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Dear Valued IDS Customer,

Since IDS released the Astra G2 software two years ago, there has been a lot of confusion regarding our software license usage. In order to simplify your license use, we have made changes to make it consistent with the way licensing works with traditional Astra.

Traditional Astra would use one license for every user that was connected to the Astra database. Through device licensing, each user was able to open up to ten Astra sessions from the same workstation under the same initial Astra license. If five people were logged on five different workstations, then five Astra licenses were used.

This is how licensing works with Astra G2. When a user starts the Astra G2 Navigator menu, an Astra license is used. Each window that this user opens from the G2 Navigator menu will use this same license because of the device licensing.

The only exceptions to this simplified licensing method are FI-Point and Dockslips. Each of these products will continue to use an additional license themselves. The major features of FI-Point have been included in the new Astra G2 FI Quote program. By migrating from FI-Point to the new G2 FI Quote, a license can be freed up.

In the end, this simplification may not have any effect in your dealership. Anyone using a license for traditional Astra will be able to use the same license for Astra G2. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself via email at m.jakobsen@ids-astra.com or by phone at 800-962-7872, ext 186. Your IDS Account Manager will also be able to help you with your licensing questions.

Sincerely,

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