

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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:**

Tadamichi Sakiyama, Yoshie Ota, Akihiko Nomiya, Kenji Miyahara,
Michiharu Nakamura

● **Compensation Committee:**

Takashi Kawamura, Akihiko Nomiya, 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.

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