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Dear Valued pSOSystem Customer:

Exciting events are underway at the new Wind River as we strive for ever-better ways to serve our customers. As the leader in reliable, innovative software solutions for connected smart devices, we want to make it as easy as possible for customers to use our products, year after year, project after project.

On February 29, 2000, Wind River made several announcements at the Embedded Systems Conference East in Chicago. Central to these announcements was a two year operating system roadmap detailing how Wind River will offer both pSOSystem and VxWorks customers a simple migration path forward to a single, unified operating system code-named Cumulus.

Rest assured that as we move towards Cumulus, we will continue to support all of our customers, whether they are using pSOSystem or VxWorks, for many years to come. As new releases are introduced to the market, we will continue to support older releases as part of Wind River’s standard support program that applies to all products and services.

About Stratus and Cumulus

We have a series of major new feature releases planned for our pSOSystem customers. The first such release, scheduled for Q3 of this year, is code named Stratus. Stratus will be followed by the release of Cumulus in late 2001.

Cumulus represents the convergence point for both our VxWorks and pSOSystem customers, and is intended to support customers using pSOSystem as well as VxWorks. The investment customers have made in applications and board support packages based on pSOSystem will carry forward to Cumulus.

We are currently working on a detailed specification of Cumulus; this process will take a number of months. During this time, we are sponsoring a worldwide series of customer visits designed to solicit customer input regarding the details of Cumulus. After all, the success of Cumulus will ultimately be determined by how well it meets your requirements.

In addition, the OS team responsible for implementing Cumulus will have representation of VxWorks and pSOSystem run-time engineers. This will ensure that Cumulus retains the best characteristics and features of both VxWorks and pSOSystem.

For example, many customers chose pSOSystem because it is well suited for building resource constrained applications (i.e. small footprint, real-time performance, etc). As we move forward, we will be adding new features for memory protection, application isolation, and high availability to our product offering, but only as scalable options. Customers will not be required to pay a size or performance penalty for these new features.

We understand that the selection of a development environment and embedded operating system represents a major commitment and investment in Wind River, and we will continue to work hard to preserve the economical and mutually beneficial business relationship you’ve come to expect from us.

As further information regarding our products comes into focus, we will continue to update you. In the meantime, please feel free to contact your local Wind River Account Manager with any questions, comments or concerns.

Regards,

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