Driving Forces to Eliminate Lead:

- Environmental legislation.
- Customer requirements.
- Increasing costs associated with the disposal of toxic materials.
- Environmental concerns:
- Toxins leaching into groundwater.
- Dwindling amount of space available for land use.
- Marketing and competitive factors.

Issues and Concern Moving Forward to Lead-Free:

- Component compatibility with temperature requirements.
- Solderability of alternative metallization on components and printed wiring boards.

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- Reliability of joints and stress/strain issues.