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3M Introduces 3M MiniSAS External Cable Assemblies

AUSTIN, Texas – June 5, 2008 – The new 3M Mini Serial Attached SCSI (small computer system interface) External Cable Assemblies from the 3M Electronic Solutions Division provide top performance for SAS storage applications.

With cabinet-to-cabinet links available in custom lengths out to four meters, the assemblies allow the customer to link miniSAS enabled cabinets. The 3M miniSAS interconnect provides signal integrity and protects against data loss. The 3M miniSAS products are RoHS compliant and conform to the SFF 8086, 8087, and 8088 standards as well as the current SAS 1.1 specification. These standards support the latest disk drives and provide aggregation and cabling of SAS signals into high-speed, 4-lane architecture. The diecast shell is included with an EMI gasket for sealing against the box panel, to prevent radiated emissions. The shell is also available in multiple key configurations to fit your application. The second-generation SAS connector, miniSAS is designed to meet higher speed and greater bandwidth requirements of the industry with four lanes that support data rates of up to 6 Gbps.

The 3M miniSAS External Cable assemblies complement the growing line of 3M storage interconnect products. The miniSAS internal board mount product is available with multiple termination options to fit your PCB design requirements. The mating internal cable assemblies are available in customizable lengths, and in fanout configurations for maximum design flexibility. As standards continue to develop, 3M expects to release additional updates and assemblies in longer lengths.

More information about this and other 3M interconnect products is available at <http://www.3M.com/interconnects>.

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