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Hitachi Announces the Year-end Dividend for Fiscal 2005

Tokyo, March 14, 2006 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE:6501 / NYSE:HIT) today announced a plan for the year-end dividend for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006 as follows. The plan will be finally authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held in the middle of May 2006 after the statutory audit of the financial statements etc. under the Commercial Code of Japan.

Plan for the year-end dividend for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2006

5.5yen per share*

*The Company intends to pay the year-end dividend on May 22, 2006.

Reference: Dividends for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005

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