



Connectors

## Electronic connectors market to reach US\$ 89.6 billion by 2018

According to a report by Global Industry Analysts, the global electronics connectors market is projected to reach US\$ 89.6 billion by 2018. This will be primarily driven by technology developments, improving world GDP, growth in shipments of smartphones and other portable computing devices. It will also be powered by emerging opportunities from non traditional end user industries, such as medical and alternative energy. The firm says the Asia Pacific region is the most prominent, with dollar sales waxing at a CAGR of about 9 per cent over the analysis period. The telecommunications industry represents the fastest growing end user market for electronics connectors. The demand from this sector, especially for multi-fibre connectors, will be driven by the increase in adoption of 40/100 GbE network technologies.

## Orissa targets generating 50 MW of solar power in 2012-13

As part of its efforts to tap the potential of solar power in a big way, the Orissa government has set a target of generating 50 MW from this renewable energy source in 2012-13, according to a report. "At present 10 MW of solar power are being produced in the state. This apart, the process of selecting developers to generate an additional 25 MW is over. For 2012-13, we have set a target to generate solar power of 50 MW," said Ramesh Majhi, Minister for Science and Technology, in the state assembly. Similarly, 20 MW is being generated from bio-mass. In addition, the Grid Corporation of Orissa Ltd (Gridco) has signed power purchase agreements with eight developers to generate a total of 98 MW from biomass. Of these eight developers, two have targeted to operationalise their units in 2012-13 with a combined generating capacity of 10 MW.

## Appointments

### Panasonic appoints Manish Sharma as MD



Panasonic has, for the first time ever, appointed an Indian to head its flagship consumer durables business in the country. Manish Sharma (41), erstwhile head for sales and marketing of Panasonic India, has been promoted as its managing director from April.

### New chairman for CII Karnataka



DL Krishnan has been appointed as the new chairman of CII Karnataka State Council for the next fiscal year. He was the vice chairman, CII Karnataka during 2011-12, and was convenor, Manufacturing Panel of CII Karnataka.

## Awards

### Matrix Comsec receives 'product of the year' award

Matrix Comsec was conferred the 2011 Internet Telephony 'Product of the year' award for its SETU ATA211G, a SIP Obased Analogue Terminal Adaptor (ATA), interfacing legacy telephone device with IP and GSM networks.

### New standards for smart grid

IEEE recently announced five new standards, as well as a modified standards