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Panasonic Discontinuing Multilayer Ceramic Chip Capacitors (MLCC)

Dear Valued Customer,

Panasonic Electronics Devices Co. Ltd. (PED) recently made the decision to discontinue its Multilayer Ceramic Chip Capacitors (MLCC). The MLCC business, along with Panasonic's technology, has been transitioned to Murata Manufacturing Company, Ltd., a supplier also well represented by Digi-Key.

Digi-Key is working with Panasonic, Murata, and other MLCC suppliers to provide a seamless transition to support your demand/purchasing requirements. Digi-Key's website has been updated to provide you with MLCC alternatives, and our 24/7 technical support staff, available at mlcc.tech@digikey.com, is prepared to assist you with any remaining sourcing questions.

Digi-Key has placed significant orders with Panasonic and others to support your continued needs as you secure sourcing. Additionally, we have until December 20, 2009 to place last time orders with PED prior to its discontinuation of production and transfer to Murata, which has been targeted for March 25, 2010. This change will include Series ECJ, ECU, ECU and ECD. To ensure we can support your needs, please advise us of your future production requirements by contacting us at sales@digikey.com. Keep in mind our unallocated inventory is available on a first-come basis.

In situations where Panasonic is your only approved source and design limitations prevent you from approving an additional source, Digi-Key is prepared to support your production needs. Please contact us to discuss supply chain support solutions.

Please note this announcement pertains only to MLCC products from Panasonic. Digi-Key will continue to support all other products within Panasonic's large product portfolio.

We appreciate you allowing Digi-Key to support your past Panasonic MLCC needs, and we look forward to assisting you with future engineering and production requirements.

Regards,

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