Growth Strategies for the Business Units and Others toward Achieving "2018 Mid-term Management Plan" Goals

Tokyo, June 1, 2016 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE:6501) today announced its growth strategies for the Business Units (BUs) and others toward achieving "2018 Mid-term Management Plan" Goals. On May 18, 2016, Hitachi announced "2018 Mid-term Management Plan" to aim to become an Innovation Partner for the IoT Era by Social Innovation Business. The primary goals of this mid-term management plan are to promote achieving growth.

■ Summary

1. 2018 Mid-term Management Plan Target

	FY2015 Result	FY2018 Target*1,2
Revenues	10,034.3 billion yen	10,000.0 billion yen
Adjusted operating income ^{*3} ratio	6.3%	Over 8%
EBIT*4 ratio	5.3%	Over 8%
Net income attributable to Hitachi, Ltd. stockholders	172.1 billion yen	Over 400.0 billion yen
Front revenue ratio	36%	40%
Overseas revenue ratio	48%	Over 55%
Operating Cash Flow Margin*5	8.6%	Over 9%
ROA*5,6	2.6%	Over 5%
CCC*5,7	71.6 days	70 days
Gross Profit Margin	25.7%	Over 28%
SG&A ^{*8} ratio	19.3%	20%

Notes: *1 Foreign exchange rate assumption: 110 yen / dollar, 120 yen / euro

^{*2} Figures for FY2018 reflect the conversion of Hitachi Transport System, Ltd. and Hitachi Capital Corporation into equity-method associates and joint ventures.

^{*3 [}Adjusted operating income] = [Revenues] – [Cost of sales] – [Selling, general and administrative expenses]

^{*4} EBIT (Earnings Before Interest and Taxes) is presented as income from continuing operations, before income taxes less interest income plus interest charges.

^{*5} Manufacturing, Services and Others

^{*6} ROA (Return on Asset) = [Net income] / [Total Asset (Average between the end of current fiscal year and the end of previous fiscal year)] x 100

^{*7} CCC: Cash Conversion Cycle of manufacturing, services and others

^{*8} SG&A: Selling, General & Administrative expenses (including R&D expenditure)

2. Field-spe	ecific Figures in the 2018 Mid	term Ma	anagement Plan [Billions of ye				of yen]	
		FY2015	Result	FY2016 Fo	orecast*1,2	FY2018 T	arget*1,2	
	BU / Business		Adjusted operating income ratio	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	
Front	-	3,596.9	5.6%	3,600.0	6.0%	4,000.0	8.0%	
	Nuclear Energy BU							
Power / Energy	Power BU	519.5	2.2%	463.0	0.6%	550.0	7.1%	
	Energy Solutions BU							
	Industry & Distribution Business							
Industry /	Industry & Distribution BU							
Distribution / Water	Front Business (IT for Industry & Distribution fields)	790.7	0.0%	765.0	3.5%	840.0	7.5%	
	Water BU							
	Building Systems BU							
	Railway Systems BU							
Urban	Urban Solutions BU	1,056.5	8.7%	1,150.0	7.5%	1,400.0	9.0%	
	Defense Systems BU							
	Financial Institutions BU							
Finance /	Government & Public Corporation BU							
Public / Healthcare	Front Business (excluding IT for Industry & Distribution field)	1,230.2	8.1%	1,220.0	8.2%	1,380.0	11.0%	
	Healthcare BU							
Platform	Services & Platforms BU	278.6	8.4%	280.0	5.7%	330.0	11.0%	
	Industrial Products BU							
	IT Products							
	Electronic Systems & Equipment (excluding Healthcare BU)							
Products	Construction Machinery	7,389.3	5.5%	6,350.0	5.5%	6,820.0	7.0%	
roddolo	High Functional Materials & Components	7,000.0	0.070	0,000.0	0.070	0,020.0	7.070	
	Automotive Systems							
	Smart Life & Ecofriendly Systems							
	Other business							
Corporate items & Eliminations	-	(1,230.6)	-	(1,230.0)	-	(1,150.0)	-	
Total (Consolidated)	-	10,034.3	6.3%	9,000.0	6.0%	10,000.0	Over 8%	

3. Growth Strategy (1) Global Business Expansion (Overseas Revenues Ratio)

[Billions of yen]

