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## Supply Chain Update

On March 1, 2021, we shared information about the supply chain and how it was beginning to affect our industry. Since then, we have more information to share.

The global supply chain is still facing issues stemming from labor issues, weather events, transportation challenges, and raw material cost and availability.

Material from Asia to the U.S. continues to be a concern, with California port backlogs delaying the process. Reports show that there is still an average of 20 cargo ships moored off the coast waiting to unload. While some suppliers have resorted to air transport, there are limitations with that option.

In addition, copper is being traded at an all-time high resulting in significant price increases affecting many industries. Any finished good that contains copper could be involved.

At the same time, we have also seen a post-Covid boom in our industry, with demand increasing dramatically.

As a result, lead times continue to grow, and some suppliers have begun instituting allocation plans. Some of the categories with the most significant impact are:

- PVC Nail-on boxes
- NM-B and UF Wire
- Breakers, Load Centers, and other Distribution Equipment
- PVC Conduit
- Generators
- Other Specialty Electrical Products

We are working directly with our suppliers to ensure that Schaedler Yesco receives our fair share of materials. We are proactively increasing our orders to ensure the material pipeline is full. And we are investigating alternate sources that meet our requirements for quality and value.

Our goal is to continue supporting our customers to the best of our abilities while we all experience these significant challenges. Please let us know what projects you have coming up so we can help you plan. We can also discuss Stage & Store services that allow you to pre-order items that may have availability issues. Planning early can help avoid problems when your project is in full swing.

Thank you for your patience. If you have any questions, please speak with your Schaedler Yesco Sales Rep.



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