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Hitachi Responds to Specific Media Reports

TOKYO, Japan, April 6, 2005 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE:HIT/TSE:6501) wishes to respond to specific media reports alleging that it plans to seek shareholder approval in June for the adoption of a so-called "poison pill" provision.

Hitachi has a strong interest in various issues concerning so-called hostile takeovers and works to improve corporate governance. While Hitachi has studied various cases in Japan and overseas, it has not decided on any concrete plans against possible hostile takeovers, including making any proposal to the General Meeting of Shareholders.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501 / NYSE:HIT), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company, with approximately 326,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2003 (ended March 31, 2004) consolidated sales totaled 8,632.4 billion yen (\$81.4 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 and financial services. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's Web site at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

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