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Date: April 16, 2024
To: Argo Steering Committee Members
From: Sea-Bird Scientific
Subject: Notification regarding 2026 Float Manufacturing

After extensive consideration and analysis, Sea-Bird Scientific has decided that we can best support the OneArgo program (Core + BGC + Deep) by focusing our resources on critical sensor research and development.

Our goal is to provide sensors with the field performance, quality, price, and delivery that meet the program's needs.

We will also focus on increasing our funding advocacy on behalf of Argo and other critical programs that are essential for understanding and responding to climate change.

In order to ensure the development of sensors that deliver on OneArgo's expanded mission, we will be transitioning out of float manufacturing over the next several years.

We will continue to fulfill all current orders and invest what is needed to ensure high quality floats are delivered for critical deployment opportunities.

We will continue to accept new core float orders through 2024, and BGC float orders through 2025. There are no planned changes to our continued support of the install base or to our ability to support undeployed floats during this transition.

Sea-Bird Scientific is very proud of the role we have played in the evolution of Argo and we are excited to continue partnering with this community. Your success truly is our success.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to share how we can best support you through this transition please email product.management@seabird.com.

Sincerely,
The Sea-Bird Scientific Team

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