

**Press Release – For immediate use February 26, 2010**

***Regarding the Postponement of the Launch of the New Joint Venture  
between Casio Hitachi Mobile Communications and NEC's Mobile Terminal  
Unit***

**Tokyo, February 26, 2010** – In September 2009 NEC Corporation (TSE: 6701), Casio Computer Co., Ltd. (TSE: 6952), and Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501/NYSE: HIT) announced an agreement to merge their respective mobile phone businesses and began preparations for the launch of a new joint venture in April 2010.

As part of these preparations, the companies are proceeding in accordance with overseas competition regulations. However, supplementary documentation has been required by certain competition authorities, and additional time is necessary for their completion. Therefore, there is a possibility that the authorities' review will not be completed within March 2010. In order to minimize the influence on existing business partners, it has been decided to postpone the April launch of the new joint venture.

The new joint venture is now expected to launch approximately 1 month later than originally forecasted.

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**About NEC Corporation**

NEC Corporation is one of the world's leading providers of Internet, broadband network and enterprise business solutions dedicated to meeting the specialized needs of a diversified global base of customers. NEC delivers tailored solutions in the key fields of computer, networking and electron devices, by integrating its technical strengths in IT and Networks, and by providing advanced semiconductor solutions through NEC Electronics Corporation. The NEC Group employs more than 140,000 people worldwide. For additional information, please visit the NEC website at: <http://www.nec.com>.

**About Casio Computer Co., Ltd.**

Casio Computer Co., Ltd. is one of the world's leading manufacturers of consumer electronics products and business equipment solutions. Since its establishment in 1957, Casio has strived to realize its corporate creed of "creativity and contribution" through the introduction of innovative and imaginative products. Today, Casio's offerings include timepieces, digital cameras, cellular phones, electronic dictionaries, calculators, musical instruments, system equipment, and electronic components such as LCDs. The Casio Group

employs more than 12,000 people worldwide, shipping over 100 million products per year, with net sales of 518 billion yen (approx US\$5,286 million) in the fiscal year ended March 2009. News and product information from Casio is available at <http://world.casio.com/>

**About Hitachi, Ltd.**

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT / TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 400,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2008 (ended March 31, 2009) consolidated revenues totaled 10,000 billion yen (\$102.0 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, logistics and financial services. For more information on Hitachi, please visit the company's website at <http://www.hitachi.com>.

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