FY2015 Result	FY2016 Forecast	FY2018 Target
48%	50%	Over 55%
9%	13%	16%
15%	15%	19%
8%	17%	27%
59%	57%	58%
71%	86%	83%
33%	34%	37%
64%	64%	70%
27%	27%	30%
60%	61%	63%
	48% 9% 15% 8% 59% 71% 33% 64% 27%	48% 50% 9% 13% 15% 15% 8% 17% 59% 57% 71% 86% 33% 34% 64% 64% 27% 27%

Note: *9 Overseas revenue ratio for global customer bases

4. Growth Strategy (2) Strengthening Capability to Generate Cash (CCC*5,7,10) [Days]

	BU / Business	FY2015 Result	FY2016 Forecast ^{*1,2}	FY2018 Target
To	otal (consolidated) *10	71.6	84	70
	Power and Energy Business	87	91	75
	Industry & Distribution Business	53	85	79
	Water BU	22	22	30
	Building Systems BU	44	48	46
	Railway Systems BU	84	135	55
	System & Services Business (including Financial Institutions BU and Government & Public Corporation BU)	62	59	59
	Healthcare BU	140	116	92
	Industrial Products BU	-	111	105
	Automotive Systems Business	42	41	41

Note: *10 Number of days, rounded off to whole numbers (except for overall performance in FY2015)

■ Growth strategies for the Business Units and others 1 Front: Power / Energy

1. Front: Power / Energy [Billions of year)					s of yen]		
		FY2015	5 Result	FY2016	Forecast	FY2018	3 Target
	BU / Business	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio
Po Bo	ower and Energy usiness ^{*11}	519.5	2.2%	463.0	0.6% 5.0%	550.0	7.1% 12.7%
	Nuclear Energy BU*12	187.2	-	150.0	-	165.0	-
	Power BU	284.9	-	275.0	-	320.0	-
	Energy Solutions BU*11	85.1	-	75.0	-	110.0	-

Notes: *11 Performance in Energy Solutions BU includes IT Systems business for the power systems and energy fields, as posted in the Information & Telecommunication Systems segment, but does not include figures for the power systems and energy businesses.

1.1 Power and Energy Business

(1) Growth Strategy

[1] Nuclear BU

Leverage domestic business to achieve growth and increased revenues in overseas business

- ·Continue decommissioning work at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station
- •Step up initiatives for the early restart and long-term safe operation of nuclear reactors
- ·Pursue UK's Horizon Project
- •Expand ABWR/ESBWR*13 to the global market

[2] Power BU

Create cash from Service Business and expand Power Generation Solutions and Power Transmission and Systems Businesses

- •Promote utilization of IoT and creation of High-value-added services in the Service Business
- Strengthen the Power Generation Solutions Business
- ·Expand the Power Transmission and Distribution Systems Business

[3]Energy Solution BU

Ensure stable revenues in domestic base business, and achieve growth in the global market

- •Maximize customer value through solutions using digital techniques by integrating IT and OT*14
- Focus on optimal solutions for further energy reforms, harnessing experience gained through Japanese energy system reforms
- ·Achieve priority investment on North American market, which drives global market

^{*12} Target for revenues in the Nuclear Power BU in FY2020 is 280 billion yen

(2) Strengthen Cost Strategy and Cash Generation

Strengthen operating foundations by reviewing business efficiency

[1] SG&A

- ·Overhaul fixed costs in Japan
- ·Review indirect costs

[2] Gross Profit

- Upgrade production technologies of global manufacturing bases
- ·Strengthen development capabilities in core production technology at mother factories
- ·Establish global supply chain
- ·Improve productivity through IT innovation

[3] Cash Generation

- ·Shorten end-to-end lead time
- ·Tighten cash flow management for individual projects
- ·Continue activities to reduce inventories

Notes: *13 ABWR: Advanced Boiling Water Reactor, ESBWR: Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor *14 OT: Operational Technology

2. Front: Industry / Distribution / Water

[Billions of yen]

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		FY2015	5 Result	FY2016	Forecast	FY201	8 Target	
	BU / Business	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	
			EBIT ratio		EBIT ratio		EBIT ratio	
ln	dustry & Distribution usiness ^{*15}	714.6	(1.3)%	690.0	3.6%	740.0	Over 7.5%	
В	usiness ^{*15}	7 14.0	(1.6)%	090.0	2.5%	740.0	Over 7.4%	
	Industry & Distribution BU	459.2	ı	1	-	ı	-	
W	ater Business*16	128.7	-	-	-	150.0	-	
	Water BU	73.3	4.7%	75.0	3.0%	90.0	8.0%	
	Waler DO	75.5	5.8%	75.0	3.7%	3.7%	90.0	8.5%

Notes: *15 Performance in the Industry & Distribution business includes the Industry & Distribution BU, as well as IT Systems business targeting the Industry & Distribution field as posted for the Information & Telecommunication Systems segment.

