AutomationDirect is paying close attention to the fast-changing news regarding shortages and delays found in many areas of the global supply chain. As a result, we are continuing frequent communications with all our suppliers to gain information on the potential effects as quickly as possible.

Currently, many of our suppliers are reporting extended supply disruptions caused by:

- material shortages (i.e. semiconductors, plastic, copper, steel)
- transit delays caused by unusually high port and rail congestion
- labor interruptions and shortages
- reduction in plant production capacity

Specific global events are causing additional disruptions:

- intermittent restrictions in the major cities of China to prevent Covid-19 spread
- events related to the Russia – Ukraine conflict
- potential for a dockworker labor strike at US west coast ports

AutomationDirect will continue to monitor these situations and work with our suppliers on methods to reduce the impact on shipments and deliveries.

Although AutomationDirect continues to hold a significant amount of inventory overall with additional amounts in transit, these disruptions are leading to depleted stock among various individual items and product lines. Changes to backorder expected ship dates are also becoming more common as information changes within the entire supply chain.

Regarding the limited worldwide semiconductor supply, we are facing some situations where delivery times are subject to last minute changes and more frequent stock-outs. Our suppliers often receive partial shipments or get last minute delays on components that have been on order for many months, causing our expected ship dates to shift with little notice. These types of issues commonly affect products such as PLCs, HMIs, Drives, and other products that feature control capabilities.

Please be assured that AutomationDirect and our valued suppliers consider product availability as one of our highest priorities for our customers. We will minimize any disruptions in the flow of product within our supply chain, to the best of our ability. These are just some of the actions we are taking to improve availability:

- expediting deliveries via air freight to avoid lengthy sea transportation
- placing additional orders with suppliers to rebuild stock levels
- prioritizing timing of manufacturing and shipment of the most critical items
Please check our online webstore or contact our customer support team if you need detailed information about quantities available for specific items.

Currently, it has become common for deliveries to be delayed by FedEx, UPS, and LTL freight carriers because of the significant increase this year in online business. Because of potential delays in transit, we encourage you to follow carrier tracking to see the latest delivery status.

While AutomationDirect is not able to fill out individual surveys or respond to individual reporting portals due to the volume and variety of these requests, we will continue to monitor this situation and update this statement regularly until normal business conditions resume. We thank you for your patience during this challenging time.