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Dear Customer:

Aeroflex Colorado Springs (Aeroflex) appreciates your interest and use of our 1553 Interface products, specifically the S μ MMIT™ DXE, S μ MMIT™ XTE and S μ MMIT™ RTE Databus Interface. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Aeroflex is proceeding with migrating the transceiver used in conjunction with the UT69151 S μ MMIT DXE (Standard Microcircuit Drawing 5962-94663), UT69151 S μ MMIT XTE (Standard Microcircuit Drawing 5962-94758), and S μ MMIT™ RTE (Standard Microcircuit Drawing 5962-98587) to a new wafer fabrication facility. Production devices from the new facility will begin shipping in the first quarter of 2005 (i.e., March, 2005). This estimate is based on a two-design pass development schedule. The new S μ MMIT DXE, S μ MMIT XTE and S μ MMIT™ RTE products are designed to be a direct replacement to the existing products currently in production. As a result of the wafer foundry and process change (Monolithic Bipolar to 0.6 μ m CMOS), differences in AC and DC electrical performance of the transceiver may be unavoidable. Aeroflex will keep you apprised of performance differences as they are identified via written notification and our website (www.aeroflex.com/avionics). Aeroflex will continue to offer the UT69151 S μ MMIT DXE devices in 100-pin flatpack (FP) and 96-pin PGA, the UT69151 S μ MMIT XTE devices in a 140-lead flatpack (FP) and 139-pin PGA, and the UT69151 S μ MMIT RTE devices in a 132-lead and 140-lead flatpack (FP) and 139-pin PGA.

Transceiver die inventory is projected to last 18 to 24 months. The inventory of the remaining UT69151 S μ MMIT DXE, S μ MMIT XTE, UT69151 S μ MMIT RTE devices databus interface are being offered to customers on a "first come, first serve" basis. Aeroflex plans to cease shipping product built with the bipolar transceiver once qualification of the migrated version is complete. We expect to use the same transceiver SMD numbers with new device types.

If you have any questions please contact me at (719) 594-8252 or jordan@Aeroflex.com.

Regards,

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