Hitachi Announces Policy for Shares of Elpida Memory

Tokyo, August 30, 2005---- Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE:6501/ NYSE:HIT) today announced its decision to sell shares of Elpida Memory, Inc.(TSE:6665) .

1. Sales of shares:

(1) Number of shares to be sold

      4,000,000 shares owned by Hitachi.

      Following the sales, Hitachi will own 18,999,980 shares, which represent 19.70 % of the issued and outstanding shares of Elpida Memory.

(2) Aggregate proceeds of the sale

      To be determined

(3) Method of the sale

      Block trade to a securities firm

(4) Period of the sale

      By September 30, 2005

2. The relationship between Elpida Memory and Hitachi

      Although Elpida Memory will be no longer an equity-method affiliate of Hitachi as a result of the sale, the two companies will maintain a relationship as business partners.

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