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NEW HITACHI INVERTERS FEATURE ETHERNET CONNECTIVITY

TARRYTOWN, NY, December 1, 2004 -- Hitachi America, Ltd., Power and Industrial Division, today announced the SJ-EN Ethernet option board, which provides the SJ300 and L300P families of AC inverters with a high performance, easy-to-use Ethernet interface. The board installs in one of the inverter's two internal option board expansion slots, and connects to the user's network by means of a standard RJ45 connector.

The SJ-EN implements the widely-accepted MODBUS/TCP protocol for maximum versatility. It incorporates six LEDs to monitor board status and activity, and an 8-position DIP-switch for setting the node address. No special software or hardware is required.

For more information, please contact www.hitachi.us/inverters or inverterinfo@hal.hitachi.com.

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