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Dear Customer

I regret to inform you that our inverter supplier Hitachi Lighting Ltd (Ome) has announced their intention to stop manufacturing Hitachi Inverter products.

The details of the EOL schedule can be found in the attached EOL notification document. We have announced this early to allow sufficient time for you to manage your future requirements with as little disruption as possible.

There have been many changes in LCD component technology, none more so than the move from the use of CFL to LED as the backlighting technology of choice. LED's offer many advantages over CFL and their continuing share of the backlight market, and subsequent fall in demand for CFL, has been a major factor in Hitachi Lighting's decision to end their involvement in the production of inverters. Coupled with this is the uncertain future of CFL as a backlight technology and factors, such as the 2013 expiry of the RoHS exemption for mercury for use in CFLs, are only adding to the difficulties that lay ahead for the technology.

We would recommend, that in order to future proof your display needs, you should strongly consider taking this opportunity to move across to the LED alternative of your current display. Hitachi supports a wide range of LED backlit alternatives for all of the common displays in the current portfolio. Where there are gaps in our current support we are making plans to address this situation with the development of competitive LED alternatives.

It is also our intention to find an alternative supplier to support your immediate inverter needs. We have permission from Hitachi Lighting to offer their design material to the new supplier in order to develop a range of compatible parts for many of our most popular inverters. We will be working closely with the chosen new supplier to ensure the same level of quality that you have become accustomed to with your Hitachi inverter. The new supplier will be required to support inverter business directly and we will only recommend their services. We will continue to up date you on the progress of this activity and hope to have this in place well before the LTB schedule begins.

We would like to ensure you that this announcement does not affect the availability of Hitachi DPG LCD products.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your local member of DPG staff to discuss this matter further.

Yours Sincerely

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