

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Hitachi comments on the articles of Hamaoka Nuclear Power Station No. 5 posted
in the Nihon Keizai Shimbun dated August 2, 2006**

Tokyo, August 2, 2006 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501) today commented on the articles of the Nihon Keizai Shimbun dated August 2, 2006 stating that Chubu Electric Power Co., Inc. has decided to claim over 100 billion yen damages to Hitachi for the incident of turbines of Hamaoka Nuclear Power Station No. 5. The cause of the incident is currently under investigation. Hitachi has not received the claim for damages in relation to the incident from Chubu Electric Power Co., Inc.

###

Information contained in this news release is current as of the date of the press announcement, but may be subject to change without prior notice.
