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Announcement for EOL of all Inverter products

Thank you very much for your continuous marketing activities for our inverter products. We regret to announce that Hitachi Lighting, Ltd. have decided to stop production of all inverter products near future based on the one of our company's structural reconstruction plan. The demand for CCFL backlight based LCD panel and inverter products are rapidly reducing due to growing demand for the LED backlight based new technology. To cope with this change of the market environment, we decided to focus our limited engineering resources on the LED lighting (not for backlight) sector as part of the structural reconstruction.

Please refer to the followings for details.

1. Object products

All inverter products, developed and supplied by Hitachi Lighting, Ltd. including following part numbers except INVC695 and INVC816.

See PCN0304 for the EOL schedule of INVC695 and INVC816.

INVC132, INVC186, INVC196, INVC572A, INVC617, INVC655, INVC657, INVC658, INVC659, INVC662, INVC667, INVC783, INVC784, INVC789, INVC812, INVC813, INVC814, INVC817, INVC818, INVC819, INVC821, INVC826, INVC828, INVC829, INVC831

2. Request on supply schedule

Effective immediately, Hitachi Lighting, Ltd. does not design new inverter products (including modification/upgrade of current existing inverters).

We would like to propose the schedule for the last time buy of current products referred to in above item 1 as follows.

September 30, 2011: Last day for the receipt of the purchase orders

March 31, 2012: Last day for the shipment (FOB country of origin) of the products

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.
If you have any question, please let us know.

Hitachi Lighting, Ltd.



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