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Dear valued customer and/or business partner:

K2L GmbH, a wholly owned subsidiary of Standard Microsystems Corporation (“SMSC”) (which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Microchip Technology Incorporated (“Microchip”)) hereby would like to inform you about the management buy-out of our in-vehicle real-time gateway, middleware and framework software business as well as our related consulting and support business into an independent company named CETITEC GmbH (“CETITEC”). Neither SMSC nor Microchip are shareholders of CETITEC. All former employees related to K2L’s gateway, middleware and framework software as well as the consulting and support business have been transferred to CETITEC.

Furthermore, we would like to inform you that K2L moved our headquarters to the above mentioned address in Karlsruhe while CETITEC will continue to use the former K2L office in Pforzheim.

CETITEC is going to continue all commercial and technical responsibilities for the firmware products and their related configuration tools such as (but not limited to): Universal Gateway (UGW) including UGW-Composer, Automotive Middleware Framework (AMF) and Automotive Communication System (ACS) including the MOST®-Application-Generator (MAG) as well as the field-bus driver components MOST® Low-Level-Driver (LLD) and Dynamic-Flexray™-Driver. Where you have contracts in place with K2L, we do not want to burden you with changing them to CETITEC. For your convenience, CETITEC will provide the respective duties under those contracts to you as a subcontractor and service provider to K2L.

K2L is going to focus activities on tooling products and their related configuration tools such as (but not limited to) the Automotive Test System (ATS) including the MOST®-Application-Generator (MAG) that are focused on analyzing field-buses and test and simulation of respective devices and systems, for doing rapid prototyping and beyond. Furthermore, SMSC’s tools products will also be moved under the K2L brand and responsibility. According to current plans, the investment in this business segment will be increasing and completely new tooling families/products are likely to join the portfolio soon.

Despite the fact that CETITEC is now an independent company, SMSC/K2L and CETITEC will provide you, our valued customers and business partners, with the same or better support and service than you previously received.

K2L and CETITEC both hope to receive your continued trust and the opportunity to support you in your current and future projects - each party in its own particular field of expertise, however, amicably cooperating to best serve your needs.

If there are further questions or comments, please feel free to share them with us on info@k2l.de and info@cetitec.com

Best regards,



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Please also refer to the new business contact information of K2L and CETITEC below, thank you!

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