

# Product Discontinuance Policy Update

The Xilinx Product Discontinuance Policy provides for the early notification of future product changes and discontinuances, generous last-time buy periods, and relationships with end-of-life suppliers. Refer to page 14 in *XCell 23* for information about the development of the policy.

## “End-of-Life” Supplier Selected

Xilinx has selected **Rochester Electronics, Inc. (REI)** as “end-of-life” supplier for Xilinx discontinued products. REI is the industry leader in after-market support for semiconductor suppliers. Our relationship with REI will provide for product availability beyond the Xilinx last-time-buy and last-time-ship periods. REI also provides capabilities such as assembly and test. Contact REI at its Newburyport, MA headquarters by phone at 508-462-9332, by e-mail at sales@rocelec.com, or on the internet at www.rocelec.com.

## XC2000 Shipments to End in 1999

On December 20, 1996, Xilinx issued Product Discontinuance Notification PCN96010 for the XC2000 FPGA family. Included in the discontinuance are all commercial, industrial, military and hi-rel products. The last-time-buy period extends until January 1, 1999 (*see table*).

The XC2000 devices, first introduced in 1985, can be replaced by more cost-effective FPGA and CPLD product families, such as the XC5200, XC7300 and XC9500 families, or by their HardWire™ equivalent, the XC2318.

## XC3000 Series Product Line Streamlining

We plan to improve our leadtimes by removing device and package combinations with extremely low order volumes. A few XC3000 series components, mostly slower speed grades and unpopular pin grid array package combinations, will be discontinued within the next two years.

However, higher-performance XC3000 series devices are getting less expensive. The most recent price reductions for the XC3000-100 and XC3100A-4 devices have eliminated the need for the XC3000-70 and XC3100A-5 devices, so we are discontinuing the C and I grades of those two devices. Users of these discontinued products can now move to the next-highest speed grade, maintaining pin and bitstream compatibility, and take advantage of decreased component costs.

For further information about these products, including a complete list of the ordering codes for the discontinued products, please contact your local sales office or visit the Xilinx WebLIX website. ♦

## Product Discontinuance Schedule

MILESTONE	DATE	NOTES
<b>XC2000 Product Line Discontinuance</b>		
Notification	12/20/96	PCN96010
Last-time-buy	1/1/99	
Last-time-ship	6/30/99	
<b>XC3000 -70 (C and I) Discontinuance</b>		
Notification	1/31/97	PDN97003
Last-time-buy	1/31/98	
Last-time-ship	4/30/98	
<b>XC3000 Low Volume Packages</b>		
Notification	1/31/97	PDN97005
Last-time-buy	12/31/98	
Last-time-ship	3/31/99	
<b>XC3100A -5 (C and I) Discontinuance</b>		
Notification	1/31/97	PDN97004
Last-time-buy	1/31/98	
Last-time-ship	4/30/98	
<b>XC3100A Low Volume Packages</b>		
Notification	1/31/97	PDN97006
Last-time-buy	12/31/98	
Last-time-ship	3/31/99	