

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hitachi Announces Director Candidates

Tokyo, February 4, 2014 – Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE:6501) today announced director candidates in accordance with a decision taken at a meeting of Nominating Committee convened today, subject to approval at Hitachi's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in June 2014.

1. Director Candidates [* New]

Proposed at Hitachi's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in June 2014

Note: Director Candidates are listed in Japanese alphabetical order of surname within each grouping.

<Outside Director>

Nobuo Katsumata, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Senior Corporate Advisor of Marubeni Corporation

Cynthia Carroll, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Non-Executive Director of BP plc. (UK)

Sadayuki Sakakibara, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Chairman of the Board and Representative Member of the Board, Toray Industries, Inc.

George Buckley, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Chairman of Arle Capital Partners Limited (UK)

Harufumi Mochizuki, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., President and Representative Director of Tokyo Small and Medium Business Investment & Consultation Co., Ltd.

Philip Yeo, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Chairman of SPRING Singapore

***Hiroaki Yoshihara**, former Vice Chairman of KPMG International

<Director>

Hiroaki Nakanishi, currently Director, Representative Executive Officer and President of Hitachi, Ltd.

Takashi Hatchoji, currently Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Chairman of the Board of Hitachi America, Ltd.

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***Toshiaki Higashihara**, currently Senior Vice President and Executive Officer of Hitachi, Ltd.

Takashi Miyoshi, currently Director of Hitachi, Ltd.

***Nobuo Mochida**, currently Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer of Hitachi, Ltd.

Each Committee will be composed of the following members (Chair Underlined)

Nominating Committee	<u>Nobuo Katsumata</u> , Sadayuki Sakakibara, Harufumi Mochizuki, Hiroaki Nakanishi
Audit Committee	<u>Takashi Miyoshi</u> , Nobuo Katsumata, Harufumi Mochizuki, Hiroaki Yoshihara, Nobuo Mochida
Compensation Committee	<u>Harufumi Mochizuki</u> , Nobuo Katsumata, Sadayuki Sakakibara, Toshiaki Higashihara

2. Retiring Directors

Takashi Kawamura, currently Chairman of the Board of Hitachi, Ltd.

Yoshie Ota, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd.

Tohru Motobayashi, currently Outside Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Attorney at law, Partner of Ihara and Motobayashi

Michijiro Kikawa, currently Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Chairman of the Board of Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.

Stephen Gomersall, currently Director of Hitachi, Ltd., Deputy Chairman of Hitachi Europe Ltd.

3. Biography of New Director Candidates

Hiroaki Yoshihara

1. **Date of Birth** February 9, 1957

2. **Education**

March, 1979 Graduated from Osaka University, Bachelor of Science in Economics

3. **Professional Experience**

June, 2008 Member of the Board of Directors (Outside Director),

	Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
October, 2003	Vice Chairman and Global Managing Partner, KPMG International (Retired in April, 2007)
October, 1997	The Board Member, KPMG LLP
July, 1996	National Managing Partner, the Pacific Rim Practice, KPMG LLP
November, 1978	Joined Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co.

Toshiaki Higashihara

1. Date of Birth

February 16, 1955

2. Education

September, 1990 Master of Science in Computer Science, Boston University

March, 1977 Graduated from Faculty of Engineering, The University of Tokushima

3. Professional Experience

April, 2013	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer President & CEO of Infrastructure Systems Group and Infrastructure Systems Company, Hitachi, Ltd.
April, 2012	Vice President and Executive Officer, Vice President and Executive Officer of Infrastructure Systems Group, General Manager of Water Environment Solutions Division, Hitachi, Ltd.
April, 2011	Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Industrial & Social Systems Business, Hitachi, Ltd.
June, 2010	President and Representative Director of Hitachi Plant Technologies, Ltd.
April, 2010	Representative Executive Officer, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hitachi Plant Technologies, Ltd.
April, 2008	President of Hitachi Power Europe GmbH
April, 2007	Vice President and Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer of Power Systems Group, Hitachi, Ltd.
April, 2006	Chief Operating Officer of Information & Telecommunication Systems Group, Hitachi, Ltd.
April, 2004	General Manager of Information & Control Systems

	Division, Information & Telecommunication Systems Group, Hitachi, Ltd.
October, 2001	General Manager of Public Utility and Energy Industry Information Systems Division, Information & Control Systems Division, System Solutions Group, Hitachi, Ltd.
August, 2000	Senior Manager of Public Utility and Energy Industry Information Systems Design Department, Information & Control Systems Division, Power & Industrial Systems Group, Hitachi, Ltd.
April, 1999	Senior Manager of Transportation Systems Design Department, Omika Industrial Systems Division, Power & Industrial System Group, Hitachi, Ltd.
April, 1977	Joined Hitachi, Ltd.

Nobuo Mochida

1. Date of Birth

April 1, 1947

2. Education

March, 1970

Graduated from Faculty of Engineering, The University of Tokyo

3. Professional Experience

October, 2013

Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, Head of MONOZUKURI & Quality Assurance, Hitachi, Ltd.

August, 2012

Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, Project Leader of Production Cost Transformation Project, Smart Transformation Project Initiatives Division, Hitachi, Ltd.

April, 2010

Chairman of the Board of Hitachi Metals, Ltd.
Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager of Corporate Quality Assurance Division and Supervisory Office for MONOZUKURI, Deputy General Manager of Supervisory Office for

	Business Infrastructure, Hitachi, Ltd.
	Chairman of the Board of Hitachi Metals, Ltd.
June, 2006	Director, Representative Executive Officer, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hitachi Metals, Ltd.
June, 2005	Vice President and Executive Officer of Hitachi Metals, Ltd.
	Director, Vice President and Executive Officer of NEOMAX Co., Ltd.
June, 2004	Director, Vice President and Executive Officer of NEOMAX Co., Ltd.
April, 2004	Vice President and Director of NEOMAX Co., Ltd.
October, 2002	Managing Officer, President of Magnetic Materials Company, Hitachi Metals, Ltd.
October, 2001	President of Magnetic Materials Company, Hitachi Metals, Ltd.
April, 1999	General Manager of Kumagaya Magnetic Works, Hitachi Metals, Ltd.
April, 1970	Joined Hitachi Metals, Ltd.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 326,000 employees worldwide. The company's consolidated revenues for fiscal 2012 (ended March 31, 2013) totaled 9,041 billion yen (\$96.1 billion). Hitachi is focusing more than ever on the Social Innovation Business, which includes infrastructure systems, information & telecommunication systems, power systems, construction machinery, high functional material & components, automotive systems and others.

For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

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