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Dear Accelrys GCG customer,

There are a large number of internet bioinformatics tools and open source alternatives that have changed the dynamics of the sequence analysis and bioinformatics market. To adapt to these changing market forces, Accelrys is discontinuing development and support of Accelrys GCG (GCG) products and focusing resources on providing cutting-edge bioinformatics solutions in Discovery Studio and SciTegic Pipeline Pilot.

This letter notifies you of our plans to retire GCG products, effective June 30, 2008. Product retirement means we will no longer offer new software development releases and hotline scientific application support after this date. Between now and the retirement date, to assist you with your software questions, hotline application support and training are available. There are no plans for future software releases at this time. You are receiving this notice because our records indicate that your organization has a current license for one or more of the following GCG products:

Accelrys GCG  
SeqWeb  
DataBasic  
DataExtended

We understand that GCG products provide an integral part of your sequence analysis discovery research, validation and teaching needs. As such, at the expiration time of your current license period, we will provide you licensing and support options at a reduced price to make it possible for you to continue to use GCG products into the future.

From now to June 30, 2008:

- Accelrys will fulfill current contractual obligations through June 2008. If you have a license term that extends beyond June 30, 2008, your account manager will be contacting you.
- If you currently have an annual software license, at the conclusion of your license period, you will have the option of purchasing a perpetual license that will give you the ability to use your GCG software "as is" beyond the retirement date.
- If you have a perpetual license, at the conclusion of your current maintenance agreement, you will have the option to purchase hotline scientific application support through June 2008 at a reduced cost.
- If you subscribe to the GCG data update service, DataBasic or DataExtended, at the end of your current agreement, you can renew and continue to receive this service through June 2008.

We hope you will continue using Accelrys GCG software perpetually and continue receiving value beyond our retirement date and into the future. Keeping a perpetual version of the GCG software will mean that you do not need to update processes or architectures that are currently using GCG software.

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We are making you aware of our retirement decision a year in advance so that you will have ample time to assess and budget for any necessary changes. Your Accelrys account manager can give you information on supported alternatives to GCG within the worldwide Accelrys network of collaborators.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your Accelrys account manager or our expert scientific and technical support team.

Sincerely,

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