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**Hitachi Comments on fine imposed by European Commission for violation of
EC Treaty ban on restrictive business practices**

Tokyo, October 7, 2009 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501) today commented on the fine imposed by the European Commission for violation of EC Treaty ban on restrictive business practices.

October 7, 2009, the European Commission has ordered Hitachi to pay a fine of 2,460,000 euros (approx. 320 million yen) for infringement of EU anti-trust rules regarding high voltage transformer equipment business, which Hitachi had exited several years ago.

Hitachi will carefully review the substance of the Commission's decision and consider the correspondence in the future. Hitachi cannot judge the effect of this matter on business results at this point.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT / TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 400,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2008 (ended March 31, 2009) consolidated revenues totaled 10,000 billion yen (\$102.0 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, logistics and financial services. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

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