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FAQs: Forthcoming Android Version of Autopart WMS

What is the new Android version of Autopart WMS?

MAM/KCS has decided to update the Autopart warehouse management software to enable the use of devices capable of running the Android Operating System. This is to ensure our software offerings are up to date and to allow us to take advantage of various technical benefits that will mean the software keeps up with wider mobile technology advancements.

Will Autopart WMS stop working with my existing Windows Mobile devices?

No. There is no immediate need to replace your current devices, but where you have a need to buy new devices, either to replace faulty ones or to increase capacity, we recommend you purchase devices capable of running both operating systems.

Will the Windows Mobile and Android devices be able to run side-by-side?

Yes. We expect customers to continue using Windows Mobile devices for several years after the introduction of the Android devices so we do plan to allow the Autopart WMS to operate with devices running both operating systems simultaneously.

Will the Android version look-and-feel be the same as the Windows Mobile version?

We intend to make the new Android screens look-and-feel as close to the original ones as possible but, as Android is a completely different operating system and development platform, in some circumstances this may not be feasible. Our aim is to keep the workflow and operations as close to the existing ones as possible so that any need for staff re-training is kept to a minimum.

What should I do now?

We recommend that you think about your device requirements over the next eighteen months and beyond. If you plan to buy additional devices or replace existing ones then we recommend you buy devices that come with Windows Mobile pre-loaded but can be also upgraded to Android. Please liaise with your local handheld device provider for further information.

Will the new Android version have additional features?

There are no specific new features planned for the Android version of Autopart WMS although it is likely that new features will appear during the course of this project and we will ensure the new Android devices support them. The move to Android will also provide greater flexibility for new features and enhancements in the future. We do not expect to remove any features.

When will the new Android version of WMS be available for Autopart?

This is a very large project which we estimate will take between twelve and eighteen months to complete. We will continue to provide updates on progress over the duration of the project to ensure everyone is kept fully up-to-date.

Will the new Android version be launched with full functionality?

This is still to be finalised but the current expectation is that an initial Android version will be released that supports a subset of the existing WMS modules followed by the release of the remaining modules.

What has changed with the Windows Mobile-based devices?

Microsoft took the decision to stop support for the Windows Mobile operating system that runs many handheld devices, particularly those used for electronic proof-of-delivery and in a warehouse environment. Inevitably, Windows Mobile devices will become increasingly in short supply so an alternative is required.

