

## Egress Systems Newsletter: Edition 1 June 2009

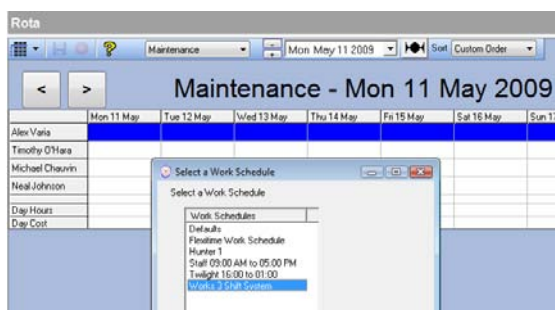
Welcome to the first of our regular newsletters. We hope to use the newsletters to keep our customers updated with the latest developments of the Focus software, as well as new hardware and useful tips. We would welcome your feedback and comments. If you would like to receive our newsletter to a different email address, please reply with the new address. If you prefer not to receive future newsletters, please reply to this email with the word unsubscribe in the subject.

### Recent News

Egress Systems exhibited at the FM Expo 2009 in Dubai. The exhibition was targeted at Facility Managers and was run in conjunction with Hotel Expo 2009 at the Dubai World Trade Centre. We returned having learned plenty about doing business in the region, having gained some useful contacts and with plenty of leads to follow up. Time will tell on the success of our first overseas event, however with so many potentials, we are very hopeful of a positive outcome.

### Top Tips

Trying to email a large file of more than a few MB can often fail due to maximum file limits. We often use [yousendit.com](http://yousendit.com) to email large files – including Focus backup files. The Lite version is free and allows files of up to 100MB to be uploaded, with an emailed link sent to the email recipient. Its so easy to use, we suggest you give it a try.



### Did you know?

Did you know that within the Focus Pro Rota, you can right click on an employee and select a predefined Work Schedule. This will populate each day of the week with the Daily Rule from the Work Schedule that would fall on each day. It looks only at the Daily Rules that appear in the Schedule A (1<sup>st</sup> column) of the Work Schedule. By right click on the blank cell at the top of the names column, you can select a Work Schedule to apply to all employees in the group.

### New Hardware

Focus Pro is the first commercial application to incorporate the new Nohmad GPRS terminal made by Feedback Data. The Nohmad communicates using GPRS via an integrated mobile phone data sim card. This makes the device ideal for use in remote locations where it is difficult to connect to network / broadband router. It uses the popular Dallas iButton™, however there are plans to produce a version that uses Mifare cards/fobs.

There is further information on our website at: <http://www.egress-sys.co.uk/nohmad-gprs-attendance-terminal.php>

### And Finally...

... A big welcome to our newest customers:

**Swinton School** in Rotherham - The system has been installed for use by staff using their existing Mifare Dinner cards to register their attendance for automated Fire Alarm reporting.

**KMS** in London - Focus Lite with a HandPunch has been installed at their client site, Copthorne Tara hotel, with whom they provide temporary staff.

**Pack2Pack** in Brighouse, West Yorkshire. - Focus Lite with an HRX1000 Proximity terminal has been supplied to replace their existing system.

### New to Focus Pro (version 6.28)

- Focus Pro now includes half day sick absence types (both paid and unpaid).
- The Bradford Factor report has now been enhanced. Previously, a periods of continuous absence that include a non-sick type absence day within the period (such as a holiday or public holiday), simply considered the non-sick day as a sick day – for the purposes of the Bradford Factor calculation. An option is now available in the report to treat the non-sick day as a break in the continuous absence and to also not include the non-sick day within the Bradford Factor calculation.
- The Absence Period report has now been improved to include the number of hours that were absent for each absence type / reason.

