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End of Life Notice for DVD Multi Drive in D-Series and Enterprise D-Series Libraries

Plasmon hereby provides formal notification of the discontinuance of the current Panasonic Multi Drive, Model Number 9571 in Plasmon's D-Series Libraries effective March 1st, 2005. This discontinuance includes all Plasmon D-Series Libraries currently incorporating the 9571 Multi Drive and related product accessories

BACKGROUND

Panasonic has formally ended production of the 9571 Multi drives used in the Plasmon D and Enterprise D Libraries. The Plasmon part numbers affected are:

- **SP97705255**
- **SP97705243**
- **SP97705260**

EFFECTIVE PERIOD

Plasmon will end production of units containing these drives on 1st March 2005. Full warranty and service will continue on these drives, in line with Plasmon's standard EOL support programme, through to 1st March 2010. Plasmon will continue to service and support the older drive, however they may elect to replace the drive with an alternative product should the need arise.

REPLACEMENT PRODUCT

Plasmon is happy to announce a replacement for this drive, which is plug compatible with the existing field hardware, and will be available from 1st March 2005. The replacement drive gives improved read-write performance for DVD-RAM and DVD-R with a 2 fold increase in DVD-RAM reading and writing and a 4-fold increase for DVD-R.

The part numbers for the new drive are:

SP97707300 Bare drive used for service.
AC97707379 Module containing 2 drives for Enterprise D
AC97707380 Drive and cables for Mid Range D

SOFTWARE SUPPORT

Plasmon has received notice from the Independent Software vendors who support the Plasmon D-Series libraries, that future releases of their software will support the new drive. Please check with your software vendor that an update patch or hotfix is available before use.