

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hitachi Announces Executive Changes

Tokyo, April 27, 2006 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT/TSE:6501) today announced the following executive changes in accordance with a resolution passed by a meeting of the Board of Directors held today. The appointments take effect on May 1, 2006.

1. New Executive Officer [Effective May 1, 2006]

Akira Maru

New Position: Vice President and Executive Officer,
President & Chief Executive Officer of Power Systems Group,
General Manager of Power & Industrial Systems Business Administration Division

Current Position: General Manager of Hitachi Works,
Executive Vice President of Power Systems Group

2. Change of Position [Effective May 1, 2006]

Shozo Saito

New Position: Senior Vice President and Executive Officer,
in charge of Power Systems Business, Production Technology, Power Technology

Current Position: Senior Vice President and Executive Officer,
in charge of Production Technology, Power Technology

3. Resignation [Effective April 30, 2006]

Shigeharu Mano, currently Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, President & Chief Executive Officer of Power Systems Group, will resign from the Board and become an Adviser to Hitachi, Ltd.

Mr. Mano is also resigning as President and Director of Babcock-Hitachi K.K., effective April 30, 2006.

4. Executive Officers [Effective May 1, 2006] [*New]

Etsuhiko Shoyama	Chairman
Kazuo Furukawa	President
Michiharu Nakamura	Executive Vice President and Executive Officer in charge of Research & Development, Business Incubation, Hitachi Group Chief Innovation Officer and Hitachi Group Chief Technology Officer
Hiroaki Nakanishi	Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, Chief Executive for North America, Chief Executive Officer of Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, Inc.
Takashi Hatchoji	Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager of Compliance Division, in charge of Corporate Planning & Development, Legal & Corporate Communications, Management Audit, Procurement
Takashi Miyoshi	Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, Chief Hitachi Group Headquarters, in charge of Business Development and Finance
Tadahiko Ishigaki	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager of Corporate Marketing Group, Group-wide Strategic Sales Office, Customer Satisfaction Promotion Center, in charge of Digital Media Business and Group-Global, General Manager of Corporate Export Regulation Division
Kunihiko Ohnuma	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, President & Chief Executive Officer of Urban Planning and Development Systems Group, in charge of Industrial Systems, General Manager of Motor Power Systems Division

Manabu Shinomoto	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, President & Chief Executive Officer and Chief Technology Officer of Information & Telecommunication Systems Group
Taiji Hasegawa	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, President & Chief Executive Officer of Automotive Systems Group
Kazuhiro Mori	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Hitachi Group Companies Management Assistance, President and Director of Hitachi Displays, Ltd.
Shozo Saito	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Power Systems Business, Production Technology, Power Technology
Junzo Kawakami	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager of Research & Development Group
Minoru Tsukada	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, Chief Executive and Chief Innovation Officer for China
* Akira Maru	Vice President and Executive Officer, President & Chief Executive Officer of Power Systems Group, General Manager of Power & Industrial Systems Business Administration Division
Gaku Suzuki	Vice President and Executive Officer, President & Chief Executive Officer of Industrial Systems Group, General Manager of Transportation Systems Division, Vice General Manager of Power & Industrial Systems Business Administration Division
Naoya Takahashi	Vice President and Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of Information & Telecommunication Systems Group
Junzo Nakajima	Vice President and Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief Innovation Officer of Information & Telecommunication Systems Group
Kazuhiro Tachibana	Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager of Consumer Business Group
Makoto Ebata	Vice President and Executive Officer, Vice General Manager of Consumer Business Group, President & Chief Executive Officer of Ubiquitous Platform Group
Masahiro Hayashi	Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager of Kansai Area

Koichiro Nishikawa	Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Business Development
Shinjiro Kasai	Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Human Capital, General Manager of Secretarial Office and Head Office Business Support Division
Hiroyuki Fukuyama	Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Production Technology, General Manager of Investment Planning Office and Corporate Quality Assurance Division

5. Biography of New Executive Officer

Akira Maru

1. Date of Birth : November 8, 1948
2. Education :
March 1971 : Graduated from Faculty of Engineering, the Hokkaido University
3. Business Experience
April 2005 : General Manager of Hitachi Works,
Executive Vice President of Power Systems Group
April 2003 : General Manager of Nuclear Systems Division,
Power & Industrial Systems Group
June 2008 : General Manager of Hitachi Manufacturing Division,
Nuclear Systems Division, Power & Industrial Systems Group
August 1994 : General Manager of Nuclear Design Dept, Hitachi Works
April 1971 : Joined Hitachi, Ltd.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT), 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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