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Dear Server Blades Customer:

Intel is announcing the discontinuance of the SBX44 blade server as well as accessories and spares related to that blade. In addition, while it isn't a separately sold item, we are announcing the end of life of the Intel Deployment Manager software deployment product.

RoHS, lead-free legislation, or to use its accurate but rather lengthy name "Directive 2002/95/EC on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment", is causing ripples throughout the computer industry. Component suppliers are discontinuing older parts that are not RoHS compliant. Intel has no plans to make the SBX44 blade RoHS compliant. Therefore many of the components used to build this blade are being discontinued. The result is that we are forced to make a somewhat accelerated call for last orders on this product.

Also there are numerous components that support the SBX44 blade. This notice also includes those related and supporting components.

Also included in this announcement is the end of life of the Intel Deployment Manager (IDM) product. IDM is currently distributed with every SBCE chassis sold. In the coming months there will be changes made to the management module in the SBCE chassis that will render inoperative some of the functions of IDM. Intel recently launched Intel System Management Software 1.0 (ISMS) which provides basic server management and a foundation for optional upgrades that include software deployment features. The combined capabilities of ISMS and the associated deployment upgrade serve as the replacement for IDM. By the beginning of Q2'06 IDM will no longer be included with the SBCE chassis and ISMS will be made available to replace it.

Product Codes Covered by this Announcement

Product Code	MM Number	Description	Replacement
SBX44	865584	Server Compute Blade SBX44 - Quad Xeon MP server	N/A
ABGALHS	853616	SBX44 Accessory - Processor heat sink	N/A
ABX44CBLKIT	854073	SBX44 Spare - Cable kit	N/A
ABX44CH	854075	SBX44 Spare - blade chassis	N/A
ABX44CVRM	854076	SBX44 Spare - blade cover	N/A
ABX44FPNL	854072	SBX44 Spare - Blade front bezel assembly	N/A
ABX44INTKIT	854077	SBX44 Spare - Misc. parts integrator kit	N/A
SBHDBRKT	852244	SBXL52 Spare - Hard disk bracket	N/A
BBX44BAS	862733	SBX44 Spare - baseboard	N/A
BBX44IO	862732	SBX44 Spare - I/O board	N/A
SBSCSI	862535	Blade Storage Expansion module, SBXL52 and SBX44	N/A

ABCEFLOP	857904	SBCE Spare - floppy drive	N/A
ABCECD	857905	SBCE Spare - CD-ROM drive	SBCEDVD

Details

1. This end-of-life (EOL) notification is effective **January 27, 2006**.
2. As of **February 24, 2006** no further orders will be accepted
3. Delivery of all orders must be taken no later than **May 19, 2006**.

Final purchase orders are ***non-cancelable and non-returnable***, notwithstanding any conflicting terms in our quotes, purchase order acknowledgment or Distributor agreements.

Please contact your local Intel Sales Office or Distributor if you require more information or need assistance in selecting a replacement product.

Sincerely,

Intel Blade Server Product Marketing