

Floods in Thailand: Swissbit's ability to deliver is unaffected

Despite the severe flooding in Thailand, deliveries by Swissbit AG remain unaffected. Our suppliers are neither directly nor indirectly affected and there is no danger of delivery bottlenecks now or in the coming months. This will also be the case if demand for solid-state disks (SSDs) should rise strongly.

Market researchers iSuppli had predicted widespread production difficulties for the hard-drive industry that could persist for up to six months. As a result, almost 28 per cent fewer hard disk drives (HDDs) were delivered than in the third quarter of 2011. This could lead to manufacturers of industrial PCs increasingly turning to SSDs instead of HDDs. SSDs can replace conventional 2.5" HDDs one-to-one and come with a few plus points: Because of the absence of moving parts, they are far better at withstanding vibrations and shocks than hard drives and, since they are not subject to access delays, they start up much faster and have lower response times. Even if this should lead to stronger demand for SSDs, Swissbit customers can rest assured that they will receive the products they need on time and in the quality they are accustomed to. Swissbit supplies SSDs with Parallel ATA (PATA) and Serial ATA (SATA) interfaces.

Swissbit produces DRAM and NAND flash-based storage systems in its own plant in Berlin. Its flash and DRAM components are supplied by Hynix, Micron Technologies, Samsung, Toshiba and Winbond.