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**Appointment of New Executive Officer Accompanying Planned Merger of Hitachi,
TOKICO and Hitachi Unisia Automotive**

Tokyo, June 21, 2004 ---Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501 / 'Hitachi') today announced the appointment of a new executive officer in accordance with a decision taken at meeting of Nominating Committee and Board of Directors convened today. The appointment, as detailed below, relates to the already-announced merger of Hitachi, TOKICO LTD. (TSE:7232) and Hitachi Unisia Automotive, Ltd. Discussions and preparations are continuing with respect to this merger, which is scheduled for October 1, 2004.

1. New Executive Officer Appointee

Vice President and Executive Officer

Junzo Kawakami

2. Biography of New Executive officer

Date of Birth	:	July 29, 1944
Education	:	
March, 1973	:	PhD (Electrical Engineering), The University of Tokyo
Business Experience	:	
June, 2003	:	President & Representative Director, TOKICO LTD.
April, 2001	:	Chief Technology Officer, Automotive Products of Hitachi, Ltd.
June, 1997	:	General Manager, Hitachi Research Laboratory of Hitachi, Ltd.
August, 1993	:	Deputy General Manager, Hitachi Research Laboratory of Hitachi, Ltd.
August, 1988	:	Manager of 10 th Department, Hitachi Research Laboratory of Hitachi, Ltd.
November, 1982	:	Joined Hitachi, Ltd.
April, 1975	:	Associate Professor, Department of Electronic Engineering, Faculty of Engineering, The University of Tokyo
April, 1973	:	Lecturer, Faculty of Engineering, The University of Tokyo

3. Effective Date of Appointment

October 1, 2004 (Planned merger date)

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE:HIT/TSE:6501) headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company, with approximately 326,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2003 (ended March 31, 2004) consolidated sales totaled 8,632.4 billion yen (\$81.4 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://www.hitachi.com>.

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