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**Hitachi and CCI Paris Ile-de-France & CEFJ host
EU Hitachi Science and Technology Forum
to inspire the healthcare systems of the future**

London, UK, October 13 2014 – Hitachi Europe Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi Ltd. (TSE: 6501, “Hitachi”) and Paris Ile-de-France Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI Paris Ile-de-France) & the Comité d’Echanges Franco-Japonais (CEFJ) today announced that they will host the EU Hitachi Science and Technology Forum at the CCI Paris Ile-de-France on 17th October. This year’s Forum will focus on driving innovative collaborations for better healthcare, and members from the Ministry of Health will be in attendance.

Hitachi has hosted the EU Hitachi Science & Technology Forum biennially since 1998, to assess and debate the impact of new technologies on European society. The most recent forum was held in the UK in 2012 and addressed transport and mobility. Other topics have included the impact of Europe’s ageing society and the opportunities of sustainable energy.

At this year’s forum, there will be a number of collaborative sessions addressing the current state of healthcare provision and predictions for the future, including the problems facing the healthcare sector across the globe and how individual countries are tackling universal issues, such as ageing populations and chronic diseases. Discussions will also cover the profound impact of genomics, telecommunications and Big Data analysis to enable personalisation of care, as well as understanding how technology and collaborative initiatives could help to create new and innovative solutions.

Healthcare forms a key pillar of the global rollout of Hitachi's Social Innovation Business as part of its 2015 Mid-term Management Plan. In the UK, Hitachi established the European Big Data Research Laboratory with the focus of health care in June 2013, and has started Proof of Concept projects for the use of informatics to improve healthcare with the National Health Service (NHS) England (Greater Manchester). Furthermore, in July 2014, Hitachi announced a roll-out of mobile Wi-Fi scanners in Turkish hospitals to offer convenient mobile identification for the patient at the point of care.

Hitachi's global business development is centred on its expertise in Social Innovation, providing market-leading infrastructure solutions underpinned by highly reliable and highly efficient IT technology. Hitachi aspires to drive innovation together with all of its stakeholders in ways that make positive contributions to society and seeks to inspire a world that provides safety, comfort and convenience to people throughout the planet, as well as for future generations.

About Hitachi Europe Ltd.

Hitachi Europe Ltd., a subsidiary of Hitachi, Ltd., is headquartered in Maidenhead, UK. The company is focused on its Social Innovation Business - delivering innovations that answer society's challenges. Hitachi Europe and its subsidiary companies offers a broad range of information & telecommunication systems; rail systems, power and industrial systems; industrial components & equipment; automotive systems, financial services; digital media & consumer products and others with operations and research & development Laboratories across EMEA. For more information, visit <http://www.hitachi.eu>.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, delivers innovations that answer society's challenges with our talented team and proven experience in global markets. The company's consolidated revenues for fiscal 2013 (ended March 31, 2014) totaled 9,616 billion yen (\$93.4 billion). Hitachi is focusing more than ever on the Social Innovation Business, which includes infrastructure systems, information & telecommunication systems, power systems, construction machinery, high functional materials & components, automotive systems, healthcare and others. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

About Paris Ile-de-France Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Whether you're a business leader, decision-taker, apprentice, student or employee, the Paris Ile-de-France Regional CCI is actively engaged alongside all those who drive the region's economy. All over Ile-de-France it innovates and takes practical action at day-to-day level, speaking for the business community, fostering growth, training people to meet the challenges of the future, helping to bring business plans to fruition and promoting the Paris region in order to enhance its influence and reputation.

About Comité d'Echanges Franco-Japonais

Created by the CCI Paris Ile-de-France in 1997, the Comité d'Echanges Franco-Japonais is an association of 145 French and Japanese companies, which contributes to the development of business and intercultural mutual understanding and enhances economic and commercial exchanges between French and Japanese companies.

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