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Dear Customer,

Continuously Xycarb Ceramics is optimizing its global capacity and its position to effectively service future growth. Within this optimization Xycarb Ceramics has announced on the 11th of May 2009 its intention to concentrate its activities in the Netherlands by integration of its Hapert facility into its Helmond facility. It is the intention that our Hapert facility will be phased out in the course of 2009.

In addition, in order to guarantee the continuation of our services and commitments Xycarb Ceramics has made a cooperation agreement with Vogelsberger Quartzglastechnik GmbH in Germany. With this cooperation between Vogelsberger Quartzglastechnik and Xycarb Ceramics, we are confident that current agreements can be guaranteed and our services for quartz products can be continued.

Our Single Wafer Quartz products production will be transferred to our Georgetown facility in Austin, US. This high class facility is already producing a majority of our products and therefore a smooth transfer is guaranteed.

Currently Xycarb Ceramics provides to you the following service, which are:

- Quartz Repair Service

Xycarb Ceramics will continue to supply the quartz repair service according to our mutual agreements, but in the course of 2009 it is intended to transfer the technology and the actual repairs within the facility of Vogelsberger Quartzglastechnik, Sonnen in Germany. The technology transfer will take place according to the copy exact procedure. The commercial contracts remain unchanged.

- Vertical Quartz products

Vogelsberger Quartzglastechnik will take over this product line from Xycarb Ceramics and supply this with the same high quality towards Xycarb Ceramics customers. We will visit you together with Vogelsberger representative to discuss the details of this change.

- Single Wafer Quartz products

In the course of 2009 Xycarb Ceramics is intended to transfer a part of the products towards our facility to Georgetown.

We remain committed to our customer's requirement and are very excited about the future. We value your business and look forward to working closely with you together as we move forward. It is our commitment to continue to supply you with high quality products and customer service.

Your sales representative will be contacting you shortly to discuss this intended integration and review our steps in more detail.