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Dear Customer:

Aeroflex UTMC Microelectronic Systems Inc. (UTMC) would like to inform you we are projecting the die inventory of our radiation-hardened UT1553B dual-redundant Bus Controller and Remote Terminal and Monitor (BCRTM) will last an estimated one (1) year. The component Standard Microcircuit Drawing (SMD) number is 5962-89577. Variations of this SMD number that have a radiation letter designator where the “-“ is replaced by either R, F, G or H are impacted by this inventory situation.

Based on market conditions and available technology, UTMC has decided **not to** migrate the production of this device to a new wafer fabrication facility.

UTMC will offer the remaining radiation-hardened BCRTMs on a “first come, first serve” basis. All purchase orders received after March 2002 will require delivery within 120 days after receipt and acceptance of purchase order. UTMC provides this product information to allow you to plan in advance of this product discontinuance.

Please contact me at (719) 594-8252 or via e-mail at jordan@utmc.aeroflex.com if you have any questions.

Regards,

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