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**Hitachi to Post Extraordinary Gains/Losses on
Unconsolidated Basis in Fiscal Year Ended March 2003**

Tokyo, April 7, 2003 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE : 6501 / NYSE : HIT) today announced that it plans to post extraordinary items relating to the sale of real estate and the sale and impairment of securities on an unconsolidated basis for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2003.

1. Extraordinary Gain on Sale of Real Estate

As previously announced, Hitachi sold certain properties in its Head Office complex on March 31, 2003 to Nippon Sogo Fund Co., Ltd. as part of moves to concentrate head office functions in a smaller number of locations. As a result of this sale and sales of idle and unproductive real estate holdings, Hitachi will record an extraordinary gain of approximately 46.6 billion yen.

2. Extraordinary Gain on Sale of Securities

Hitachi will record an approximate 41.3 billion yen of extraordinary gain on the sale of affiliated company shares and investments in securities. Of this amount, approximately 16.0 billion yen relates to the sale of affiliated company shares and 25.3 billion yen relates to the sale of investments in securities.

3. Extraordinary Loss on Impairment of Securities

Hitachi will record an extraordinary loss of approximately 55.3 billion yen on the impairment of affiliated company shares and investments in securities. Of this amount, approximately 35.5 billion yen relates to the impairment of affiliated company shares and 19.8 billion yen relates to the impairment of investments in securities.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd., headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company, with approximately 320,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2001 (ended March 31, 2002) consolidated sales totaled 7,994 billion yen (\$60.1 billion). The company offers a wide range of systems, products and services in market sectors, including information systems, electronic devices, power and industrial systems, consumer products, materials and financial services. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's Web site at <http://global.hitachi.com>.

Cautionary Statement

This document contains forward-looking statements which reflect management's current views with respect to certain future events and financial performance. Words such as "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "estimate," "intend," "plan," "project" and similar expressions which indicate future events and trends identify forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from those projected or implied in the forward-looking statements and from historical trends. Further, certain forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions of future events which may not prove to be accurate.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or implied in any forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, rapid technological change, particularly in the Information & Telecommunication Systems segment and Electronic Devices segment; uncertainty as to Hitachi's ability to continue to develop products and to market products that incorporate new technology on a timely and cost-effective basis and achieve market acceptance; fluctuations in product demand and industry capacity, particularly in the Information & Telecommunication Systems segment, Electronic Devices segment and Digital Media & Consumer Products segment; increasing commoditization of information technology products, and intensifying price competition in the market for such products; fluctuations in rates of exchange for the yen and other currencies in which Hitachi makes significant sales or in which Hitachi's assets and liabilities are denominated, particularly between the yen and the U.S. dollar; uncertainty as to Hitachi's access to liquidity or long-term financing, particularly in the context of restrictions on availability of credit prevailing in Japan; uncertainty as to Hitachi's ability to implement measures to reduce the potential negative impact of fluctuations in product demand and/or exchange rates; general economic conditions and the regulatory and trade environment of Hitachi's major markets, particularly, the United States, Japan and elsewhere in Asia, including, without limitation, continued stagnation or deterioration of the Japanese economy, or direct or indirect restriction by other nations of imports; uncertainty as to Hitachi's access to, or protection for, certain intellectual property rights, particularly those related to electronics and data processing technologies; Hitachi's dependence on alliances with other corporations in designing or developing certain products; and the market prices of equity securities in Japan, declines in which may result in write-downs of equity securities Hitachi holds.

These factors listed above are not exclusive and are in addition to other factors that are stated or indicated elsewhere in this document, or in other materials published by the Company.

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