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Dear Lustre™ Community Member:

As you are probably aware, the acquisition of Cluster File Systems, Inc. (CFS) by Sun Microsystems, Inc., announced on September 12th, is now complete. As a Lustre community member we want to inform you of Sun's long term commitment to Lustre. A fundamental component of the acquisition is Sun's commitment to:

- Continue to support Lustre as an Open Source technology and promote the Open Source community surrounding it
- Provide support for existing Lustre customers and partners - Sun will work together with CFS to migrate existing CFS agreements to Sun and all existing customers, operating systems, hardware and OEM/business partners will continue to be supported
- Continue to support and enhance Lustre on Linux across multi vendor hardware platforms
- Continue to develop the Lustre road-map and continue to distribute Lustre as both free-as-in-freedom and free-as-in-beer software.

We hope that our open source credentials speak for themselves. Sun is one of, if not the, leading contributors to open source software in the world. As well as opening our own key technologies such as the UltraSPARC T1 and T2, OpenSolaris, OpenOffice and our Java platform implementations, Sun is also a contributor to many other communities such as GNOME, X.org, and Mozilla. Indeed, in a report prepared for the European Commission last January, Sun was identified as the company making the largest contribution of source to a typical Linux distribution of any company<sup>1</sup>. For more information about Sun's approach to open source, including our licensing philosophy and open source ombudsman service, please visit <http://www.sun.com/opensource>

We are excited about Sun joining the Lustre community and it reflects our determination to offer the best solutions to our customers. The combined expertise of Sun and CFS and of the Lustre community is a big step towards offering our own customers an even more complete and open High Performance Computing (HPC) solution.

If you have any questions about the Sun's acquisition of CFS, please turn to your existing CFS contacts, Sun Representative, or email [Lustre-questions@sun.com](mailto:Lustre-questions@sun.com)

Yours sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/ict/policy/doc/2006-11-20-flossimpact.pdf>