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**Hitachi Extends Aid to Victims of earthquake in Sichuan Province, China**

Tokyo, May 14, 2008 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501) today announced that on May 13 the Hitachi group established a Sichuan Earthquake Relief Task Force led by Chief Executive for China, Koushi Nagano. Hitachi group companies also decided to donate a total of 120,000,000 Japanese yen including relief supplies to support victims of the earthquake and to assist in the restoration effort in the affected areas. The group will place priority on the provision of construction equipment which is needed for the restoration, and will decide the detailed method of donation after confirming the status of the area and the real needs of the victims.

We would like to convey our deepest sympathy to the victims along with our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery.

**About Hitachi, Ltd.**

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT / TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 390,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2007 (ended March 31, 2008) consolidated revenues totaled 11,226 billion yen (\$112.2 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, logistics, materials and financial services. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

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