

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hitachi Announces Executive Changes

Tokyo, October 30, 2008 --- 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 November 1, 2008.

1. Change of Position [Effective November 1, 2008]

Junzo Kawakami

New Position: Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Infrastructure Technology/Product Business, Research & Development and Business Incubation, Hitachi Group Chief Technology Officer, and General Manager of Research & Development Group, Semiconductor Business Division and Medical Systems Business Division

Current Position: Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Infrastructure Technology/Product Business, Research & Development and Business Incubation, Hitachi Group Chief Technology Officer and General Manager of Medical Systems Business Division

2. Resignation [Effective October 31, 2008]

Eiji Takeda, currently Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager of Research & Development Group and Semiconductor Business Division

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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Executive Officers [Effective November 1, 2008]

Kazuo Furukawa	Representative Executive Officer, President and Chief Executive Officer
Kazuhiro Mori	Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Social Infrastructure Business (Power Systems Business and Industrial Systems Business), Quality Assurance and Production Technology, General Manager of Supervisory Office for MONOZUKURI, Supervisory Office for Transportation Systems and Corporate Quality Assurance Division
Kunihiko Ohnuma	Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Industrial Infrastructure Business (Automotive Systems Business) and Life Infrastructure Business (Urban Planning and Development Business, Consumer Business), President & Chief Executive Officer of Consumer Business Group
Junzo Kawakami	Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Infrastructure Technology/Product Business, Research & Development and Business Incubation, Hitachi Group Chief Technology Officer, and General Manager of Research & Development Group, Semiconductor Business Division and Medical Systems Business Division
Manabu Shinomoto	Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Information Infrastructure Business (Information Business) and Information Systems, President & Chief Executive Officer of Information & Telecommunication Systems Group, Hitachi Group Chief Innovation Officer and Hitachi Group Chief Information Security Officer
Masahiro Hayashi	Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Sales, Global Group Management and Corporate Export Regulation, General Manager of Corporate Marketing Group, Customer Satisfaction Promotion Center and Corporate Export Regulation Division

Naoya Takahashi	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, Executive Vice President of Information & Telecommunication Systems Group and Chief Executive Officer of Platform Business Information & Telecommunication Systems Group
Taiji Hasegawa	Representative Executive Officer, Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Automotive Systems Business and Procurement
Minoru Tsukada	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Corporate Planning & Development
Koichiro Nishikawa	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Business Development
Toyoaki Nakamura	Representative Executive Officer, Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Finance, Pension, Group Management and Business Development, Chief Hitachi Group Headquarters
Shozo Saito	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Quality Assurance, Production Technology and Power Technology
Tadahiko Ishigaki	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, Chief Executive for the Americas
Stephen Gomersall	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, Chief Executive for Europe
Akira Maru	Vice President and Executive Officer, President & Chief Executive Officer of Power Systems Group and General Manager of Power & Industrial Systems Business Administration Division
Koji Tanaka	Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager of Hitachi Works, Executive Vice President of Power Systems Group and General Manager of Nuclear Systems Division
Hitoshi Isa	Vice President and Executive Officer, Vice President of Power Systems Group
Gaku Suzuki	Vice President and Executive Officer, President & Chief Executive Officer of Industrial Systems Group, Deputy General Manager of Power & Industrial Systems Business Administration Division and Supervisory Office for Transportation Systems

Hideaki Takahashi	Vice President and Executive Officer, President & Chief Executive Officer of Urban Planning and Development Systems Group and General Manager of Motor Power Systems Division
Junzo Nakajima	Vice President and Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of System Solutions Business, Information & Telecommunication Systems Group
Mitsuo Yamaguchi	Vice President and Executive Officer, Chief Executive Officer of Service & Global Business, Information & Telecommunication Systems Group
Kazuhiro Tachibana	Vice President and Executive Officer, Executive Vice President of Consumer Business Group
Yasuhiko Honda	Vice President and Executive Officer, President & Chief Executive Officer of Automotive Systems Group
Takao Koyama	Vice President and Executive Officer, Deputy General Manager of Corporate Marketing Group, General Manager of Kansai Area Operation
Kenji Ohno	Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Human Capital, General Manager of Head Office Business Support Division
Toshiaki Kuzuoka	Vice President and Executive Officer, in charge of Legal & Corporate Communications, Corporate Brand Management and Management Audit, General Manager of Legal Division, Compliance Division and Centennial Project Division
Masao Hisada	Vice President and Executive Officer, Deputy General Manager of Corporate Marketing Group, General Manager of Global Business Division
Koushi Nagano	Vice President and Executive Officer, Chief Executive and Chief Innovation Officer for China

Information contained in this news release is current as of the date of the press announcement, but may be subject to change without prior notice.
