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HITACHI INTRODUCES SIMPLE TRIP-LESS MICRO AC DRIVES

TARRYTOWN, NY, May 21, 2007 -- Hitachi America, Ltd., Industrial Systems Division, today announced the new X200 Series of inverters. The new model builds on the advanced technology of its predecessors while adding many unique enhancements. The X200 delivers extraordinary power and flexibility in an extremely compact and efficient contactor-style (power input at the top/motor output at the bottom) package. The result is performance unsurpassed in a low-cost micro-drive, and an inverter that can fit more applications than ever before.

The X200 features leading-edge functions, yet is easy to install, use, and maintain. The X200 series volts-per-hertz inverter is a modern, global variable frequency drive solution, and carries the UL, c-UL, CE, and C-Tick marks. It is ideally suited for fan, pump, conveyor and many other general-purpose applications. Designed with the environment in mind, the X200 is RoHS compliant. A new Safe Stop feature provides a hardware-based emergency stop function compliant with EN standards. Another new X200 function decelerates and stops the motor using regenerative energy from the load when the AC supply power is lost.

Other features include a greatly improved trip avoidance function, automatic energy saving function, built-in timing logic, analog input math (PLC) functions, and RS485 Modbus/RTU communication interface. Many other useful functions are standard.

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