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End of Life Announcement for HP EVA P6350 and P6550 Storage

Dear Valued HP EVA Storage Customer:

HP appreciates and values your business. We are writing to inform you of an upcoming end of life (EOL) on the HP EVA P6350 and P6550 Storage systems.

- The EVA P6350 and P6550 systems will no longer be orderable after **January 31, 2014**.

- Customers who have purchased EVA P6350 and P6550 storage systems can obtain support until **January 31, 2019**, 5 years after the obsolescence date.

- Customers may purchase additional hardware and software upgrades **until January 31, 2017**.

Table 1 below summarizes the various milestones during this EOL period, which starts with September 12, 2013 and extends to January 31, 2019.

Please be assured that HP remains committed to providing you with long term investment protection. To honor that, HP will continue to invest in EVA P6000 Storage to insure that add-on disk drives, disk drive enclosures, and software are available for future expansion, up to three years after EVA's last sales date. In addition, in the past month HP introduced a new 4TB SAS drive for EVA P6000 Storage for increased application consolidation and in the near future will add VAAI UNMAP support for better integration with VMware.

OS support on the HP EVA

- HP will continue to qualify major new operating system releases (Windows, VMware, Linux, and HP-UX) until January 31, 2015 to ensure HP EVA Storage will run in your environment.

- Targeted support will include, but is not limited to, Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7, Microsoft Windows 2012 R2, HP-UX Fusion 11iv3, and SUSE Linux Enterprise Server (SLES) 12.

- Any follow on patch releases or services packs for these operating systems will be supported until January 31, 2017. A VMware vSphere update is also targeted.

HP 3PAR StoreServ 7000 : The next generation EVA

Customers with EVA systems older than the P6350 and P6550 are strongly recommended to migrate to the new HP 3PAR StoreServ 7000 Storage.

HP 3PAR StoreServ 7000 Storage was announced in December 2012 and has received unprecedented market adoption to-date. The 3PAR StoreServ 7000 series brings Tier-1 capabilities to the midrange and provides customers with significantly higher performance and scalability while incorporating the ease of use features that many EVA customers expect from their storage.

3PAR StoreServ 7000 Storage incorporates additional ease of use features specifically for EVA customers. Two examples of this are HP 3PAR SmartStart and HP EVA to 3PAR Online Import.

- **HP 3PAR SmartStart installation** gets you up and running in six quick and easy steps.
- **HP EVA to 3PAR Online Import software** allows existing EVA customers to quickly and easily move data to HP 3PAR StoreServ Storage using Command View EVA. In fact with Online Import, moving from EVA to 3PAR is easier than moving from EVA to EVA.

Once migrated to 3PAR StoreServ, customers can store all data on a single system that supports advanced features including storage federation, thin provisioning, and automated tiering, which enables you to start small and grow without disruption.

More information on the HP 3PAR StoreServ 7000 Storage can be found at www.hp.com/go/3PAR.

Table 1: EVA EOL Period Major Milestones

Milestone	Date	Explanation
End of Life Announcement	12 Sept 2013	Notification of product entering into end of life period
Discontinuance	31 Dec 2013	Orders after this date will be fulfilled based on inventory availability
Obsolescence	31 Jan 2014	Last day to purchase an EVA system, subject to inventory availability
Last date for interoperability	31 Jan 2015	Interoperability for new revisions of major

with new revisions of Major host operating systems		operating system (Windows, VMware, Linux, and HP-UX) will stop after this date. New versions of these operating systems that are announced in 2014 will be supported with the EVA P6350 and EVA P6550. Older versions of these operating systems will be supported per HP Storage Single Point of Connectivity Knowledge (SPOCK) support matrix.
Last date for Major OS upgrades and patch Support	31 Jan 2017	New upgrades and patches of major OS's (Windows, VMware, Linux, and HP-UX) will not be supported after this date.
End of Sale Date for Hardware Upgrades (disk drives and disk enclosures)	31 Jan 2017	Last day to purchase additional disk capacity and other hardware
End of sale date for add-on software	31 Jan 2017	Last day to purchase licenses for add-on software
Last date for XCS SAN Interoperability	31 Jan 2017	Cut-off date for new host bus adapters and switch support
End of HP engineering support	31 Jan 2019	Last date of engineering support availability for EVA P6350/P6550 (including add-ons) components and associated version of HP XCS Firmware
End of HP support services	At least until 31 Jan 2019	HP Technology Services will support the EVA P6350/P6550 HW and SW at least until the end of engineering support.

