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## Fike Acquires axonX Video Technology for Flame and Smoke Detection

*Blue Springs, MO, May 1, 2009* - Fike®, a leader in industrial and commercial safety solutions, today announced the acquisition of axonX LLC, a developer of video image flame and smoke detection technologies (also called Video Image Detection or VID). Fike and axonX will continue to market the product line under the SigniFire™ brand.

SigniFire technology merges security camera architecture with image analysis, artificial intelligence and patented signal processing technologies to create an early warning fire detection system. The system detects smoke, flame, and motion, providing a more comprehensive alert for protected spaces.

Signifire technology is recognized by NFPA 72 as an authorized flame and smoke initiating device and the SigniFire IP camera is Factory Mutual (FM) approved. Used in applications where traditional smoke detection technologies may not be practical or efficient, axonX's current installations include fossil fuel power plants, nuclear facilities, industrial facilities, cultural properties, warehouses and tunnels.

axonX, based in Baltimore MD, has been honored as a past recipient of the Wall Street Journal's Technology Innovation Award and the Frost & Sullivan Technology Leadership Award.

"The acquisition of axonX and this VID technology demonstrates Fike's ongoing commitment to innovation and performance in fire detection and alarm systems," said Max Jewell, President and CEO of Fike. "We believe video detection can and should be used in a variety of applications to not only provide early detection for fire, but to also provide real time monitoring. axonX technology is proven to be fast and reliable, and will certainly enhance Fike's product offering."

"We are excited about becoming part of the Fike organization," said Mac Mottley, CEO of axonX. "Fike is a world class company and a leader in fire detection and suppression. This acquisition will provide the resources and distribution channels to meet the tremendous market demand for the SigniFire product line, as well as our continuing developments in VID technology."

Fike is a globally recognized supplier of products and services that protect people and critical assets from dangers such as fire, explosion, and over-pressurization. With over 60 years experience manufacturing safety solutions, Fike offers a complete line of proven, reliable products to customers around the world.

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