

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Hitachi Announces New Directors**

Tokyo, April 27, 2010 --- 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 in June 2010.

**1. Director Candidates <Proposed at Hitachi's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in June 2010> [\* New]**

**<Director>**

**Tadamichi Sakiyama**, currently Board Director (Chair)

-- Tadamichi Sakiyama will be appointed as a Board Director (Chair).

**<Outside Director>**

**Yoshie Ota**, currently Outside Director

**Mitsuo Ohashi**, currently Outside Director, Advisor, Showa Denko K.K.

**Akihiko Nomiya**, currently Outside Director, Special Advisor, NIPPON MINING HOLDINGS, INC.

**Kenji Miyahara**, currently Outside Director, Special Advisor, Sumitomo Corporation

**Tohru Motobayashi**, currently Outside Director, Lawyer, Partner, Ihara & Motobayashi

**<Director>**

\***Isao Ono**, currently Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Software Engineering Co., Ltd.

**Takashi Kawamura**, currently Director, Representative Executive Officer and Chairman

\***Masaharu Sumikawa**, currently Chairman of the Board and Representative Executive Officer, Hitachi Plant Technologies, Ltd.

\***Hiroaki Nakanishi**, currently Representative Executive Officer and President  
**Michiharu Nakamura**, currently Director  
**Takashi Miyoshi**, currently Director, Representative Executive Officer,  
Executive Vice President and Executive Officer

## 2. Resigning Directors

**Takeo Ueno**, currently Director, Advisor, Hitachi Via Mechanics, Ltd.  
**Shungo Dazai**, currently Director, Chairman of the Board, Hitachi  
Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.  
**Michihiro Honda**, currently Director, Director of Hitachi Metals, Ltd.

## 3. Biography of New Director Candidates

### Isao Ono

1. Date of Birth : May 23, 1944
2. Education  
March, 1968 : Graduated from Tokyo Institute of Technology,  
Department of Electrical & Electric Engineering
3. Business Experience  
April, 2010 : Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Software  
Engineering Co., Ltd.  
June, 2006 : Representative Executive Officer, President and  
Chief Executive Officer, Board Director of Hitachi  
Software Engineering Co., Ltd.  
April, 2005 : Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice  
President and Executive Officer, in charge of Sales  
and Information & Telecommunication Systems  
Business, General Manager of Information Security  
Division, Board Director of Hitachi Software  
Engineering Co., Ltd.  
April, 2004 : Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice  
President and Executive Officer, in charge of  
Sales, Information & Telecommunication Systems  
Business and Digital Media, Board Director of  
Hitachi Software Engineering Co., Ltd.  
June, 2003 : Senior Vice President and Executive Officer,  
General Manager of Information Business Group,  
Board Director of Hitachi Software Engineering  
Co., Ltd.  
June, 2002 : Senior Vice President and Director, General  
Manager of Information Business Group, President  
& Chief Executive Officer of Information &  
Telecommunication Systems Group, Board Director  
of Hitachi Software Engineering Co., Ltd.

- April, 2002 : Senior Corporate Officer, General Manager of Information Business Group, President & Chief Executive Officer of Information & Telecommunication Systems Group
- February, 2002 : Senior Corporate Officer, General Manager of Information & Telecommunication Systems Group, President & Chief Executive Officer of Solution Systems Group
- June, 2001 : Senior Corporate Officer, President & Chief Executive Officer of Solution Systems Group
- April, 2001 : President & Chief Executive Officer of Solution Systems Group
- January, 2000 : President & Chief Executive Officer of Finance & Distribution Systems Group
- April, 1968 : Joined Hitachi, Ltd.

**Masaharu Sumikawa**

- 1. Date of Birth : July 2, 1943
- 2. Education
  - March, 1972 : Ph.D. in Precision Machinery Engineering, Tokyo University
- 3. Business Experience
  - April, 2010 : Chairman of the Board and Representative Executive Officer, Hitachi Plant Technologies, Ltd.
  - April, 2006 : Representative Executive Officer and President, Director, Hitachi Plant Technologies, Ltd.
  - April, 2005 : Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Power Systems and Industrial Systems, Automotive Systems and Production Technology, Director of Hitachi Plant Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.
  - October, 2004 : Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Power Systems and Industrial Systems and Production Technology, Director of Hitachi Plant Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.
  - February, 2004 : Executive Officer, in charge of Power Systems and Industrial Systems and Production Technology, Director of Hitachi Plant Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.
  - June, 2003 : Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Power Systems and Industrial Systems and Production Technology, Director of Hitachi Plant Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.

- June, 2002 : Senior Vice President and Director, President of Power & Industrial Systems Group, Chief Executive Officer of Power Systems Operation, Director of Hitachi Plant Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.
- February, 2002 : Senior Corporate Officer, President of Power & Industrial Systems Group, Chief Executive Officer of Power Systems Operation
- June, 2001 : Senior Corporate Officer, Chief Executive Officer, Industrial Systems, Power & Industrial Systems Group
- April, 2001 : Chief Executive Officer, Industrial Systems, Power & Industrial Systems Group
- April, 1999 : General Manager, Thermal & Hydroelectric Systems Division, Power & Industrial Systems Group
- June, 1995 : Deputy General Manager, Hitachi Works
- April, 1972 : Joined Hitachi, Ltd.

**Hiroaki Nakanishi**

- 1. Date of Birth : March 14, 1946
- 2. Education
  - June, 1979 : Master of Science in Computer Engineering  
Department of Computer Science, Stanford University, Stanford, CA USA
  - March, 1970 : Graduated from Faculty of Engineering,  
The University of Tokyo
- 3. Business Experience
  - April, 2010 : Representative Executive Officer and President, in charge of Power Systems Business, Industrial and Social Infrastructure Systems Business and Automotive Systems Business, General Manager of Supervisory Office for Overseas Plant Construction Business
  - December, 2009 : Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Power Systems Business, Industrial Systems Business, Automotive Systems Business and Production Technology, General Manager of Supervisory Office for Overseas Plant Construction Business, Supervisory Office for MONOZUKURI and Corporate Quality Assurance Division, Chairman of the Board of Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, Inc.

April, 2009 Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Power Systems Business, Industrial Systems Business, Automotive Systems Business and Production Technology, General Manager of Supervisory Office for Overseas Plant Construction Business, Supervisory Office for MONOZUKURI, Supervisory Office for Transportation Systems and Corporate Quality Assurance Division, Chairman of the Board of Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, Inc.

January, 2007 Chairman & CEO of Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, Inc.

April, 2006 Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, Chief Executive for North America and Chairman & CEO of Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, Inc.

June, 2005 Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, Chief Executive for North America and Chairman & CEO of Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, Inc.

April, 2004 Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager of Hitachi Group - Global Business and Chief Executive for North America and Europe

June, 2003 : Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager of Global Business and Chief Executive for Europe

April, 2003 : General Manager of Global Business and Chief Executive for Europe

April, 2002 : Chief Marketing Officer and General Manager of International Operations Division, Information & Telecommunication Systems Group

July, 2001 : General Manager of International Operations Division, Information & Telecommunication Systems Group

August, 2000 : Deputy General Manager of Information & Telecommunication Systems Group, Hitachi, Ltd.

June, 1998 : Managing Director of Hitachi Europe Ltd.

February, 1993 Deputy General Manager, Omika Works

February, 1990 : Senior Manager of Computer Control Design Department, Omika Works

April, 1970 : Joined Hitachi, Ltd.

**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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