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Hitachi to Strengthen Information Security Structure

Tokyo, Japan, September 15, 2017 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE:6501, “Hitachi”) announced today that on October 1, 2017, it will strengthen its information security structure. In the context of the rollout of its Social Innovation Business, given the evolution of the “Internet of Things (IoT)” and the increase in cyber security threats, the Hitachi Group has positioned information security governance as a top priority management issue. In order to centralize the governance of information security throughout the entire Hitachi Group, it has appointed a Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) under the direct jurisdiction of the president and CEO, and has established an independent Information Security Risk Management Division, which will be supervised by the CISO, as part of efforts to expand and strengthen the information security structure.

Hitachi has already implemented advanced security measures and management targeting confidential information and personal information. The new CISO and Information Security Risk Management Division will be independent from the Chief Information Officer (CIO) and the IT Strategy Division, which oversee in-house IT measures, and will undertake information security governance over all products and in-house facilities connected to the Hitachi Group’s networks. Executive Vice President Toshikazu Nishino is scheduled to be appointed as CISO. The CISO and the Information Security Risk Management Division will supervise technologies involving cyber risk countermeasures, and will play a central role in executing the “PDCA (Plan-Do-Check-Act)” cycle for security measures based on the latest trends. The knowledge accumulated through these activities will then be provided to customers, being reflected in Hitachi’s products, corporate systems, and services.

At the comprehensive training and testing facilities for cyber attacks that has been established within Omika Works (Hitachi City, Ibaraki Prefecture), Hitachi will leverage the experience and expertise that it has accumulated through its work in control systems for important infrastructures, along with the latest information technologies, to foster outstanding information security specialists both inside and outside of the Group. By strengthening these information security structures, Hitachi will continue to contribute to information security throughout all levels of society.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, delivers innovations that answer society's challenges. The company's consolidated revenues for fiscal 2016 (ended March 31, 2017) totaled 9,162.2 billion yen (\$81.8 billion). The Hitachi Group is a global leader in the Social Innovation Business, and it has approximately 304,000 employees worldwide. Through collaborative creation, Hitachi is providing solutions to customers in a broad range of sectors, including Power / Energy, Industry / Distribution / Water, Urban Development, and Finance / Government & Public / Healthcare. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

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