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Dear Jean-charles,

This letter is a formal notification that Brocade is initiating the End of Life (EOL) process for the Brocade® 8000 Switch and related field replaceable units (FRUs). Pursuant to the terms of your agreement with Brocade, this letter serves as your formal written EOL notification, which will allow for appropriate planning and opportunity for last time purchases.

The recommended product replacement is the Brocade® VDX® 6730 Data Center Switch.

Brocade will continue to offer and provide support for the EOL products five (5) years from the last ship date announced below for those customers with a valid support contract.

The objective of the Brocade account management team is to smoothly transition opportunities to the new products by planning to the following milestones:

Brocade 8000 Switch

- EOL notification date — October 2, 2012
- Last Time Order non-binding Forecast due — December 2, 2012
- Last Time Order (LTO) final, non-cancelable, non-returnable — February 2, 2013
- EOL Last Customer Ship (LCS) date — April 2, 2013
- End of Support (EOS) date — April 2, 2018

EOL Part Number	Description
BR-8000-0008	Brocade 8000, 8P FC, 24P CEE,FCoE, 8 8Gb SWL SFP+, EGM
BR-8000-0000	Brocade 8000, 24P CEE, no optics
XBR-8000-0000	FRU, Brocade 8000 8P FC, 24P CEE, FCoE, no optics
XBR-8000-0001	FRU, Brocade 8000, 24P CEE, 10G, no optics

Recommend Product Replacement:

EOL Part Number	Replacement PN	Description
BR-8000-0008	BR-VDX6730-32-F/ BR-VDX6730-32-R	VDX 6730 BUNDLE, 24P SFP+, 8 8G FC, FC OPTICS, VCS LIC, FCOE LIC, AC, (FRONT-TO-REAR or REAR-TO_FRONT EXHAUST)
BR-8000-0000	BR-VDX6730-24-F/ BR-VDX6730-24-R	VDX 6730, 24P SFP+ PORTSONLY - NOOPTICS, AC, (FRONT-TO-REAR or REAR-TO_FRONT EXHAUST)

Please contact your account manager for any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

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