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TankScan to use Digi's Cellular, Ethernet Gateways and Cloud for Enabling Remote Management



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Digi International ([News](#) [Alert](#)) announced the formation of a strategic alliance with TankScan, a global tank monitoring solution provider and division of ATEK Products. TankScan is a division of ATEK Products, LLC that provides industrial sensing, security, and safety systems.



This alliance will enable [TankScan](#) to use [Digi's ConnectPort X](#) cellular and Ethernet gateways and the iDigi Device Cloud for enabling remote access and management of storage tank information.

Company sources explained that the gateways transmit tank data via cellular and/or Ethernet connections to the network. This helps customers

access remote tank information from anywhere in the world. TankScan also leverages iDigi Device Cloud to simplify system installation, maintenance and support.

In a [release](#), Jim Bartel, president of TankScan said, "Digi allowed us to enhance our product offering by providing a Wide Area Network (WAN) connection over cellular and Ethernet where none existed before. We can now remotely monitor our tanks to streamline the distribution process and improve customer service. This is enabling us to penetrate new markets with an enhanced tank monitoring solution. Digi handles the connectivity while we focus on our core competency of tank monitoring and growing our business."

TankScan is a remote level monitoring solution for liquid tanks that enhances operational efficiency as it offers visibility of tank inventory via Web-based and PC software.

The TankScan solution featuring Digi wireless gateways and iDigi Device Cloud helps customers as it eliminates the need to send technicians on-site for tank level updates. It also optimizes the distribution process by ensuring that trucks are deployed only when necessary and on optimized routes. All this results in significant time savings, reduction in fuel use and labor costs, said officials.

Larry Kraft, senior vice president of global sales and marketing of Digi International added that there are millions of tanks across the globe and thousands of companies that use chemicals and other materials stored in tanks to build and deliver their products.

"With systems installed on more than 20,000 tanks across the U.S., TankScan is a leading provider of tank monitoring systems. Our products, combined with the iDigi Device Cloud, allow TankScan's customers to easily and remotely access critical tank information," Kraft added.

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Digi International recently [announced](#) that it has selected Timesys Corporation as the preferred commercial Linux solutions provider for the company's new ConnectCore Wi-i.MX51 wireless System-on-Module (SOM). Timesys is the provider of LinuxLink, a high-productivity software development framework for embedded Linux applications.

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