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Dear Customer:

To continue our tradition of providing enhanced Storage Management Software (SMS) capabilities to our customers, Compaq offers a maintenance release of the Compaq Storage Library System for OpenVMS™, Version 2.9G software.

Storage Library System (SLS) for OpenVMS, Version 2.9G software runs on OpenVMS VAX Versions 6.2, 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3 and on OpenVMS, Alpha Versions 6.2, 7.1-2, 7.2-1, 7.2-2, 7.3 and 7.3-1. Versions listed are attempts to be current with the Operating System. Ultimately the contract between customer and the OpenVMS organization takes precedent.

You can use SLS, Version 2.9G in a mixed-architecture OpenVMS VAX and Alpha environment.

NOTE

For SLS customers continuing to utilize OpenVMS VAX Version 5.5-2, stay on SLS Version 2.9F.

SLS Version 2.9G is a combination of a bug fix release, and includes qualification for OpenVMS V7.3 VAX and V7.3-1 Alpha and adds new devices since the SLS 2.9F release.

OpenVMS Versions 7.2-2, 7.3 and 7.3-1 provides support for Fibre Channel (FC) connected tape devices. This is accomplished through the use of Modular Data Router (MDR) or Network Storage Router (NSR) connected to the FC Switch. Both routers convert Fibre Channel protocol to SCSI protocol, which the attached tape device understands. SLS V2.9G has been qualified Fibre Channel connected devices as outlined/listed in the OpenVMS 7.3-1 SPD 25.01.66. SLS V2.9G is restricted to a single cluster environment. See Install guide for more information.

Please refer to OpenVMS V7.3 SPD(s) for a complete listing of supported tape devices.

The SLS and MDMS V2.9G release notes contain a more detailed listing of bug fixes. The SLS Software Product Description (SPD) updates qualified devices for this release.

Contents of this Kit

The enclosed kit contains the following:

- Storage Library System for OpenVMS, Version 2.9G software for VAX and Alpha systems
- Storage Library System for OpenVMS, Version 2.9G documentation
  - — Storage Library System, for OpenVMS Release Notes (online only)
  - — Storage Library System, for OpenVMS Installation Guide
  - — Storage Library System, for OpenVMS Guide to Backup and Restore Operations
  - — Storage Library System, for OpenVMS Command Reference Guide
  - — Storage Library System, for OpenVMS Software Product Description (SPD) number 29.67.24

- Media Device and Management Services, Version 2.9G software for VAX and Alpha systems and MDMS for OpenVMS Release notes, on line only

For additional information, please refer to the product documentation. As a convenience to our SLS users PDF formats are provided softcopy. The user has a complete documentation set with this kit. If you need additional assistance, please call the Compaq Customer Support Center.

Sincerely,

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