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Membership of Component Obsolescence Group Deutschland e.V.

Schleicher Electronic Helping Customers Deal With Obsolescence

The electronics enterprise Schleicher Electronic wishes to intensify support for its EMS customers (electronic manufacturing services) in future when it comes to obsolescence management. The Berlin technology company has joined the Component Obsolescence Group Deutschland e.V. (COG-D) for this purpose. Schleicher customers therefore profit from comprehensive assistance in this respect.

The production of hundreds of electronic components is terminated all around the world on a daily basis. The discontinuation of production due to obsolescence costs companies millions every year because they are forced to adapt their products accordingly (redesign). Consequently, effective obsolescence management is vital for every company if the expense associated with redesigns is to be kept as low as possible. Specialists across all industries have therefore pooled their skills and experiences in COG-D to address problems and solutions relating to obsolescence management.

Through its membership, Schleicher wishes to expand the competence and experience it has built up over the years in the areas of product life cycle and obsolescence management. After all, in addition to the high level of equipment reliability, associated services such as component logistics, documentation or serial number management are also of particular importance to Schleicher's EMS customers. To meet these requirements, the electronics enterprise would therefore like to provide further services which go beyond the mere population of PCBs.

"We want to utilise our membership of COG-D for the exchange of experience", explains Sven Dübbers, CEO of Schleicher Electronic. "This skills and experiences will enable us to further minimise the consequences of non-availability of product components amongst our customers."

State of the art

Members in the COG-D association have comprehensive access to presentations and recommendations developed together on obsolescence management - from both COG-D and COG-UK. In addition, working groups also exist which address a variety of topics. Questions concerning processing can also be forwarded to collectively selected institutes. This ensures that members and their customers are at all times aware of state-of-the-art obsolescence management strategies.