Hitachi Announces New Directors

Tokyo, April 24, 2009 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT / TSE:6501) today announced new directors in accordance with a decision taken at a meeting of Nominating Committee convened today, and is subject to approval at Hitachi's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in June 2009.

- 1. Director Candidates <Proposed at Hitachi's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in June 2009> [* New]
- < Board Director (Chair)>

Tadamichi Sakiyama, currently Director

- <Director>
- *Takashi Kawamura, currently Representative Executive Officer, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Michiharu Nakamura, currently Director
- *Takashi Miyoshi, currently Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer

<Outside Director>

Yoshie Ota, currently Outside Director, Advisor, Japan Institute of Workers' Evolution **Mitsuo Ohashi**, currently Outside Director, Chairman of the Board, Showa Denko K.K. **Akihiko Nomiyama**, currently Outside Director, Special Advisor, NIPPON MINING HOLDINGS, INC.

Kenji Miyahara, currently Outside Director, Special Advisor, Sumitomo Corporation **Tohru Motobayashi**, currently Outside Director, Lawyer, Partner, Ihara & Motobayashi

<Director>

Takeo Ueno, currently Director, Advisor, Hitachi Via Mechanics, Ltd.

Shungo Dazai, currently Director, Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.

Michihiro Honda, currently Director, Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Metals, Ltd.

Each committee is scheduled to be composed of the following members (Chairman underlined)

• Nominating Committee:

Takashi Kawamura, Yoshie Ota, Mitsuo Ohashi, Tohru Motobayashi

• Audit Committee:

<u>Tadamichi Sakiyama</u>, Yoshie Ota, Akihiko Nomiyama, Kenji Miyahara, Michiharu Nakamura

Compensation Committee:

Takashi Kawamura, Akihiko Nomiyama, Kenji Miyahara, Tohru Motobayashi

Hitachi had announced on March 16 the potential appointment of Takashi Kawamura to the position of Chairman of the Board. Due to the new appointment of Tadamichi Sakiyama as Board Director (Chair), the Company has decided not to have a Chairman of the Board in place.

2. Resigning Directors

Etsuhiko Shoyama, currently Board Director (Chair)

- Scheduled to be appointed to Chairman Emeritus of Hitachi, Ltd., after the Company's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in June 2009.

Kazuo Furukawa, currently Director, Representative Executive Officer, Vice Chairman and Executive Officer

- Scheduled to resign Representative Executive Officer, Vice Chairman and Executive Officer and to be appointed to Senior Corporate Adviser of Hitachi, Ltd., after the Company's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in June 2009.

Toyoaki Nakamura, currently Director, Representative Executive Officer, Senior Vice President and Executive Officer

- Scheduled to continue Representative Executive Officer, Senior Vice President and Executive Officer.

3. Biography of New Director Candidates

Takashi Kawamura

1. Date of Birth : December 19, 1939

2. Education

March, 1962 : Graduated from Electrical Engineering Department,

Faculty of Engineering, Tokyo University

3. Business Experience

April, 2009 : Representative Executive Officer, Chairman, President and

Chief Executive Officer

June, 2007 : Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Maxell, Ltd.

Chairman Emeritus, Hitachi Software Engineering Co., Ltd.

Resigned Director of Hitachi, Ltd.

June, 2006 : Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Software Engineering Co.,

Ltd.

June, 2005 : Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Plant Engineering &

Construction Co., Ltd. (currently Hitachi Plant

Technologies, Ltd.)

June, 2003 : Chairman of the Board and Representative Executive

Officer, Hitachi Software Engineering Co., Ltd.

April, 2003 : Director

April, 1999 : Executive Vice President and Representative Director

June, 1997 : Executive Managing Director and Group Executive of

Power Group

June, 1995 : Director and Group Executive of Electric Utility Sales

Operations Group

June, 1992 : General Manager of Hitachi Works

November, 1987 : Division Manager of Thermal Power Engineering Division,

Power Group

April, 1962 : Joined Hitachi, Ltd.

Takashi Miyoshi

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1. Date of Birth	September 25, 1947					
2. Education						
March, 1970	Graduated from the Faculty of Economics, Kyoto University					
3. Business Experience						
April, 2009	Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and					
	Executive Officer					
June, 2008	Director, Representative Executive Officer, President and Chief Executive					
	Officer of Hitachi Systems & Services, Ltd.					
April, 2008	Executive Vice President and Executive Officer of Hitachi Systems &					
	Services, Ltd.					
June, 2007	Chairman of the Board of Hitachi Global Storage Technologies, Inc.					
April, 2007	Director					
April, 2006	Representative Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Executive					
	Officer and Director, Chief Hitachi Group Headquarters					
June, 2004	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer and Director, General					
	Manager of Finance					
April, 2004	Senior Vice President and Executive Officer, General Manager of Finance					
June, 2003	Executive Officer, General Manager of Finance					
June, 2002	General Manager of Finance Department I					
June, 2001	General Manager of Finance, Semiconductor & Integrated Circuits					
January, 2000	Deputy General Manager and Department Manager of Finance, Finance &					
	Distribution Systems					
December, 1995	Department Manager of Accounting Control Department, Office Systems					
	Division					
April, 1970	Joined Hitachi, Ltd.					

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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