SOCIAL INNOVATION IT'S OUR FUTURE

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• economic conditions, including consumer spending and plant and economic conditions, including consumer spending and plant and equipment investment in Hitachi's major markets, paticularly Japan, Asia, the United States and Europe, as well as levels of demand in the major industrial sectors Hitachi serves, including, without limitation, the infor-mation, electronics, automotive, construction and financial sectors;
exchange rate fluctuations of the yen against other currencies in which Hitachi makes significant sales or in which Hitachi's assets and liabilities are denominated, particularly against the U.S. dollar and the euro;
uncertainty as to Hitachi's ability to access, or access on favorable terms, liquidity or long-term financing;
uncertainty as to general market price levels for equity securities, declines in which may require Hitachi to write down equity securities that it holds;

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- that it holds:
- uncertainty as to Hitachi's ability to continue to develop and market products that incorporate new technologies on a timely and cost-effective basis and to achieve market acceptance for such products;
- energia technic data and a chieve market acceptance for such products, rapid technological innovation;
 the possibility of cost fluctuations during the lifetime of, or cancellation of, long-term contracts for which Hitachi uses the percentage-of-completion method to recognize revenue from sales;
 fluctuations in the price of raw materials including, without limitation, petroleum and other materials, such as copper, steel, aluminum, synthetic resins, rare metals and rare-earth minerals, or shortages of materials nads and components: materials, parts and components;
- fluctuations in product demand and industry capacity; uncertainty as to Hitachi's ability to implement measures to reduce the potential negative impact of fluctuations in product demand, exchange rates and/or price of raw materials or shortages of materials,
- parts and component Increased commodification of and intensifying price competition for products;
 Uncertainty as to Hitachi's ability to achieve the anticipated benefits

- uncertainty as to Hitachi's ability to achieve the anticipated benefits of its strategy to strengthen its Social Innovation Business;
 uncertainty as to the success of restructuring efforts to improve management efficiency by divesting or otherwise exiting underperforming businesses, and to strengthen competitiveness;
 uncertainty as to the success of cost reduction measures;
 general socieconomic and political conditions and the regulatory and trade environment of countries where Hitachi conducts business, particularly Japan, Asia, the United States and Europe, including, without limitation, direct or indirect restrictions by other nations on imports and differences in commercial and business customs including, without limitation, contract terms and conditions and abor relations; uncertainty as to the success of aliances upon which Hitachi depends, some of which Hitachi may not control, with other corporations in the design and development of certain key products;

• uncertainty as to Hitachi's access to, or ability to protect, certain

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- uncertainty as to Hitachi's access to, or ability to protect, certain intellectual property rights, particularly those related to electronics and data processing technologies;
 uncertainty as to the outcome of litigation, regulatory investigations and other legal proceedings of which the Company, its subsidiaries or its equity-method affiliates have become or may become parties;
 the possibility of incurring expenses resulting from any defects in products or services of Hitachi;
 the potential for significant losses on Hitachi's investments in equity-method affiliates;
 uncertainty as to Hitachi's ability to maintain the integrity of its information systems, as well as Hitachi's ability to protect its confidential information or that of its customers;
 uncertainty as to Hitachi's ability to attract and retain skilled personnel.

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