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Sumitomo Electric Industries Introduces New Optical Transceiver and Products

Tokyo, Japan, Mar. 18, 2003 - (JCN Newswire) - Sumitomo Electric Industries Ltd., announced today the introduction of new 10Gb/s optical transceiver products, the SXP3101 series and SDX4101 series, for use in 10Gigabit Ethernet and 10Gigabit fiber channels.

The SXP3101 series is a part of the XFP transceiver family, which is fully compliant with both the IEEE802.3ae and XFP Multi Source Agreement specifications. The new XFP transceiver features a serial 10Gb/s XFI electrical interface, which eliminates the need for a SerDes inside the module, saving power and space. The new XFP transceiver is thus suitable for higher port density applications in datacom and telecom systems.

The SDX4101 series is a part of the X2 transceiver family, which is fully compliant with both IEEE802.3ae and the X2 Multi Source Agreement specifications. This X2 transceiver features XAUI and MDIO interface for a direct upgrade of the XENPAK transceiver, with a smaller footprint and lower power consumption. Sumitomo Electric also plans to release the SONET/SDH compliant transceivers shortly.

The new transceivers will be demonstrated at Sumitomo Electric's booth (#3404) at the Optical Fiber Communication (OFC) conference from Mar 23 to 28 in Atlanta, GA.

About Sumitomo Electric Industries Limited

Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd. (SEI)(TSE: 5802) designs, manufactures and sells optical fibers and components, advanced electronic devices, and automotive parts. Through a successful strategy of research and diversification, SEI has become one of the world's leading companies at the forefront of the revolution in information and communications. The company has operations around the world in more than 25 countries and employs 70,000 people. SEI reported group net sales of 1,485 billion yen for the year ended March 2002.