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PRODUCT CHANGE NOTIFICATION

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Dear valued distributor,

As a license management solution, USB dongles have been largely obsoleted by advances in technology. Dongle licenses exhibit several disadvantages when compared with modern Node-Locked or Floating licenses, and demand for dongles has reduced considerably in recent years. Currently only a few Arm development tools are available via a dongle license.

With effect from 1st April 2023, we will start to retire the remaining dongle licenses. On that date, the following changes will take effect:

- DS-5 dongle (code DON10-KT-00000) will be retired completely. No further purchases will be possible
- The remaining USB dongle kits (codes MDK-ARM-ES-DON-JP, MDK-PLUS-DON-JP, MDK-PRO-DON-JP, PK51-DONGLE, DK251-DONGLE) will be retired completely. No further purchases will be possible
- USB dongle hardware for MDK, PK51 and DK251 (codes respectively USB-DONGLE-MDK, USB-DONGLE-PK51, USB-DONGLE-DK251) will remain available while current stocks last. When current stocks are exhausted, no more purchases will be possible
- USB dongle licenses for MDK, PK51 and DK251 (codes MDK-ARM-ES-DON-LC, MDK-PLUS-DON-LC, MDK-PRO-DON-LC, PK51-DON-LC, DK251-DON-LC) will remain available while current dongle hardware stocks last. When current stocks are exhausted, no more purchases will be possible. The USB dongle licenses for MDK Plus and Professional will be aligned with the existing Floating license pricing

With effect from 1st October 2023, all dongle licenses and hardware will be retired even if current stocks have not been exhausted.

A USB dongle kit comprises USB dongle hardware and a USB dongle license. For example as a replacement for MDK Professional USB dongle kit (MDK-PRO-DON-JP), it is necessary to purchase both MDK USB dongle hardware (USB-DONGLE-MDK) and an MDK Professional USB dongle license (MDK-PRO-DON-LC).