Hitachi and Kabira Announce Joint Product Development
To Deliver a High-speed, Highly Reliable Transaction Platform on Linux

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., July 7th, 2005 – Hitachi, Ltd. (NYSE: HIT / TSE:6501) and Kabira Technologies, Inc. today announced an alliance to co-develop a Linux-based high performance, highly reliable, transaction processing system on Hitachi's integrated service platform 'BladeSymphony.' Through this collaboration, Hitachi and Kabira plan to deliver the world's first large data set, real-time processing, mainframe class, mission critical system on Linux.

The Hitachi and Kabira alliance builds on the escalating market growth of network services such as mobile payment, smart card, credit interchange and IP telephony. Increasing transaction volumes over high-speed networks require a high-speed, highly reliable open transaction platform. Businesses require rapid development, deployment and provisioning of new services to win in these new highly competitive markets.

Under the terms of the agreement, the collaboration combines Hitachi's mission critical hardware platform expertise and Kabira's real-time transaction software expertise. The joint solution will be optimized for Hitachi's Itanium® 2-based 8way scalable blade server (BladeSymphony) supporting real-time transaction processing and non-stop high availability built on Red Hat Enterprise Linux 4.

Increased transaction performance is achieved with the combination of Kabira's memory resident transaction processing architecture and the large memory capacity (256GB/chassis) and high-speed server blade interconnect architecture of Hitachi's 'BladeSymphony'. The joint offering supports both "scale-up" growth for large point systems and "scale-out" growth for large distributed systems. Hitachi's high reliability hardware is enhanced by Kabira's High Availability Component to provide fault tolerance and disaster recovery capability. Hitachi and Kabira will further co-develop industry specific components for markets demanding performance and high reliability.

About Kabira
High Volume Transaction Leadership: Kabira offers the World's Fastest Switching Software for Real-Time Services. Our customers require unique speed, scalability, transactionality, high-availability and business model flexibility for their mission-critical systems. Headquartered in San Rafael, California, Kabira has been installed and widely adopted by over 70 leaders in telecommunications, financial services and government sectors in more than 30 countries. Kabira's Model Driven Architecture combined with rigorous development processes reduces risk, time to market and on-going support costs by up to 80%. Global partners include Capgemini U.S.LLC, Electronic Data Systems Corporation, Hewlett-Packard Company, Hitachi, Ltd., Mitsui & Co., Ltd., Motorola, Inc., Nokia Corporation, Sun Microsystems, Inc., Unisys Corporation and Visa International Service Association. www.kabira.com

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About Hitachi

Hitachi, Ltd., (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 9,027.0 billion yen ($84.4 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 Website at http://www.hitachi.com.

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