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Dear HP Software Customer,

Hewlett-Packard (HP) is announcing the version discontinuance of Mercury Business Availability Center (BAC) 6.8x and prior versions, effective as of the dates set forth below.

This letter is being sent to BAC 6.8x and prior versions support customers worldwide, to inform you of our end of support plans.

**End of Sale / End of Support**

HP is committed to providing the highest level of customer care to you while you determine your future strategy for your BAC 6.8x and prior versions products. Please read below for key timelines and support options that are now available to you:

Date	Program Activity
August 1, 2008	Product discontinuance announced
October 1, 2008	End of Sale (no longer orderable or available for purchase)
January 31, 2010	End of Support
January 31, 2012	End of Self-Help Support

Please note that all BAC 6.8x and prior version customers with active support contracts are eligible to upgrade to HP Business Availability Center 7.50 as a license upgrade.

While the BAC 6.8x and prior versions may continue to meet your immediate needs, HP recommends that all customers upgrade to HP Business Availability Center 7.50.

Please refer to attached Appendices A and B for definition of terms for product obsolescence, and specific product numbers affected by this announcement respectively.

**For more information**

Should you have any questions about this end of availability communication, or for assistance in understanding the options available to you, please contact your local HP sales representative or HP software business partner. When providing information, please include your name, country, phone number, company name, product number and your HP Service Agreement ID or HP System Handle.

In addition, for technical assistance and information, please visit Software Support Online: [www.hp.com/go/hpssoftwaresupport](http://www.hp.com/go/hpssoftwaresupport)



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HP once again wishes to thank you for choosing Mercury Business Availability Center as your preferred business service management software. We appreciate your business and look forward to continuing to serve your business needs in the future.

Sincerely,

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#### APPENDIX A: Definitions

This product version obsolescence is covered by version 4.2 of the support & obsolescence policy. Definitions of terms are provided by the HP Software product version obsolescence documented at: [www.hp.com/go/hpsupport/support-lifecycle](http://www.hp.com/go/hpsupport/support-lifecycle)

#### Product Support

Product Support is the reactive engagement of regional support resources (Support Center) and division support resources (Lab), in accordance with your purchased support plan, for the resolution of product defects, plus product enhancements for a specific product version. This includes investigation of newly reported defects and if appropriate, development of defect fixes and making these available for customers via patches. The HP Software product teams (Lab) will review and either approve or deny requests for defect fixes and enhancements (including additional support for newly-released operating system versions).

While HP Software investigates all problems and issues raised for products covered under Product Support, customers may be required to install the most current version or patches as part of the troubleshooting process.

Version Maturity may apply to specific versions of HP Software products. Version Maturity means that, for a specific product version, no further enhancements or changes to functionality are planned, nor are any further platform refreshes planned in order to update that product version to support current or future operating systems, operating system versions or hardware platforms.

#### End-of-Support Date

End-of-Support Date is the last date Software maintenance, installation and configuration assistance, and other standard support services will be accepted for the specified product release (as specified by Major and Minor version numbering). EOS also means the last date Software Change Requests (SCRs) will be accepted for a specified Version of a Product. After the EOS date, all SCRs will be planned for future versions, as applicable. Current patches for the version of the HP Software reaching EOS will remain available for electronic download for a reasonable period of time.

#### Self-Help Support

Self-Help Support is an integral component of all HP Software Support contracts. Self-Help Support consists of web-based access to the online support Knowledge Base, which contains technical information for HP Software products including white papers, existing patches and known problems for a specific product version.

In some instances support for specific HP Software product(s) and/or version(s) may run longer than the support for underlying operating system(s), adjacent/integrated application(s) or version(s). In this event, it is HP's intent to communicate with affected HP Software product/product versions customers in a timely manner. However, there are cases where HP does not receive notification of the End-of-Support for these products (operating system(s) or adjacent/integrated application(s), or version(s)) in advance of the general public. In any case, should the underlying operating system(s), adjacent/integrated application(s) or version(s) become unsupported by its developer, support for the affected HP Software product/product versions will immediately be limited to self-solve support

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available through Software Support Online, and Telephone Support associated with questions concerning a product's/product version's functionality and/or interoperability in line with the said product's/product version's original parameters/requirements at the time of release. Any product updates and/or fixes will be limited to those already available. No additional updates, patches or fixes will be engineered. Should said product/product version operate or integrate with other still supported, underlying operating system(s), adjacent/integrated application(s) or version(s), support for said product/product version on any remaining supported platform(s), supported adjacent/integrated application(s), or supported version(s) will continue unaffected, or through the planned End-of-Support date, if one has been announced.

APPENDIX B: End of availability Mercury Business Availability Center 6.8x and prior versions Product List

Product #	Description
T5600AJE	HP Biz Avail Ctr 6.1 Japanese SW E-Media
T5600AJ	HP Biz Avail Ctr 6.1 Japanese SW Media
T5601BJ	HP Biz Avail Ctr 6.1 Japan SW Manuals
T5600AKE	HP Biz Avail Ctr 6.1 Korean SW E-Media
T5600AK	HP Biz Avail Ctr 6.1 Korean SW Media
T5600ASE	HP Biz Avail Ctr 6.1 SmpIChin SW E-Media
T5600AS	HP Biz Avail Ctr 6.1 SmpIChin SW Media
T5600BFE	HP Biz Avail Ctr 6.2 French SW E-Media
T5600BF	HP Biz Avail Ctr 6.2 French SW Media
T5600CAE	HP Biz Avail Ctr 6.5 Engl SW E-Media
T5600CA	HP Biz Avail Ctr 6.5 Engl SW Media
T5601CA	HP Biz Avail Ctr 6.5 Engl SW Manuals

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