

Hitachi to Repurchase its Own Shares

Tokyo, December 19, 2006 --- Hitachi, Ltd. (TSE: 6501/NYSE: HIT) today announced that it determined, at the meeting of the Board of Directors held today, to repurchase its own shares, pursuant to its Articles of Incorporation in accordance with Article 459, paragraph 1 of the Company Law, in order to implement a flexible capital strategy, including business restructuring.

1. Class of shares to be repurchased: Common stock of Hitachi, Ltd.
2. Aggregate number of shares to be repurchased: Up to 30 million shares
3. Aggregate amount of repurchase: Up to 20 billion yen
4. Period of repurchase: By the end of March 2007
5. Method of repurchase: Purchase at market

(Reference)

Treasury stocks held by the Company as of September 30, 2006

Number of outstanding shares (excluding treasury stocks): 3,332,843,102 shares

Number of treasury stocks: 35,282,954 shares

Hitachi, Ltd., (NYSE: HIT / TSE: 6501), headquartered in Tokyo, Japan, is a leading global electronics company with approximately 356,000 employees worldwide. Fiscal 2005 (ended March 31, 2006) consolidated sales totaled 9,464 billion yen (\$80.9 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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