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**Hitachi Announces Revisions of Consolidated Interim Business Forecasts for Fiscal 2008**

Tokyo, October 24, 2008 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501) today announced revisions to the Company's consolidated interim business forecasts for fiscal 2008, year ending March 31, 2009, which were announced on May 13, 2008, in light of recent business performance. Details are as follows.

**Revisions of Consolidated Interim Business Forecasts for Fiscal 2008**

**(from April 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008)**

(Millions of yen)

	Revenues	Operating income	Income before income taxes and minority interests	Income before minority interests	Net income (loss)
Previous forecast (A)	5,330,000	125,000	103,000	60,000	14,000
Revised forecast (B)	5,310,000	197,000	138,000	64,000	14,000
(B)-(A)	(20,000)	72,000	35,000	4,000	0
% change	(0.4)	57.6	34.0	6.7	0.0
First half of fiscal 2007 Ended September 30,2007	5,280,485	121,668	136,059	35,940	(13,060)

**Reasons for Revisions**

Hitachi expects interim revenues to be on a par with its previous forecast announced with fiscal 2007 full-year results on May 13, 2008. Hitachi is now forecasting lower-than-expected revenues both in the Power & Industrial Systems segment, due mainly to a lackluster auto market, and in the Digital Media & Consumer Products segment, because of sluggish growth in flat-panel TV demand and falling prices. However, these lower projections are expected to be offset by higher revenues in other segments, principally in the Information & Telecommunication Systems and the Electronic Devices segments.

Operating income is expected to exceed the previous forecast due to growth in the Information & Telecommunication Systems segment, most notably in the strongly performing system integration and hard disk drives, and other segments excluding Financial Services.

However, net income is expected to be in line with the previous forecast due to the booking of impairment losses of approximately 40.0 billion yen on glass panel components manufacturing facilities at Hitachi Plasma Display Limited and etc, as well as a write down of securities due to falling share prices, and other charges.

Hitachi is currently assessing its full-year forecasts for fiscal 2008 in light of changes in the economic environment, including global economy slowdown due to turmoil in financial market, a rapidly appreciated yen and other factors.

#### **Cautionary Statement**

Certain statements found in this document may constitute “forward-looking statements” as defined in the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such “forward-looking statements” reflect management’s current views with respect to certain future events and financial performance and include any statement that does not directly relate to any historical or current fact. Words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “expect,” “estimate,” “forecast,” “intend,” “plan,” “project” and similar expressions which indicate future events and trends may identify “forward-looking statements.” Such statements are based on currently available information and are subject to various risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or implied in the “forward-looking statements” and from historical trends. Certain “forward-looking statements” are based upon current assumptions of future events which may not prove to be accurate. Undue reliance should not be placed on “forward-looking statements,” as such statements speak only as of the date of this document.

Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or implied in any “forward-looking statement” and from historical trends include, but are not limited to:

- increased commoditization of information technology products and digital media related products and intensifying price competition for such products, particularly in the Information & Telecommunication Systems segment, Electronic Devices segment and Digital Media & Consumer Products segment;
- fluctuations in product demand and industry capacity, particularly in the Information & Telecommunication Systems segment, Electronic Devices segment and Digital Media & Consumer Products segment;
- uncertainty as to Hitachi’s ability to continue to develop and market products that incorporate new technology on a timely and cost-effective basis and to achieve market acceptance for such products;
- rapid technological innovation, particularly in the Information & Telecommunication Systems segment, Electronic Devices segment and Digital Media & Consumer Products segment;
- exchange rate fluctuation for the yen and other currencies in which Hitachi makes significant sales or in which Hitachi’s assets and liabilities are denominated, particularly against the U.S. dollar and the euro;
- increases in the price of raw materials including, without limitation, petroleum and other materials, such as copper, steel, aluminum and synthetic resins;

- uncertainty as to Hitachi's ability to implement measures to reduce the potential negative impact of fluctuations in product demand, exchange rate fluctuation and/or increases in the price of raw materials;
- general socio-economic and political conditions and the regulatory and trade environment of Hitachi's major markets, particularly Japan, Asia, the United States and Europe, including, without limitation, a return to stagnation or a deterioration of the Japanese economy, direct or indirect restrictions by other nations on imports, or differences in commercial and business customs including, without limitation, contract terms and conditions and labor relations;
- uncertainty as to Hitachi's access to, or ability to protect, certain intellectual property rights, particularly those related to electronics and data processing technologies;
- uncertainty as to the outcome of litigation, regulatory investigations and other legal proceedings of which the Company, its subsidiaries or its equity method affiliates have become or may become parties;
- the possibility of incurring expenses resulting from any defects in products or services of Hitachi;
- uncertainty as to the success of restructuring efforts to improve management efficiency and to strengthen competitiveness;
- uncertainty as to the success of alliances upon which Hitachi depends, some of which Hitachi may not control, with other corporations in the design and development of certain key products;
- uncertainty as to Hitachi's ability to access, or access on favorable terms, liquidity or long-term financing; and
- uncertainty as to general market price levels for equity securities in Japan, declines in which may require Hitachi to write down equity securities it holds.

The factors listed above are not all-inclusive and are in addition to other factors contained in Hitachi's periodic filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and in other materials published by Hitachi.

### **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 (\$112.3 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, logistics and financial services. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

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