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On Behalf of the UJ/UC Consortium



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Millennium Statement

UJ/UC Consortium Declares Y2000 Readiness

We are pleased to confirm that all Universal Jointing and Universal Coupling tools and equipment supplied from 1989 to date are *Millennium ready with two minor exceptions.

The first relates to the Eurotherm (Chessell) type 346 chart recorder used with the SAMS molding system. This recorder requires the date and time to be reset at the transition between 1999 and 2000.

Contact: Mr. Chris Francis

The second relates to the Sumitomo 35SE splicing equipment.

Although the functional operation of the equipment will be unaffected by the millennium, a non-compliance exists affecting the first leap year, such that the date 29/02/00 is not recognised. All subsequent leap years are unaffected.

This issue can be resolved in two ways. Firstly, should it be necessary to record splicing activity on 29/02/00, the clock of Sumitomo 35SE can be set to the correct date manually by the operator. How to set the clock is described in the manual. Alternatively, the equipment may be returned to KDD-SCS for a ROM upgrade free of charge, excluding all shipping costs including freight, insurance, customs clearance etc,. The upgrade would take approximately one month.

Equipment returns should be made by prior arrangement with the following:

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Dept.: Logistics management
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To ensure that these requirements are widely understood, a Training Bulletin will be issued for distribution to UJ/UC trained field operatives in the near future

* "Millennium Ready" means that potentially non-compliant equipment has been tested / assessed (according to supplier equipment information regarding compliancy, and in accordance with The British Standards Institution Definition of Year 2000 Conformity Requirements, BSI PD 2000/1) and that necessary remedial work has been carried out.

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