2.1 Industry & Distribution Business

(1) Growth Strategy

Provide services unique to Hitachi based on OT strength from existing businesses and experience in customers' work site.

^{*16} Performance for the water business includes the Water BU and pump business targeting the water field in the Industrial Products BU.

[1] Transition to digital service business

• Establish service business based on IoT platform "Lumada", collaborative creation with customers and verification results.

[2] Expanding industry-specific solutions

- ·Focus on growth sectors (automotive, pharmaceutical, etc.)
- •Expand peripheral solutions around core solutions
- ·Total engineering based on field experience as a manufacturer

[3] Strengthen logistics solution business

·Create service models and value chains that connect different industries

(2) Strengthen Cost Strategy and Cash Generation

Reap the benefits of BU structure fusion and the evolution of the Hitachi Smart Transformation

[1] SG&A

- •Increase efficiency and add value by strengthening pipeline management throughout the entire value chain.
- •Strengthen front sales forces, resolving the customers' management issues

[2] Gross Profit

- ·Strengthen Phase Gate operations
- ·Create high added value services by fusion of IT and OT engineers

[3] Cash Generation

- ·Strict cash flow management on each projects and organizations
- Prompt cash generation by transformation to digital service and annuity business
- ·Improve CCC by reducing overall assets

2.2 Water BU

(1) Growth Strategy

Leverage Advanced Technologies and Partnering to Lead Next-Generation Water Infrastructure

[1] Maintain and expand high share in water supply and sewage market in Japan

- ·Proposals that combine mechanical and electrical systems
- Expand business in facility replacement market

[2] Establish high profitable business and expand scale in overseas business

- ·Steadily promote and expand large-scale projects
- Expand seawater desalinization plant business
- •Strengthen Front Engineering (Increase current number of engineers by 40%)

[3] Expand service business

- ·Create and expand service businesses through IoT utilization
- ·Consider taking part in overseas concession*17 projects

(2) Strenghten Cost Strategy and Cash Generation

Reduce costs and generate cash through the Hitachi Smart Transformation Project

[1] SG&A

- ·Strengthen solution proposal capabilities by strengthening front structures
- •Increase efficiency and added value by strengthening pipeline management throughout the entire value chain

[2] Gross Profit

- •Reduce manufacturing costs through production reforms
- Reduce direct material costs through overseas procurement and aggregated purchasing, and by strengthening procurement engineering

[3] Cash Generation

- Seamlessly increase efficiency in end-to-end operation processes, from quotations to service
- Improve asset efficiency by shortening lead times
- Select and concentrate investments

Note: *17 Concession: Comprehensive private consignment of project, which gives business operation rights to private sector while ownership of business property belongs to public sector in the field of construction of public facilities or services.

3. Front: Urban [Billions of yen]

	FY2015	5 Result	FY2016	Forecast	FY2018	8 Target	
BU	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	
Duilding Customs DLI	650.9	10.3%	600.0	9.6%	050.0	11.0%	
Building Systems BU	650.9	10.8%	600.0	9.7%	650.0	11.1%	
Bailway Systoms BLI	352.6	6.1%	500.0	5.5%	640.0	8.0%	
Railway Systems BU	332.0	5.1%	500.0	4.7%	640.0	7.0%	
Urban Solutions BU	-	-	-	-	-	-	

3.1 Building System BU

(1) Growth Strategy

- Expand Social Innovation Business by providing Comfortable Smart Mobility Service
- Develop and provide the world's latest products & services that are "HUMAN FRIENDLY"
- Promote service business based on the concept of "Fiduciary Duty"

[1] China

- •Expand presence in the world's largest market for new installation
- ·Establish solid business base
- ·Launch new businesses

[2] Asia / Middle East / India

- ·Develop global standard models and expand global footprint
- ·Strengthen and expand business in Indian market, the second largest in the world
- ·Reinforce human resource development in line with the rapid business launch

