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**SUBJECT: Product Rationalization of 721 Engine Controls**

This announcement is to inform Woodward Customers, Channel Partners, and Sales & Marketing of the updated product rationalization and product support plan for the 721 product line manufactured by Woodward.

This announcement replaces Woodward's original product support statement on the 721 product line, which was issued on 3 December 2002.

Due to the increasing support costs, lack of obtainable components, and declining sales, Woodward has resolved to cease production of these products in the near future.

**Woodward offers the following "Last Time Buy" scenario for the discontinued items:**

- Orders for the Last Time Buy can be placed until 30 June 2015. Woodward will accept orders until this date.
- Woodward will ship items ordered before the LTB date until 30 September 2015 based on the LTB volumes and subject to parts availability. After this date, Woodward will stop production of these items.

**Woodward will commit to the following product line support plan for the discontinued items:**

**15 November 2014 to 30 June 2015**

- New Sales subject to parts availability
- Unlimited Repairs

**1 July 2015 to 30 June 2020**

- Limited Repairs based on parts availability

Customers are encouraged to contact their account manager to discuss alternatives to the 721. There is no direct replacement of the 721, but other controllers may function as suitable replacements with limited re-engineering work.

**Discontinued Items:**

5414-105	8280-186	8280-305	9905-843	9906-223	9907-207
5503-026	8280-189	8280-307	9905-847	9906-224	9907-210
5503-032	8280-190	8280-309	9905-850	9906-225	9907-211
8234-868	8280-195	8280-311	9906-132	9906-228	9907-212
8280-135	8280-197	8280-321	9906-134	9906-229	9907-715
8280-136	8280-300	9905-466	9906-220	9906-236	9907-718
8280-139	8280-301	9905-834	9906-221	9906-237	9907-733
8280-157	8280-303	9905-837	9906-222	9907-206	

Parts obsolescence from electronic manufacturers can present a challenge to post-life support plans. Woodward strives to hold inventory or look for alternative parts when components reach their end of life. However, there are times when components cannot be obtained and where sufficient last-time buys cannot be made. In these cases, Woodward cannot always guarantee that we can maintain the rationalization support plan.

Best Regards,

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