- At least 500 Mb of Hard Disk space.
- Screen Image Capture and Print Utility Software.

1.3.2 Power Supply module (socket-mounted).

Power Input: 220V AC 50Hz

Power Output: +12VDC @ 500mA

In view of prevailing electricity supply problems, the Master Station PC is to be protected and maintained by an UPS unit providing at least 24 hours of backup power.

1.3.3 GSM Module (plus antenna).

GSM/GPRS SMS enabled Modem.

Power Input: 12VDC

Din rail mount

1.4 Master Station Functional Description

The Master Station should be able to operate, manage and control up to 250 remote Transnet Pipelines Remote field units, all of which communicate via GSM SMS.

1.4.1 To poll any selected Outstation for the following.

- Current TRU Voltage, Current, Reference Potential and fault status.
- Latest recorded Log data.

1.4.2 Visual Display of selected TRU latest polled data.

- DC Voltage
- DC Current
- Reference Potential.
- AC Supply failure to Monitoring Unit status
- Door tampering trigger status
- Diode heat sink over temperature status
- AC and DC fuse failure status
- 3-phase failure status
- Poll Date/Time stamp (YY-MM-DD-hh-mm-ss)
- Unit ID

For the operator's convenience, the analogue readings must also be displayed graphically as analogue meters, if selected.

1.4.3 Visual Display of selected TRU setup parameters.

- Control Mode (Constant current, voltage, etc., including Monitor Only mode)
- Voltage limit
- Current limit
- Reference Potential set point
- Instant-Off Mode ON-time (if selected)
- Remote Relay output setting for 4 relays, including name/description data.

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1.4.3 Visual Display of selected TRU setup parameters cont.

- Current Alarm set point
- Reference Potential Alarm set point
- Outstation ID
- Outstation Name/Description
- Authorized User 1: personal cell phone number
- Authorized User 2: personal cell phone number
- Outstation Log time in hours and minutes (hh-mm).

This information, once completed must be transmitted to the selected Outstation and saved to a setup file which will be reloaded on restarting the SCADA software program. The setup file is to be saved automatically once the setup data has been transmitted, or it can be manually saved.

1.4.4 Visual Display Chart of selected TRU latest received Log data.

- 24 hourly-sampled DC Voltages
- 24 hourly-sampled DC Currents
- 24 hourly-sampled Reference Potentials
- Calculated output Power and Impedance (optional)
- Log Start Date and Time stamp (YY-MM-DD-hh-mm-ss)
- Outstation ID
- Outstation name and description.

1.4.5 To receive, unsolicited, from any selected Outstation the following.

- Alarm message, including the TRU Voltage, Current, Reference Potential and fault information.
- Latest daily Log data.

1.4.6 Visual Display of Alarm data from Outstation.

- DC Voltage
- DC Current
- Reference Potential.
- AC Supply failure to Monitoring Unit status
- Door tampering trigger status
- Diode heat sink over temperature status
- AC and DC fuse failure status
- 3-phase failure status
- Poll Date/Time stamp (YY-MM-DD-hh-mm-ss)
- Outstation ID

As soon as the Alarm message has been received, the SCADA must be able to echo the message to one or both of the "Authorized User" cell phone numbers, to enable rapid response to the problem.

1.4.7 Data file creation and management.

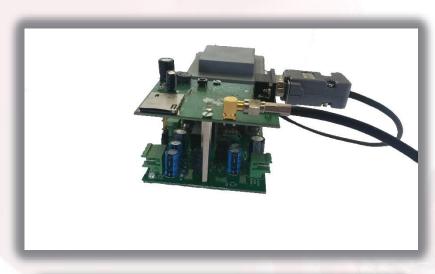
- All data files (excepting the setup file) are to be saved in comma-separated values .csv format.
- All Alarm messages are to be saved and appended to a file for each Outstation.
- All User-Polled messages are to be saved and appended to a file for each Outstation.
- All daily received logs are to be saved and appended to a file for each Outstation in two files, one for each day and a single accumulated log.
- User-Polled Log data is to be written to a separate file so as not to interfere with synchronization of information.
- For first-time installation of a system, customized skeletal data files are to be provided to the user for editing and completion of the full array of Outstation parameters.

1.4.8 Visual Display of Support Service Contact Information

To include the manufacturer's name, address, and contact names and numbers.

1.4.9 Documentation for remote monitoring and control system.

- 4 x Complete User's Operating and Maintenance Manual are to be provided.
- Manual to include manufacturer's name, address, and contact names and numbers.





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