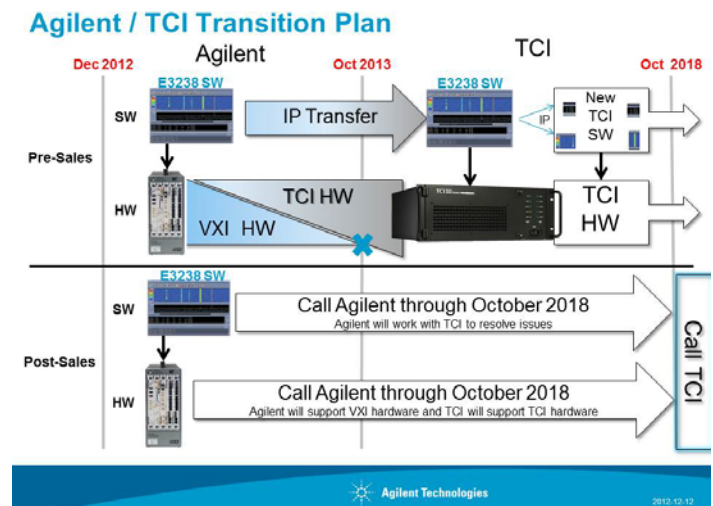# Agilent and TCI Chart a Course for the Future of the E3238S Blackbird/Surveyor

The E3238S family of products has a large installed base of customers and has been a successful product. When the business decision was made to stop future investment in the E3238S software and hardware, we promised you in the previously announced Blackbird/Surveyor transition plan that a partner would be identified to support the user base. We're pleased to announce that Agilent has concluded an agreement that authorizes longtime channel partner TCI to serve in this role.

TCI has been granted a license to use the E3238S signal detection and monitoring software, and will provide customers with an ongoing resource for future products and support. As of November 1, 2013, TCI will provide support for customers who want to maintain the E3238S GUI, as well as developing future products and platforms. Agilent will work closely with TCI to ensure a seamless technology transfer of the E3238S suite of software products.

Through October 31, 2013, customers can purchase all of the E3238S solutions from Agilent. Until then, the Agilent sales team should work with existing customers to close orders for additional systems, system upgrades and lifetime buys. After October 31, 2013, Agilent will no longer offer the E3238S signal detection and monitoring solutions for sale, and TCI will assume responsibility for the evolution of E3238S technology.

TCI plans to create E3238S software drivers for TCI hardware, enabling a path forward for our customers and protecting their software investment. TCI has already started development of an E3238S replacement product, the Blackbird NextGen™ which features the TCI Model 850 Wideband Signal Search and Lookback system. For more information on TCI solutions see: www.tcibr.com

Agilent recommends TCI as the preferred partner to provide solutions in the Signal Monitoring and Signal Intelligence market. An Agilent channel partner for many years, TCI has included many Agilent products in their turnkey solutions. TCI also provides fully integrated direction finding solutions for the E3238S signal detection and monitoring system. As part of Charlotte, North Carolina-based SPX, TCI is backed by the resources of a multi-industry manufacturing leader with operations in more than 35 countries, approximately 18,000 associates worldwide and $5 billion in annual revenue. For more information on SPX visit www.spx.com

In summary, Agilent customers can still purchase the E3238S suite of products and solutions through October 31, 2013. Agilent will work together with TCI to support these solutions through October 31, 2018. Beginning November 1, 2013, TCI will become the first point of contact for application support and future product enhancements for Signal Monitoring and Signal Intelligence solutions.

Agilent and TCI have worked together to create this agreement with one goal in mind: creating a smooth and logical transition for our E3238S customers.

Agilent will continue to develop and offer the following products and solutions:
- *N7109A Multi-channel MIMO system*
- *N6841A RF Sensor and Sensor Management Software*
- *N6854A Geo-Location Software*
- *N6820ES Signal Surveyor Software for the N6841A - RF Sensor*
- *E3239S (Z2090B) Emission Analyzer Software (Fast Break)*

These products will be discontinued on October 31, 2013, with support through October 2018

Product Number	Description
35688E	**Intercept and Collection Software**
E1437A, WJC tuners	*Already in Disco process; April 30, 2013 out of support life*
E1438C	100MSa/s VXI ADC with filters and memory
E1438D	100MSa/s VXI ADC with filters and memory for E3238 systems
E1439C	VXI 70MHz IF ADC with filters and memory
E1439D	VXI 70MHz IF ADC with filters and memory for E3238 systems
E2730B	20 MHz to 2.7 GHz RF Tuner
E2731B	20 MHz to 6.0 GHz RF Tuner
E3238BZ	Signal Monitoring and Detection Sub-system
E3238E-00x	E3238S factory-delivered training
E3238S	E3238S Signal Detection and Monitoring Solutions
E3238SU	E3238 upgrades and non-standard systems
E9045A	Fiber-optic 16-inch simplex cable
E9050B/C/E/G	Hourly productivity assistance
E9051A-xxx	Specials
E9821A	Signal processor module for E3238 system
R2001A	Hourly Assistance Services
LTPC2	Laptop PC with Windows
MFRAME1	5-slot, C-size VXI Mainframe
N6820E	**E3238S Signal Survey Software**
N6829B	Audio Player
N6830A	Dual channel HF Receiver and 70 MHz IF ADC for E3238 Systems