

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hitachi Announces New Directors

Tokyo, April 27, 2006 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501) today announced new directors in accordance with a decision taken at a meeting of Nominating Committee convened today, and is subject to approval at Hitachi's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders on June 27, 2006.

1. Director Candidates <Proposed at Hitachi's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders on June 27, 2006> [* New]

< Board Director (Chair)>

Yoshiki Yagi, currently Board Director (Chair)

<Director>

Etsuhiko Shoyama, currently Director; Chairman

***Kazuo Furukawa**, currently President

***Tadamichi Sakiyama**, currently Director, Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.

Takashi Miyoshi, currently Director; Executive Vice President and Executive Officer

<Outside Director>

Ginko Sato, currently Outside Director; Honorary President, Japan Association for the Advancement of Working Women

Hiromichi Seya, currently Outside Director; Senior Corporate Advisor, Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.

Akira Chihaya, currently Outside Director; Representative Director and Chairman of the Board, Nippon Steel Corporation

***Tohru Motobayashi**, currently Partner, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto

<**Director**>

Isao Uchigasaki, currently Director; Director and Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.

Takashi Kawamura, currently Director; Director and Chairman of the Board, Representative Executive Officer, Hitachi Software Engineering Co., Ltd.

Yoshiro Kuwata, currently Director; Director and Chairman of the Board, Representative Executive Officer, Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation

Masayoshi Hanabusa, currently Director; Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Capital Corporation

Ryuichi Seguchi, currently Director; Chairman Emeritus, Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.

2. Resigning Directors

Kotaro Muneoka, currently Director

Toshiro Nishimura, currently Outside Director; Founder, Senior Counsel of Nishimura & Partners

Hiroshi Kuwahara, currently Director; Director and Chairman of the Board, Representative Executive Officer, Hitachi Maxell, Ltd.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501 / NYSE:HIT), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company, with approximately 347,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2004 (ended March 31, 2005) consolidated sales totaled 9,027 billion yen (\$84.3billion). 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>.

Biography of New Director Candidates

Kazuo Furukawa

- 1. Date of Birth : November 3, 1946
- 2. Education
 - March 1971 : Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Tokyo
- 3. Business Experience
 - April 2006 : President
 - April 2005 : Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, President & Chief Executive Officer, Information & Telecommunication Systems Group, General Manager Corporate Export Regulation Division
 - April 2004 : Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, President & Chief Executive Officer, Information & Telecommunication Systems Group
 - June 2003 : Vice President and Executive Officer, President & Chief Executive Officer, Information & Telecommunication Systems Group
 - April 1971 : Joined Hitachi, Ltd

Tadamichi Sakiyama

- 1. Date of Birth : June 13, 1941
- 2. Education
 - March 1964 : Graduated from, Faculty of Economics, the University of Tokyo
- 3. Business Experience
 - April 2006 : Director, Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.
 - June 2003 : Executive Vice President and Executive Officer and Director
 - April 2003 : Executive Vice President and Executive Officer
 - June 2001 : Board Director, Senior Vice President
 - April 1999 : Vice President, General Manager of Internal Auditing Office, Hitachi, Ltd.
 - April 1994 : General Manager of Accounting Department
 - April 1964 : Joined Hitachi, Ltd

Tohru Motobayashi

1. Date of Birth : January 5, 1938
2. Education
 - March 1961 : Graduated from Faculty of Law,
the University of Tokyo
 - May 1969 : Master's degree from Harvard Law School
3. Business Experience
 - April 1963 : Admitted in Japan, Tokyo Bar Association
 - June 1970 : Partner, Mori Sogo Law Offices (currently,
Mori Hamada & Matsumoto)

President of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations
(April 2002 – March 2004)

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