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Overview Product Discontinuation Announcement – Certain Classic Software Switches

Dear Valued Customer,

This letter serves as your formal notification that Belden will discontinue the **following variants of Hirschmann Classic Software Switches**. For more details including last order and last shipment dates, please download the separate Product Discontinuation Announcement for each Classic Software switch family.

Discontinued Classic Software Switches:

- RSB family
- Open Rail RS20/30/40 family
- MICE family
- OCTOPUS Classic Family
- MACH102 family
- Certain variants of MACH104 family

Hirschmann's Classic Software Switches were launched between 2005 and 2010 and played a ground-breaking role in the adoption of Ethernet in industrial environments. In line with our commitment to product longevity, and our customers' requirement for continuity, we are still manufacturing the same products today.

But global events are driving changes in the semiconductor industry. As a response to the shortage of microchips, major chip manufacturers have started to consolidate their portfolios. Consequently, they are no longer able to provide chips based on older process node technologies. This has a direct effect on our own manufacturing capability.

Today our state-of-the-art product families running HiOS software offer a tried and trusted solution for modern industrial networks. These products are drop-in replacements for their Classic Software based equivalents. This allows a gradual and planned migration to the latest technology, with no unscheduled downtime.

Thank you very much for your trust in our company and if you have any questions or remarks, please contact your local Belden sales representative.

Sincerely
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