HP EVA XCS Firmware

HP recommends that you operate HP EVA Storage at the latest released version of HP XCS Firmware for your particular configuration.

Critical defect fixes will continue through January 31, 2019.

Availability of component hardware upgrades
Add-on and upgrade hardware components such as disk drives and disk enclosures will remain available for purchase until January 31, 2017.

Availability of EVA optional or add-on software titles
HP will continue to sell optional EVA Software including P6000 Business Copy, P6000 Continuous Access, P6000 Dynamic Capacity Management, and Replication Solutions Manager for new software purchases on EVA P6350 and P6550 systems through January 31, 2017.

HP EVA Interoperability
HP will continue to qualify major new operating system releases (Windows, VMware, Linux, and HP-UX) until January 31, 2015.   Any follow on patch releases or services packs for these operating systems will be supported until January 31, 2017.

HP will continue to qualify new host bus adapters and switches until January 31, 2017.

HP AppSystems for SAP HANA Customers
Existing HP AppSystems for SAP HANA for scale-out using EVA Storage systems will be supported through the lifecycle of the HP AppSystems for SAP HANA appliances. Quantities will be available for those specific customers to help with the extension and expansion of their SAP HANA deployments.

HP Service and Support
Service support of all hardware components consists of fixing or replacing components as necessary. To assure that your array is maintained properly, HP recommends that each EVA be kept under a service contract once the warranty expires.

HP reserves the right to discontinue products sooner based on customer/business requirements.

If you have any questions about your current support agreements or this end of life announcement please contact your local HP sales representative.

The SKUs listed below will NOT be orderable after January 31, 2014:

HP P/N	HP Product Name
QK739B#0D1	HP EVA P6350 Dual FC Controller, SFF enclosure and Command View Combo Factory Integrated Kit
QK740B	HP EVA P6350 Dual FC Controller, SFF enclosure and Command View Combo Field Installed Kit
QK741B#0D1	HP EVA P6350 Dual FC/1GbE Controller, SFF enclosure and Command View Combo Factory Integrated Kit
QK742B	HP EVA P6350 Dual FC/1GbE Controller, SFF enclosure and Command View Combo Field Installed Kit
QK743B#0D1	HP EVA P6350 Dual FC/10GbE Controller, SFF enclosure and Command View Combo Factory Integrated Kit
QK744B	HP EVA P6350 Dual FC/10GbE Controller, SFF enclosure and Command View Combo Field Installed Kit
QK745B#0D1	HP EVA P6350 Dual FC Controller, LFF enclosure and Command View Combo Factory Integrated Kit
QK746B	HP EVA P6350 Dual FC Controller, LFF enclosure and Command View Combo Field Installed Kit
QK747B#0D1	HP EVA P6350 Dual FC/1GbE Controller, LFF enclosure and Command View Combo Factory Integrated Kit
QK748B	HP EVA P6350 Dual FC/1GbE Controller, LFF enclosure and Command View Combo Field Installed Kit
QK749B#0D1	HP EVA P6350 Dual FC/10GbE Controller, LFF enclosure and Command View Combo Factory Integrated Kit

HP P/N	HP Product Name
QK750B	HP EVA P6350 Dual FC/10GbE Controller, LFF enclosure and Command View Combo Field Installed Kit
AP889B#0D1	HP EVA P6350 (8) 450GB 10K SFF SAS Factory Integrated Starter Kit
AP890B	HP EVA P6350 (8) 450GB 10K SFF Field Installed Starter Kit
AP891B#0D1	HP EVA P6350 (8) 900GB 10K SFF SAS Factory Integrated Starter Kit
AP892B	HP EVA P6350 (8) 900GB 10K SFF SAS Field Installed Starter Kit
QK717A	HP EVA P6550 Dual Controller Fibre Channel Array
QK717A#0D1	HP EVA P6550 Dual Controller Fibre Channel Array
QK718A	HP EVA P6550 Dual Controller Fibre Channel and 1GbE Array
QK718A#0D1	HP EVA P6550 Dual Controller Fibre Channel and 1GbE Array
QK720A	HP EVA P6550 Dual Controller Fibre Channel and 1GbE Array
QK720A#0D1	HP EVA P6550 Dual Controller Fibre Channel and 1GbE Array

We thank you for your continued business.

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