

Issue of Stock Acquisition Rights as Stock Options

Tokyo, July 29, 2004 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE: HIT / TSE: 6501, the “Company”) today announced that the details of stock acquisition rights to be issued as stock options, resolved at the 135th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders held June 24, 2004, have been decided on as follows.

1. Date of Issue of stock acquisition rights (the “Rights”)
July 29, 2004
2. Total number of the Rights to be issued
1,237 Rights
3. Class and number of shares to be issued upon exercise of the Rights
1,237,000 shares of the Company’s common stock (1,000 shares per Right)
4. Issue price of the Rights
No consideration shall be paid.
5. Amount to be paid upon exercise of the Rights
782 yen per share
6. Total amount of the Company’s common stock to be issued or transferred upon exercise of all the Rights
967,334,000 yen
7. Period during which the Rights may be exercised
From July 30, 2005 through July 29, 2008
8. Amount to be transferred to stated capital out of the issue price of the shares to be issued upon exercise of the Rights
391 yen per share
9. Qualified persons to be allocated the Rights
78 persons in total consisting of Directors, Executive Officers, Corporate Officers and Fellows of the Company

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