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VM600 system – discontinuation of the Molex® PROFIBUS interface card

Dear Customer,

This letter is to inform you that the Molex® PROFIBUS interface card (PNR 600-018-000-001) is being made obsolete due to a situation outside of our control – the closure of the suppliers manufacturing plant. It is important to note that there is no equivalent replacement product available but that a last time buy can be made until 12 March 2020, at the latest.

For VM600 rack-based monitoring systems using a CPUM rack controller and communications interface card, the Molex® PROFIBUS interface card enables communication with the VM600 system via PFOFIBUS. Solutions using the PROFIBUS interface card are mostly used in combustion monitoring applications.

While we are aware that the discontinuation of this interface card could inconvenience some of our customers, any impact can be limited by using the VM600 CPUR2/IOCR2 rack controller and communications interface card pair as a replacement for the CPUM. The CPUR2/IOCR2 card pair incorporates support for both Modbus TCP and PROFIBUS DP, and includes two serial fieldbus interfaces, thereby eliminating the need for a separate PROFIBUS interface card (as required by a CPUM).

For older VM600 systems using CMC16 condition monitoring cards, this CPUR2-based solution may not be suitable as the CPUR2 does not include support for the CMC16. Accordingly, for such systems, we strongly recommend to assess the criticality of spare parts and inform us for a last time buy.

Note: Meggitt Vibro-Meter® cannot guarantee spares availability of the Molex® PROFIBUS interface card (PNR 600-018-000-001) after the last time buy date of 12 March 2020.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Meggitt representative for any assistance required regarding this announcement.

Yours faithfully,

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