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**Hitachi Announces Changes to Top Managements**

Tokyo, December 15, 2005 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501) today announced the appointment of a new Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director, and a Chief Operating Officer, effective April 1, 2006.

Effective April 1, 2006

<Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director>

Etsuhiko Shoyama : currently President, Chief Executive Officer and Director)

<President and Chief Operating Officer>

Kazuo Furukawa : currently Executive Vice President and Executive Officer,  
President and Chief Executive Officer of Information and Telecommunications  
Systems Group

Mr. Etsuhiko Shoyama, 69, was named President and Representative Director of Hitachi, Ltd. on April 1, 1999, and has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Hitachi, Ltd. since June 2003. He joined Hitachi in 1959 and started his career at the Hitachi Works as a power plant engineer. He was elected Board Director and General Manager of the Consumer Electronics Division in 1991. He assumed the position of Executive Managing Director in 1993, and Senior Executive Managing Director in 1995. He was named Executive Vice-president in 1997. He graduated from the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Department of Electrical & Electric Engineering in 1959.

During his tenure as President, Mr. Shoyama accelerated the improvement Hitachi's consolidated-based management. He also took a strong leadership role in the realignment of Hitachi's business portfolio, through many acquisitions and joint-ventures, including the transfer of semiconductor operations to a joint-venture, Renesas Technology Corp., the acquisition of IBM Corporation's hard disk drive (HDD) operations, and the consolidation of Fujitsu Hitachi Plasma Display Limited.

Mr. Kazuo Furukawa, 59, has been Executive Vice President and Executive Officer of Hitachi, Ltd. since 2005. His current responsibilities cover the Information and Telecommunications Systems Group, which is one of Hitachi's core businesses. He joined Hitachi, Ltd. in 1971 at the Totsuka Works and contributed to the development of telecommunication systems. He served in Hitachi Telecom (USA), Inc. from 1994 to 1997. He was named President and Chief Executive Officer of the Information and Telecommunications Systems Group in 2003, and assumed the position of Vice President

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and Executive Officer in 2003 and Senior Vice President and Executive Officer in 2004. He received his master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Tokyo in 1971. Mr. Furukawa has also expanded the Information and Telecommunications Systems business.

**About Hitachi, Ltd.**

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT/ TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 347,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2004 (ended March 31, 2005) consolidated sales totaled 9,027.0 billion yen (\$84.4 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 and financial services. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>

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