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To our Customers and our Partners:

On March 1, 2007 the first phase of China's *Management Methods for Controlling Pollution Caused by Electronic Information Products* Regulation (SJ/T11364—2006) came into effect. This regulation now requires products that are listed in China's Ministry of Information Industry Electronic Information Products (EIP) document:

- be marked with an Environment Protection Use Period (EPUP)* label
- be accompanied with documentation indicating the presence or absence of the six substances covered by this regulation.

*(The EPUP label indicates the estimated minimum number of years that the product can be used without concern that any hazardous substances present will migrate into the environment.)

China's EIP does not specifically identify Brooks Automation products. Brooks is complying with these regulations for our Customers and Partners who purchase and use Brooks Automation products to ensure we do not hamper their compliance or availability.

Brooks is working with it's suppliers to determine if any of these substances are used within the components and materials we purchase for use in our products, and if they are, at what level. We are also working with our supply base to find alternate parts without compromising the performance and quality expected from Brooks Automation products.

As of the March 1, 2007 implementation date Brooks Automation products that are shipped to China are marked with an EPUP rating of 40 years, which is based on the operating environments and construction of our products. Brooks also indicates in the documentation provided with the product that the substances are potentially all present. As we confirm through documentary evidence that a substance is not present, we will change the marking from "X" – indicating potential presence – to "O" – indicating the substance is not present.

Our Environmental Policy, which is also posted on www.brooks.com, is as follows:

"Brooks Automation recognizes that the protection of the earth's environment is one of the most important issues for all mankind.

We are committed to protecting the environment for our customers, partners, employees, friends and neighbors in the workplace and the community.

We are therefore committed to complying with environmental laws and regulations that apply to our business and products worldwide."

If you have questions about compliance for any product contact your local Brooks sales representative.

This letter is intended only to report to you Brooks' understanding of the impact of China's environmental legislation on Brooks' sale of its various products. It is not intended to serve as legal advice and should not be relied upon by a purchaser in evaluating its own responsibilities under the directives. Any purchaser is encouraged to seek their own independent legal advice.

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