Volvo Group changes standard for EDI communication

Dear Supplier

Volvo Group has decided to replace all EDI-communication using ISDN and X25 communication with Internet based communication using a protocol called OFTP2 (Odette File Transfer Protocol version 2). The main reasons for this change are to increase performance and capacity while at the same time reducing cost and, last but not least, to secure uninterrupted communication when the services ISDN and X25 are closed down by the PTTs.

Volvo Group has started a project (the OFTP2 project) to carry out this migration. The migration project will be carried out between October 2009 and December 2010. Volvo Group is planning to close down its X25-connection by June 30th and the ISDN-connection by December 31st 2010.

For suppliers this change brings about the need to prepare their EDI systems and processes for handling OFTP2-based communication over Internet. We therefore advise all current users of X25/ISDN to contact their EDI software provider/IT department to initiate proper activities to implement this OFTP2-functionality.

The migration is mostly a technical IT-activity involving technical EDI resources but since the business impact of this is extremely high, the project is closely monitored and supported by the business side.

The EDI contact within your company will be contacted by our migration team within Volvo IT and given further instructions how and when to migrate. We expect your cooperation in this activity and that you support your EDI organization by providing the right level of attention and support to comply with our migration plan.

For additional information please visit http://www.volvo.com/edi/oftp2

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