

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hitachi Announces New Directors

Tokyo, April 28, 2005 --- 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 on June 24, 2005.

1. Director Candidates <Proposed at Hitachi's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders on June 24, 2005> [* New]

<Director>

Etsuhiko Shoyama, currently Director; President and Chief Executive Officer
Yoshiki Yagi, currently Director (Scheduled to be appointed to Board Director (Chair) of Hitachi, Ltd.)
Kotaro Muneoka, currently Director
Takashi Miyoshi, currently Director, Senior Vice President and Executive Officer; General Manager of Finance

<Outside Director>

Ginko Sato, currently Outside Director; Honorary President, Japan Association for the Advancement of Working Women
Hiromichi Seya, currently Outside Director; Senior Corporate Advisor, Asahi Glass Co., Ltd.
Akira Chihaya, currently Outside Director; Representative Director and Chairman of the Board, Nippon Steel Corporation
Toshiro Nishimura, currently Outside Director; Founder, Senior Counsel of Nishimura & Partners

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<Director>

Isao Uchigasaki, currently Director, Hitachi Group Executive Officer; General Manager of Hitachi Group Headquarters, Hitachi Group Chief Innovation Officer; Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Chemical Co., Ltd.

Takashi Kawamura, currently Director; Chairman of the Board and Representative Executive Officer, Hitachi Software Engineering Co., Ltd.

Yoshiro Kuwata, currently Director; Chairman of the Board and Representative Executive Officer, Hitachi High-Technologies Corporation

Hiroshi Kuwahara, currently Director; Chairman of the Board and Representative Executive Officer, Hitachi Maxell, Ltd.

Masayoshi Hanabusa, currently Director; Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Capital Corporation

* **Ryuichi Seguchi**, currently Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.

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

• **Nominating Committee :**

Masayoshi Hanabusa, Ginko Sato, Hiromichi Seya, Toshiro Nishimura, Etsuhiko Shoyama

• **Audit Committee :**

Yoshiki Yagi, Ginko Sato, Hiromichi Seya, Toshiro Nishimura, Kotaro Muneoka,

• **Compensation Committee**

Masayoshi Hanabusa, Hiromichi Seya, Akira Chihaya, Toshiro Nishimura, Etsuhiko Shoyama

2. Resigning Directors

Tsutomu Kanai, currently Chairman of the Board

- Scheduled to be appointed to Chairman Emeritus of Hitachi, Ltd., after the company's Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in June 24, 2005.

About Hitachi, Ltd.

Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501 / NYSE:HIT), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company, with approximately 347,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2004 (ended March 31, 2005) consolidated sales totaled 9,027 billion yen (\$84.3billion). 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>.

Biography of New Director

Ryuichi Seguchi

1. Date of Birth : November 19, 1933
2. Education
March, 1956 : Graduated from the Faculty of Law, the University of Tokyo
3. Business Experience
April, 2005 : Chairman of the Board, Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.
June, 2003 : Chairman of the Board, Representative Officer, Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.
April, 2003 : Chairman of the Board, Representative Director, Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.
June, 1997 : President & Chief Executive Officer, Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.
June, 1993 : Executive Vice President, Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.
June, 1989 : Senior Executive Managing Director, Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.
June, 1983 : Executive Managing Director, Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.
June, 1981 : Board Director, Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.
October, 1970 : Joined Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.
April, 1956 : Joined Hitachi, Ltd.

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