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Hitachi Announces Policy on the Reduction of Number of Shares Constituting Investment Unit on Japanese Stock Exchanges

Tokyo, May 13, 2008 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501) today announced its policy on the reduction of number of shares constituting investment unit on Japanese stock exchanges as follows.

Hitachi believes that the number of shares constituting investment unit in Japanese stock exchanges should be carefully examined from the perspectives of the liquidity of Hitachi stock, shareholder composition and other items. Because Hitachi believes that its shares currently have sufficient liquidity, the company believes that it would be difficult to obtain benefits that would justify the cost of a change in the number of shares constituting investment unit. Hitachi will continue to consider actions related to the establishment of a suitable number of shares constituting investment unit.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT / TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 384,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2006 (ended March 31, 2007) consolidated revenues totaled 10,247 billion yen (\$86.8 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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