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Sony CCD Announcement and Atik Cameras

It has been widely reported that Sony will discontinue CCD manufacture and concentrate solely on CMOS sensors. The initial manner in which this information has been publicised by Sony, without proper schedules, was regrettable but we are happy to report that we now have this information, and it's good news.

The Sony sensors used in Atik products have all been included in Sony's A-rank product group. As such, the last time buy for these sensors will be 2025 for delivery in 2026. Atik expects to be manufacturing cameras based on the Sony range up until that point as we believe the Sony line of sensors provide unparalleled performance for the price in our low light applications.

To help Sony manage their slow withdrawal from the CCD market place they are asking for estimates of CCD usage over the next 10 years. We, in turn, will be asking our OEM customers for estimates, while understanding it can be difficult to make accurate predictions 10 years into the future. We are due to deliver this information in an initial form in July this year and again at the start of next year. These estimates will not be a binding commitment to buy for either our customers or ourselves.

This marks the end of a period of uncertainty and we now look forward to continuing the refinement our range of high performance cameras to provide our customers with the best possible products.

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