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AiDi Releases New Low-Loss 24-Channel MPO Connector

San Francisco, CA, March 17, 2008 - AiDi Corporation announced today the general availability of the Low-Loss MPO24, a 24-channel MPO connector with reduced insertion loss for use with ribbon fiber pigtailed, fiber arrays, and fiber fan-out assemblies. In partnership with ADOPT, AiDi Corporation manufactures these components at its factories in Japan, and distributes them through AiDi USA, a wholly owned subsidiary.

During the last few years, MPO connectors have been deployed widely in the field, and are responsible for eliminating the need for per-channel fiber cables, thus reducing fiber routing complexity. Both system manufacturer and service provider benefit from this simplicity, whether it is in the circuit pack routing, or the interconnections between patch panels. The advantages are especially pronounced in high density applications such as ROADMs, WSS, MUX/DEMUX combos, and other integrated modules and subsystems.

Previously, channel counts for MPO connectors were limited to 8 or 12. However, recent advances in materials and processing technology allow low loss and high uniformity over all 24 channels. "The proven success of the MPO12 is an indication of the trend toward higher channel count without increasing fiber routing complexity," says Kenzo Ishida, President and CEO of AiDi Corporation. "Today, few users are willing to accept the fiber spaghetti of yesterday. At AiDi Corporation we recognize this, and with the Low-Loss MPO24 we push the technology to satisfy the market needs as module port counts continue to rise."

The form factor of the Low-Loss MPO24 housing is identical to that of the MPO12, despite the high number of channels. The 24 channels are compactly contained within the ferrule in two rows of 12 fibers, with 0.5 mm spacing between rows. Insertion loss is specified at maximum 0.3 dB. The Low-Loss MPO24 is available today.

About AiDi Corporation

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