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VAX Wide Area Network Device Drivers, V1.1B

Dear Customer,

This cover letter includes information not found elsewhere in the VAX Wide Area Network (WAN) Device Drivers documentation. Please read this cover letter before you install or use the VAX WAN Device Drivers V1.1B software.

Reason for This Release

This release provides:

- New versions of the drivers that fix all known problems.
- Support for all current VAX processors. See the System Support Addendum (SSA 29.64.xx) for full details of the processors supported.
- Support for the DEC WANcontroller 620 (DSF32). This synchronous device runs on the VAXft Model 310 and provides fault tolerant synchronous communications.

Please note that this release uses the VAX WAN Device Drivers V1.1 documentation set. The Release Notes and the DSF32 manual, which are provided with the kit, are the only new documentation for this release.

The DSF32 Device

Customers using the DSF32 device should read the Release Notes for V1.1B, and should use the 'WANDD Failover Set Manager' manual for information about DSF32 management and configuration. This manual and the Release Notes can be found in SYS$HELP, held in the following files:

- SYNC011B.RELEASE_NOTES
- WANDD$FSM_MANUAL.PS
- WANDD$FSM_MANUAL.TXT

Select the appropriate file format for your printer and print out a copy of the Release Notes and the 'WANDD Failover Set Manager' manual. Please note that the manual is available in text and PostScript® format.

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DMR11, DMV11, KMV1A, KMS1P and KMS11 Devices

The VAX WAN Device Drivers product supports many different synchronous communications devices, some of which overlap in functionality. The DMR11, DMV11, KMV1A, KMS1P, and KMS11 synchronous devices have been replaced by newer devices. Consequently, VAX WAN Device Drivers will not provide drivers for these synchronous devices at the next major release. This is part of a program to rationalize the range of synchronous communications options supported. However, Digital will continue to support customers who experience problems with these devices.

Customers using DMR11 devices should consider moving to Ethernet and the DECrouter 2000.

Customers using DMV11 or KMV1A devices should consider moving to DSV11 devices, while customers using KMS1P and KMS11 devices should consider moving to DMF32 devices.

To help customers move to these replacement devices, trade-in programs are available in certain cases. Please contact your local Digital sales office for more information.

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