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Manufacturing Discontinue (MD) Announcement – NTB27AA Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Linecard

Dear Customer,

In keeping with Nortel's commitments to continually evolve our products, streamline our portfolio and focus our resources on technologies with highest customer value, Nortel is announcing the manufacture discontinuance (MD) of the NTB27AA Basic Rate Interface (BRI) Linecard. Due to limited A-stock availability, a limited last-time buy is being offered.

The NTB27AA is a two-binary one-quaternary (2B1Q) U-interface ISDN line card that provides the DMS-100 and MSL-100 with a subscriber interface. The interface is an ISDN basic rate access (BRA) subscriber interface. The U-interface ISDN line card (U-ISLC) subscriber interface meets the ANSI ISDN 2B1Q metallic loop (U-loop) standard specification. The NTB27AA can be in the ISDN line concentrating module (LCMI) high capacity line drawer or the ISDN Remote Linedrawer.

Manufacture Discontinue Definition

This MD notice serves as formal communication to customers documenting the effective change of status date and the resultant cessation in accepting new orders. The MD of these products should not be interpreted as the discontinuance of any Nortel agreements to support the existing field population. Services to the existing product base will continue to be provided until the End of Life date of the product.

Last Order, Last Ship Information

The effective MD date is anticipated to be June 30, 2006 based upon current demand and existing inventory use-up. After MD, product sales will be supported through recertified equipment which is orderable through a 1002 engineering specification. Nortel will offer the same warranty on the recertified hardware that is subject to rigorous testing and quality standards. Nortel has significant quantities of recertified linecards to ensure we can meet future customer demand.

Hardware Maintenance/Repair

Hardware maintenance and repair services will continue to be available for purchase until an end-of-life (EOL) notice is issued.

Manufacture Discontinue (MD) Product Codes

The following list contains the Nortel PEC codes affected by this MD notice.

ITEM	PEC CODE	CPC CODE	DESCRIPTION	Replacement
	NTB27AA	B0229498	Basic Rate Interface Linecard provisioned in the LCMI platform or ISDN Remote Linedrawer	Recertified NTB27AAs via the 1002 Engineering Specification

Acronyms: PEC - Product Engineering Code, CPC - Common Product Code

Forecast End of Life (EOL) Date

There is presently no end of life forecasted for this product.

Additional Information

For further information please contact your Nortel sales representative or call 1-800-4NORTEL to obtain a sales contact.