[3] Japan

- Expand presence in new installation market
- Expand renewal business
- ·Develop new products and technologies in coordination with research laboratories

(2) Promotion of Hitachi Smart Transformation Project

[1] Achieving Low-cost Structure

- ·Strengthen global development and procurement structure
- Promote expansion of cost planning activities
- Promote measures to reduce indirect costs

[2] Bolstering Ability to Generate Cash Flow

- ·Issues: Generate funds for developing highly profitable global business framework
- Improvement Measures: Expand sales and enhance profitability, Improve working capital efficiency

3.2 Railway Systems BU

(1) Growth Strategy

[1] Building its own global capability

Leverage from global scale whilst operating with a sustainable local presence that is able to take advantage of local knowledge and influence key stakeholders

[2] Transforming its business portfolio

Optimise the business portfolio to avoid overdependence on specific products and services as well as strengthen our integrated product-service solutions

[3] Innovate with IoT

Succeed by understanding and anticipating our clients' needs, drawing on Hitachi's full capability to be at the forefront of innovation in the global rail industry.

(2) Strengthening cash generating capability and improving asset efficiency

- Implementation of factoring programme
- Promotion of advance receipts for jumbo projects
- First payments received from the Intercity Express Programme(IEP) will be from FY2017, while CCC and operating cash flow was worse due to IEP in FY2016.

3.3 Urban Solutions BU

Contributing to the realization of high value-added services that satisfy user needs

- •Through collaborative creation with customers, we will provide our partners with digital solutions that will help to increase the value of each business operator in the fields of real estate, stations & cities, and life & social infrastructure
- Developing into a total solution provider of the Hitachi Group's products and services for urban field

•Expand the business by partnership with local partners in the markets of Japan, Asia, and North America & Europe

4. Front: Finance / Public / Healthcare

[Billions of yen]

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		FY2015	5 Result	FY2016	Forecast	FY2018	3 Target
	BU / Business	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio
			EBIT ratio		EBIT ratio		EBIT ratio
Fir	nancial Institutions BU	379.8	-	370.0	-	385.0	-
	overnment & Public orporation BU	218.9	-	210.0	-	210.0	-
	ealthcare Business	332.6	7.6%	336.0	7.4%	440.0	10.0%
П	ealliteare business	332.0	6.6%	336.0	6.5%	440.0	10.0%
	Healthcare BU	176.3	-	-	-	-	-

Notes: *18 Performance in the Information & Telecommunication Systems segment (Systems & Service Business), including both the Financial Institutions BU and the Government & Public Corporations BU, is as follows.

FY2015 results/ Revenues:2,109.3, Adjusted Operating Income Ratio: 6.7% EBIT Ratio 5.2% FY2016 forecast/ Revenues:2,040.0, Adjusted Operating Income Ratio:7.0%, EBIT Ratio 4.1% FY2018 target/ Revenues:2,200.0, Adjusted Operating Income Ratio:10.0%, EBIT Ratio 10.0%

4.1 Financial institutions BU / Government & Public Corporation BU *20

(1) Growth Strategy

Switch business portfolio to services and global areas while increase profitability positioning systems integration business as a base

[1] Financial Institutions BU

- ·Launch financial innovation businesses
- Create new businesses through collaborative creation with customers
- ·Expand global business focusing on Asia

[2] Government & Public Corporation BU

- Sophisticate social infrastructure
- Expand service businesses
- Expand global businesses

[3] Common Measures

•Financial institutions BU, Government & Public Corporation BU: Utilize inter-industry services and IoT platform, Strength base business

^{*19} Performance in the Healthcare business includes the Healthcare BU, as well as related business at Hitachi High-Technologies, Hitachi Data Systems, Hitachi Chemical, and other entities.

- ·IT platform: Build the platform for digital solutions*20
- •IT products: Focus on products supporting digital solutions*20

(2) Strengthen Cost Strategy and Cash Generation*20

Switch to a cost and profit structure that responds to the shift to service businesses

[1] SG&A

- Optimize back-office departments within the Group
- ·Reduce expenditure outside the Group
- ·Reduce IT costs

[2] Gross Margin

- ·Improve productivity in system development
- •Reduce the cost of sales ratio with the introduction of high-added value software-based solutions

[3] Cash Generation

- ·Level sales through expanding fee-based businesses
- Promote fluidization of trade receivables
- ·Reduce inventory assets

Note: *20 Some explanations include notations regarding the Systems & Service business as a whole.

