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SilkWorm® 12000 End-Of-Life (EOL) Notice

Dear Brocade Value Added Reseller,

This notice is to formally communicate that the Brocade SilkWorm® 12000 and associated configurations have entered into an End of Life (EOL) lifecycle phase. The SilkWorm® 24000 replaces the SilkWorm® 12000 as the director platform in the SilkWorm® family. The SilkWorm 24000 shares Field Replaceable Units (FRUs) and Options with the SilkWorm 12000. These shared items will continue to be available to support the SilkWorm® 24000. The SilkWorm® 12000 16-port blade will also continue to be available to support the expansion of existing SilkWorm® 12000 directors.

To ensure the EOL process runs smoothly, please contact your Brocade Distributor to finalize a forecast of your last-time purchase requirements. This forecast will enable you to secure your requested quantity of SilkWorm® 12000 units. During this EOL phase, your Distributor will only be able to accept non-cancelable, non-returnable purchase orders for the SilkWorm® 12000. Please submit your last time purchase order by **December 30, 2004**. Delivery of your order will be scheduled through **March 31, 2005**. Brocade will continue to provide out of warranty repair services through **May 24, 2010**.

If you have questions or comments regarding this notice, please contact your Brocade sales representative. Thank you for your support during this transition. We appreciate your partnership with Brocade and look forward to meeting your future Fibre Channel switch and director needs.

Sincerely,

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