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SUBJECT: Product Support for NetCon Control Systems

As Woodward moves forward with the MicroNet product line, the time has come to rationalize the production of the NetCon chassis, NetCon power supplies, and older VME NetCon modules. The newer generation MicroNet family is fully supported, and an extensive product support plan is scheduled for the NetCon. Affected parts are summarized in Attachment A.

Woodward understands the importance of extended product support for its customers and their critical applications. We will honor this expectation through sales of spares, repairs, and replacement/exchange through service stock as available.

	Through Sept 2010	Through Sept 2015	Through Sept 2025
Spares	Yes	No	No
Repairs	Yes	Yes	No
Replacement/Exchange*	Yes, as available	Yes, as available	Yes, as available

*Replacement/Exchange utilizes and depends upon availability of Service Stock (reconditioned equipment).

Please note that list price of affected parts will increase 30% effective January 1, 2006.

Electronic component obsolescence from electronic manufacturers can present a challenge to post-life support plans. Woodward strives to hold inventory or look for alternative parts when the components we use are no longer available. However, there are times when components simply cannot be obtained and where sufficient last-time buys cannot be made. In these cases, Woodward cannot guarantee the expected rationalization support plan.

Best Regards,

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Attachment A – Parts affected by NetCon Rationalization Plan

The products being rationalized are summarized below:

- NetCon Chassis and Power Supplies (LOCOP products excluded), including NetCon/C and NetCon/P chassis.
- I/O modules that have a functional replacement (e.g., older style “Actuator Driver” modules, older SIO's, PCM).
- Older CPU's (e.g., Motorola 030's, 060's, memory cards, etc.)

Certain products have already been discontinued due to component availability or other reasons. Examples:

- Fiber Optic Remote I/O racks and Fiber Optic Transceiver cards.
- Original Ethernet cards (with BNC or Triax connectors rather than RJ45).
- I/O modules with direct replacements (no system modifications required).

Please Note that Woodward announced and completed the inactivation of the much older NetCon "Phase A" and NetCon FT systems many years ago. Please refer to the appropriate rationalization plan for further details.