4.2 Healthcare Business

(1) Growth Strategy

Innovation for Efficient and Improved Quality of Healthcare Supporting Customers' Value Chains

[1] Diagnostics & Clinical

Ultrasound, PBT: Global Share No.1

- ·Ultrasound: Expand for each clinical area, focus on POC
- PBT: Providing total solution
- Selection and Concentration

[2] Testing & Reagents

Collaborative creation for providing solutions

- ·Focus on growing business (gene, microbe)
- ·Expand "Laboratory System Engineering" business

[3] Informatics

Informatics for meeting customer's needs

- ·Expand Integrated Community Care Systems
- Consolidate business platform In North America

[4] New Business

R&D and Investments considering post 2018 Mid-term Management Plan

- ·Regenerative medicine: Enter cell manufacturing business
- ·Robotics, etc.

(2) Change Portfolio and Main Business

- •Evolution of "Smart Transformation Project" for improving SG&A margin and generating free cash flow
- Minimize foreign exchange risks
- ·Investment for accelerating Innovation

5. Platform [Billions of yen]

	FY2015	Result	FY2016 F	orecast	FY2018	Target
BU	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio
Services & Platforms BU	278.6	8.4%	280.0	5.7%	330.0	11.0%

5.1 Services & Platforms BU

(1) Growth Strategy

- Deliver social innovations to customers through the IoT platform using digital technologies
- Drive the sales and profit of Front
- ⇒Invest 100 billion Yen in FY2016~2018 and accelerate digital solution

(2) Characteristics of Lumada

- ·Single Platform, Multiple Solutions: provides solutions to multiple business fields
- ·Open: Value creation through cross-industrial and open collaboration
- ·Adaptable: Deploy and expand digital solutions with customer's existing system as it is
- Verified and Secure: Contribute to safe and secure digital solutions for customer utilizing proven OT and IT that have been supporting Hitachi's Social Innovations

(3) Business Structure

In May 2016 established global HQ in U.S. and started business with 6,000 workforce.

6. Products [Billions of yen]

	FY201	5 Result	FY2016 F	orecast	recast FY2018	
BU / Business	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio	Revenues	Adjusted operating income ratio
		EBIT ratio		EBIT ratio		EBIT ratio
Industrial Products BU	372.3	2.1%	350.0	4.0%	400.0	8.0%
Industrial Floducts Bo	372.3	1.3%	330.0	3.4%	400.0	7.2%
Automotive Systems	1 001 1	6.2%	1,000.0	6.0%	4.400.0	7.0%
Business	1,001.1	5.4%		1,000.0	5.9%	1,100.0

6.1 Industrial Products BU

(1) Growth Strategy

- ·Accelerate global growth strategy and strengthen business base
- ·Focus strategic investments and resources on priority & enhancing businesses
- ·Expand products business by enhancing responsiveness for IoT market

(2) Strengthen Cost Strategy and Cash Generation

[1] SG&A

- ·Mass produced products: Improve annual sales per person and, reduce fixed cost ratio
- · Build-to-order products: Reduce fixed cost and, enhance project management capability

[2] Gross Profit

- Reduce direct material cost
- ·Reinforce global procurement capability
- •Build-to-order products: Promote design standardization and product modularization
- Enhance cost management through target costing for new product development process

[3] Cash Generation

- ·Mass produced products: Improve CCC through operating process reform
- ·Promote visualization of global PSI*22
- •Build-to-order products: Reinforce project process management centering on drastically reduced lead time

Note: *22 PSI: P (Production, Purchase), S (Sales), I (Inventory)

6.2 Automotive Systems Business

(1) Growth Strategy

Execute 3 core strategies to achieve a robust management foundation and firm growth

[1] Product Strategy

• Expand environment and safety businesses and provide Hitachi Group collaborative solutions

[2] Customer Strategy

·Execute strategy of customer diversity

[3]Regional Strategy

·Strengthen functions of overseas regional headquarters

(2) Cost Structure Reform and Cash Generation

Execute growth strategy through structural reform and continuous innovation

[1] Cost Restructure

- ·Strengthen global quality assurance capability
- Execute global operation reforms
- ·Strengthen cost and investment management by product

[2]Cash Generation

- ·Establish strategies in safety and information area
- ·Strengthen electronically controlled and electrically driven products
- ·Expand sales to global customers through cross-sales

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