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HITACHI COMPACT, FULL-FEATURED NEW GENERATION MICRO VARIABLE SPEED DRIVES

TARRYTOWN, NY, December 1, 2004 -- Hitachi America, Ltd., Power and Industrial Division, today announced the new full-featured L200 Series micro variable speed drives.

The L200 features a variety of new and enhanced functions, providing unparalleled simplicity and flexibility. They include side-by-side mounting capability, built-in timing logic and analog input math (PLC) functions, DIP-switch hand-off-ratio and RS485 Modbus RTU communication interface. An optional NEMA4X keypad kit will allow flexible and cost-effective panel mounting.

The L200 is empowered with cutting-edge functions yet is easy-to-install, easy-to-use, and easy-to-maintain. The L200 series delivers a modern, global variable frequency drive solution.

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

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Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 326,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2003 (ended March 31, 2004) consolidated sales totaled 8,632.4 billion yen (\$81.4 billion). The company offers a wide range of systems, products and services in market sectors including information systems, electronic devices, power and industrial systems, consumer products, materials and financial services. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's Website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

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